

OSCOTT WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Oscott	DATE: 12 July 2023
VENUE: St Matthews Church, Birdbrook Road B44 8RA	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 7.40pm
COUNCILLORS Barbara Dring & Darius Sandhu	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager Juanita Bradshaw, Neighbourhood Network Scheme	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Welcome from Councillors and Notice of Recording:

Councillor Dring welcomed all to the meeting and advised that members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. Ward Action Planning

Councillor Dring explained the reason for creating a ward plan and that local priorities, actions and solutions needed to be determined. She also advised of the funding pots available to the ward for spend on local projects. Councillor Sandhu started the discussion on local priorities and asked residents to highlight 3 of their main priorities/solutions.

During the course of discussion, the following issues were raised –

- Bevis Grove – area needed cleaning up, communal bins would help issue with black bags left outside. Councillor Sandhu said a quote had been requested for communal bins
- Booths Lane housing development – roads required completion/adoption, children’s play area reinstating, boundary fences replacing and tree planting. Residents were keen the actions should rest with the developer.
- Parks and public open spaces were limited as green space had been lost to new house building so creation of more space with play equipment was a priority as well maintaining existing spaces/parks.
- Cooksey Lane playing fields were well used but the driveway was in an appalling condition and in need of repair

- Road and pavement improvements across the ward
- General maintenance of green spaces around Kingstanding Circle (outside opticians) and bollards to prevent parking on pavements, grass verges. Joint action with Kingstanding ward.
- Glenmead Playing Field Village Green application remained a priority
- Parking – action against obstructive and illegal parking. Bandywood Road hill suffered poor parking that obscured view of drivers.
- Improved street cleaning
- More volunteers for litter picking.
- Exempt Accommodation/HMO's – increasing numbers of properties in residential areas bringing anti-social behaviour, parking issues etc

Councillors advised that they would draft the plan but that it was a working document and would be regularly reviewed and updated.

ACTION	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Draft Ward Plan	1. Councillors	1. ASAP