

## BOURNBROOK & SELLY PARK WARD MEETING

### NOTES

WARD: Bournbrook & Selly Park	DATE: 13 March 2019
VENUE: Encounter Church, Exeter Road B29 6EU	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.45pm
COUNCILLORS Brigid Jones & Karen McCarthy	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 11
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apologies were submitted on behalf of the local police team

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

##### 1. Ward Priorities (Ward Plan)

Councillor McCarthy explained the Ward Plan and referred to the previous plan when the agreed priorities had been;

- Housing (HMO's)
- Rubbish
- Community Safety
- Parking

During the course of discussion residents commented that flooding should be a new priority as it had affected many people and there were a number of actions that could be taken as preventive measures. Maintenance of the roads, drains & gullies was paramount in preventing flooding but parking issues prevented proper cleaning. Residents Association looking into organising road cleaning with volunteers to link with BCC. Further suggested painting 'H' markings or similar over drains to prevent parking. To assist Councillor Jones undertook to request a schedule of gully cleaning. At the request of residents Flooding was agreed as a priority for inclusion in the ward plan.

It was therefore agreed that the priorities for the 2018-2022 Ward Plan were;

- Housing & HMO's

- Waste & Recycling
- Community Safety
- Parking
- Flooding

There was discussion around each priority and the following actions were suggested;

Housing & HMO's

- Community Partnership for Selly Oak submitted Lottery bid for a feasibility study to look at use of the old library building for community use
- CP4SO were looking to develop into CDT & programme to produce rentable family housing. There was a site at the old Bournbrook recreation ground and a bid was being made to Homes for England to commence the work. Councillor McCarthy advised that the proposal was in the Supplementary Planning Document for Selly Oak. The idea was supported by the meeting.
- Concern expressed regarding lack of awareness regarding HMO's, how residents could object and how to inform BCC about issues. CP4SO could arrange a workshop on the process for objection, including supported housing. Meeting advised Franklin Road residents had undertaken a mapping exercise of HMO's in their area.
- **Action: Agreed CP4SO to arrange a work shop.**

Waste & Recycling

- Suggested – end of year message conveyed to students prior to end of term.
- Strike had not had huge impact on student areas and the University reps had been driving around to keep a check.
- Thanks extended to litter pickers working on Raddlebarn Road and around the schools.

**Action:**

- **once industrial action resolved send out end of year messages to students, including information on fines**
- **Message to residents using black bags to present on time**
- **Monitor general service and level of recycling**

- Students Guild to have stewards on 'move out day' to patrol and give advice

Community Safety

- Support for Street Watch and information to be circulated widely
- 5 special constables recruited by the University – ensure they were patrolling the area and work on further recruitment next year
- Encourage more reporting of low level crime to ensure more resources are allocated to the area
- General encouragement of joint working between police, BCC, University especially in association with specific properties.

Parking

- Area plan required to appropriately deal with residents parking schemes as currently being dealt with separately. Universal parking restrictions should be applied to encourage other forms of transport and inform a better understanding of the entire area to ensure needs of all residents are being met
- Protection against escalation of charges for residents parking
- **Action: - consultation on residents parking schemes & review**

Flooding

**Action:**

- **Review S19 Report**
- **Monitoring**
- **Advice/support to set up a FLAG – constitution/action plan etc and help with resilience and self sufficiency**
- **Landlords to take more responsibility and make students aware of flooding and precautions needed**

**2. Urban Centres Consultation**

Councillor McCarthy noted that Selly Oak was not one of the 10 local centres mentioned in the consultation but that there had been mention of the success of Selly Oak regeneration but this was not correct. Councillor Jones read out feedback to be included in response to the consultation and this was agreed as the submission on behalf of the ward meeting.

**3. Residents News/Updates/Local Concerns**

- a)** Monspath Residents Group – meeting advised of a new group recently established
- b)** Bournbrook Neighbourhood Forum - attempts being made to revive this group
- c)** Great British Spring Clean – being organised for Bournbrook Road, including students

Councillors (s) Signed: .....

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print): .....