

## WEOLEY & SELLY OAK WARD MEETING NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Weoley & Selly Oak	<b>DATE:</b> 12 June 2019
<b>VENUE:</b> St Gabriel's Community Church, Marston Rd B29 5LS	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7pm – 8.20pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Julie Johnson & Tristan Chatfield	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 7
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> PC Gemma Dyson, West Midlands Police Stuart Cross, Amey Ken Brown, Community Development & Support Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apology from Richard Burden M.P.

<b>MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Police Update</u></b></p> <p>PC Dyson provided the following update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Thanks to information from the community a cannabis farm had been discovered in Norris Way</li> <li>– Criminal Behaviour Notice issued to individuals who had been the cause of ASB</li> <li>– Arrests had been made in respect of car key burglaries</li> <li>– Robbery numbers had reduced following a plain clothes operation and information from the community</li> <li>– Vehicle crime had increased but following arrest of an individual responsible for a number of crimes in the area it was hoped this number would reduce</li> <li>– A Street Watch group had set up in Weoley and would welcome more volunteers</li> <li>– A new Neighbourhood Watch group was also setting up and Bellfield School had signed up to the Junior PCSO scheme working with children, parents and teachers to help with parking around the school</li> <li>– Community Speed Watch was active and the team had 2 early intervention programmes working with schools.</li> </ul>

Residents made the following points;

- A group of youths were riding scooters around Weoley Square causing a nuisance. Video evidence was available. There had also been reports of then pushing people over to steal phones. PC Dyson advised that notices had been served on some of those concerned but if the video evidence could provide identification and registration numbers this could be followed up. The team was aware of the theft of mobile phones which occurred on one day but there had been insufficient evidence to take action, however the bikes had been seized as they were stolen.
- Speeding on Shenley Fields Road. PC Dyson said that the police were aware of this and Community Speed Watch was dealing with it. Concern expressed regarding changes to the speed limit which was felt detrimental to those living where the limit was higher. The Councillors undertook to take this up and advised that the Local Engineer had been collecting speed data with the police around Shenley School with a view to discussion on the way forward, to include the Head Teacher. This had been ongoing for some time but no feedback had been received. Consideration needed to be given to not only speed but also railings, crossings and other safety measures. Councillors suggested undertaking a joint exercise with Bartley Green Ward and possible joint meeting.

**Action: invite Local Engineer to next meeting to discuss above and rationale of different speed limits, safety measures etc. Head Teacher to be also invited.**

- Councillor Johnson advised that she was undertaking the Street Watch training and asked for volunteers to join her and establish a group for the ward.

## **2. Amey Highway Steward**

Stuart Cross explained his role and the work undertaken by Amey.

Councillor Johnson extended her thanks to Stuart for dealing with matters that she reported from things raised from the community in a reasonable time eg repainting of the disabled bay markings on Castle Square.

- Zebra crossings on the Square – markings also needed repainting and had been reported. Stuart to chase for progress.

- Potholes required attention from Princethorpe Road to Castle Square & on Weoley Park Road (side of Lodge Hill Cemetery)
- Request for double line extension to prevent cars parking on Weoley Park Road (Bristol Road to Gibbons Road) as visibility was being made difficult for drivers turning out of Westhill Close. Some of the parking was school parking including teachers, commuters and hospital parking due to it being one of the few places not subject to residents parking schemes. Parking restrictions by the scout hut at the other end of Gibbons Road were also required as commuters parked all day. Gibbons, Frederick & Reservoir Roads triangle, unlike other roads in that area were not subject to a residents parking scheme. Councillor Chatfield undertook to discuss with officers.

### **3. Ward Plan**

Following on from previous meetings there was a discussion regarding the priorities for the ward and the following were agreed;

- a) Crime & policing
- b) Green spaces – protecting parks and public open spaces
- c) Housing – housing for people in need especially those with a change of circumstance (domestic abuse, moving from ASB), affordable housing, homes in good state of repair, return of former student houses into family homes, private landlords and HMO's. Reference made to properties in Harvington Road where the gardens were overgrown because the properties had been handed over in a poor state and tenants did not know how to maintain them. Support needed to be given to families in these circumstances. Housing Liaison Board boundaries needed to be aligned with new ward boundaries so that walk abouts, budget and meetings were in the right areas.
- d) Providing/supporting community spaces/shared spaces indoors & outdoors
- e) Children & young people – if funding became available support work already being done with children & young people in the ward and extend into areas where there was little provision.
- f) Active citizens
- g) Health & Well Being
- h) Litter & environmental issues

Further discussion on the ward plan and reference made to the Neighbourhood Networks Scheme and it was agreed to invite the co-ordinator to a future meeting.

In response to a query regarding the Square Club and funding from the sale, Councillor Johnson said that there had been an agreement to an annual revenue stream and she undertook to follow this up.

**Action: Councillor Chatfield to complete Ward Plan & Kay to email copy to residents.**

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

- a) Councillor Johnson undertook to share information relating to a query at the last meeting regarding link to crime/asb and school holidays with resident who had raised query on school exclusions at the previous meeting
- b) Selly Oak Park Festival – 15 June 11am -3pm
- c) CP4SO AGM 18 June CLC Church, Bristol Road
- d) Manor Park Fun Day 15 June
- e) Weoley Festival – 13 July
- f) St Gabriel's Community Church – Family Fun Day 30 June
- g) Awards Night Love Weoley Castle held and awards presented to local heroes nominated by the community
- h) Councillor Chatfield to pursue complaints regarding drugs at a house in Alwold Road.

Councillors (s) Signed: .....

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