

## WARD MEETING NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Bartley Green	<b>DATE:</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>VENUE:</b> Bartley Green Library, Adams Hill, B32 3QG	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7.30pm – 9.05pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Bruce Lines and John Lines	<b>NO. OF ATTENDEES:</b> 6
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Marie Brown – District Engineer Beverly Edmead - Community Governance Team Julie Windsor-Price – Place Manager	<b>GUEST SPEAKER(S):</b> Carl Taylor, Director, Birmingham Co-operative Housing Services (BCHS)

### WARD PRIORITIES:

None identified at this stage – work in progress

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – following introductions, Cllr John Lines welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Election of Ward Forum Chair** – Cllr John Lines to continue as Ward Forum Chairman.
3. **Notice of Recording** – Noted by all present at the meeting.
4. **Apologies** – submitted on behalf of Darren Thompson, Watch Commander, WMFS and Sgt David Cotter, WMP
5. **Local News Update and Updates:-**
  - i) **Local Councillors**
    - Residents were advised of the changes to the ward boundaries and some ward names across the city prior to the Local Elections on 3 May

2018. Following the Elections, Cllrs John & Bruce Lines were elected to serve as Councillors for Bartley Green Ward for the next four years.

- Senneley's Park Improvements Update – no further update on the planned improvements to the Park had been provided. Cllr J Lines had contacted the Director of the Place Directorate and the matter was being looked into. It was hoped that this would be provided for the next meeting. Residents would continue to be kept informed.
- Bartley Green Library – improvement works to the building, including the provision of disabled access was due to be carried out in the near future. Plans were also being discussed and agreed for the building to be

#### **ii) West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS)**

Officers had been unable to attend as they were out on call at the time of the meeting.

Residents were reminded to carry out regular checks on their smoke detectors at home to ensure they were in good working order and to contact WMFS if they had any concerns/in need of advice.

#### **iii) West Midlands Police (WMP)**

Officers had been unable to attend and had submitted an Information Briefing update containing details of crime-related incidents in the ward. Copies of the Information Briefing report were circulated at the meeting.

Cllrs expressed disappointment at the lack of police attendance at ward meetings, and that whilst it was acknowledged that policing numbers had significantly reduced and remaining resources had to prioritise their workload; other wards across the city had the Sgt or other officers from their neighbourhood policing team attend their ward meetings.

Residents advised of ongoing problems with acts of criminality and anti-social behaviour in some parts of the ward. Some concerns were raised regarding ongoing serious anti-social behaviour by a resident which continued to great distress to the neighbours involved. The Council's ASB Team were currently dealing with the matter, however police involvement was needed.

Cllr J Lines agreed to raise policing concerns in the ward at the next Police and Crime Panel meeting.

### **6. Petitions**

A petition from residents living in Marshwood Croft and Lovesfield Close was presented, requesting that the trees, overgrown bushes and shrubs along the bridle path and walkway from Watery Lane across Woodgate Valley Country Park were cut back as a matter of urgency.

The petition would be presented at the next City Council meeting.

## **7. Ward Highway Issues**

Marie Brown, District Engineer advised of the following:-

- Kitwell Lane: ongoing concerns raised by residents regarding parking and speed humps. Parking bays had been requested by some residents which they felt would help to manage obstructive/dangerous parking and that the road was wide enough to accommodate parking bays outside house numbers 26-76. Funding remained an issue as the works would cost in excess of £80,000.
- Holloway – the go-ahead had been given to look at proposals to develop a traffic management scheme. Residents and Members would be consulted on the proposals
- Scotland Lane – traffic management works had recently started.

Residents felt that speeding remained a cause for concern across the ward, and that reduced speed limits and more proactive, robust enforcement action along with traffic calming measures should be considered.

Several roads were also in urgent need of repairs/resurfacing - Clapgate Lane (by the visitor's centre) and Lye Close Lane were particularly poor. Marie agreed to investigate and refer to Amey. It was suggested that Amey should be invited to the next/future meeting.

## **8. Clent Way Development – Accord Housing/BCHS**

Following introductions, Carl Taylor, Director, BCHS briefing advised of work that had been ongoing with all residents (tenants and leaseholders) living on Clent Way Estate over the last 12-15 months to see what changes/improvements could be made.

A series of workshops had taken place, which looked at the concerns and issues. Proposals were developed from the discussion and an empty property had been set up as a 'show home' for residents to see/comment on. A Community Day was also held on the estate to engage as many residents as possible.

Residents wishes included:-

New roofs

New modern and efficient heating systems

More/improved car parking facilities – extra parking spaces would be provided on the estate nearest to Kitwell Road junction

Improvements to the communal areas –e.g. cleaner, better lighting, security measures etc.

Improvements to the external fabric of the building and layout where possible

Demolition of the old garage block, which was a hotspot for anti-social behaviour- this would be replaced with new housing, built for sale.

The proceeds from the sale of the houses would be reinvested on the estate.

Larger replacement garages for residents who wanted one.

Next Steps

Pre- planning application meeting with officers prior to submission of the Planning Application.

Demolition of the garages would be the first stage of the work to be carried out along with the cutting back/removal of trees and shrubbery.

Ongoing discussion/information updates with residents on the estate

The works should be completed within 3 years.

Members and residents welcomed the update and the long awaited refurbishment of the estate and thanked Carl for his attendance.

**9. Residents News/Views/Updates**

Residents advised of the following concerns:-

- Southwest Bus Consultation/Service Review – very poor consultation carried out by National Express; many service users were unaware of the consultation, which was mainly carried out online. There was no longer a direct service from the ward to the QE Hospital or Harborne, and there was a lack of consideration for elderly/infirm residents who were unable to access the relocated bus stops.
- Bromwich Wood/Woodgate Valley – increase in robberies and anti-social behaviour. Residents were reminded to remain vigilant and report all incidents to the police.
- Newman University – illegal traveller encampment on the land next to the university. The Place Manager agreed to investigate
- Wood Lane/Woodgate Lane – rubbish bins which were very well used had been removed without notice. The Place Manager agreed to investigate

**10. Any Other Business – Nothing raised.**

Congratulations to Cllr John Lines on his appointment as the Deputy Lord Mayor for 2018 – 2019

**11. Dates of Future Meetings**

To be agreed.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
1. Senneley's Park Improvements Update – further update on the planned improvements to be provided for a future meeting	Community Governance Team	Ongoing
2. Policing Concerns in the ward to be raised at the next Police & Crime Panel meeting.	Cllr J Lines	Ongoing
3. Highway issues/road surfaces – Clapgate Lane, Lye Close Lane were in urgent need of attention.	District Engineer to investigate and refer to Amey. Amey to be invited to the next meeting	Next/future meeting
4. Bus Services – concerns raised regarding the changes to bus routes and services to be sent to TfWM	Community Governance Team	Ongoing
5. Illegal traveller encampment by Newman University	Place Manager to investigate	Next meeting
6. Wood Lane/Woodgate Lane – litter bins removed without notification	Place Manager to investigate	Next meeting