

Castle Vale Ward Forum 10/8/22

In attendance 22 members of the public

Open Spaces Forum

Bob Churn advised the group that funding had been identified to improve all the local parks on Castle Vale. Detailed drawings were circulated (a copy remains with Councillor Goodwin should anyone want access to them). It estimated that work will begin in this calendar year starting with Filton Croft.

Mary Kennedy from Birmingham open spaces advised the group that the charity support local people to protect and care for their local parks and green spaces and would be delighted to asset should her group be invited to work in the area.

Highways

Highways Martin advised that funding had been secured for the installation of a pelican crossing at Tangmere Drive with relevant highway activity to improve cycle access and Farnborough Road is to be re-tarmacked in this financial year.

Karl Randall advised the group that there is a £10,000 local highways budget that needs to be allocated to local projects. Councillor Goodwin was particularly keen that local residents come up with some ideas. Karl advised that £10,000 is not a particularly large financial sum however he is always keen to see potential projects being discussed in case of any funding being allocated to the ward from central highway pots or 106 monies.

In response to a number of local issues being raised the group were advised that if they are not reported then action could not be taken. Fix my Street [FixMyStreet](#) was also highly praised and recommended by martin who had used it both personally and professionally.

Local Issues

Anti-social behaviour is becoming a key issue in the ward and the residents have requested a greater police presence.

Action - Councillor Goodwin to invite the police to the next meeting

Refuse Collection and Litter – There have been several missed collections on the estate and although it seems to have improved it was suggested that a representative from the Refuse Department attend the next meeting to explain the current issues facing them.

Action Councillor Ray Goodwin to invite the relevant officer.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed