

Summary notes , resident's issues and actions

Ward: New Hall

Date of meeting: 5th September 2017, 7.00pm Walmley Community Centre

Present: Councillors Barrie and Wood

Officers: John Mole – Community Support and Development Officer
Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

There were 40 residents in attendance.

Notice of recording – Noted

Apologies – Councillor Yip

Election of a Ward Chair – **Councillor** Barrie was elected as Chair

Councillor's Updates

1. **Congratulations** - to Jeff Gilbert on his retirement, the Councillors thanked Jeff for all his help within the local Community.
2. **Thank you** - to J.L.R for helping with Jones Wood and Stephens Pool.
3. **Wishaw Lane playing fields** – Attempts to gain match funding to maximise advantage from available 106 funding continue. It also looks as if there will be a sports club that will be ready and willing to take on and run any sporting facilities that can be provided.
4. **The development of the SUE (Langley) and Peddimore sites.** A consultation group had been established, to allow views on supplementary planning documents to be put forward, and to act as a conduit for informing the wider community of progress.

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5. **Refuse collection update** – There was a general discuss on the current dispute and various aspects were discussed at the end of the discussion the Ward Councillors advised that -
- a) The current dispute is ongoing with no resolution in sight.
 - b) Contingencies plans are underway and currently the next scheduled refuse collection for New Hall Ward is set for the 18th and 19th September.
 - c) Green waste the Councillors had been advised that green waste bags would be issued shortly.
 - d) Agency staff are currently being used to pick up rubbish left out in black bags.
 - e) Report all missed collection via the B.C.C. website and email us Councillors with the missed collection details

Local Innovations Fund

Councillor Wood and John Mole gave an overview on the new Local Innovations Fund they said that this fund was for sustainable projects that benefitted the community and which the local community played its part in looking after. For example, Jones Wood and the friends of Jones Wood.

John went onto explain that this fund was **not Community Chest** it therefore could not be used for the following:

- 1. One off equipment purchases e.g. Hanging basket ,CCTV
- 2. One off events

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3. On-going cost
4. Contracted staff
5. Commissioning Reports
6. Monies to replace lost revenue budgets or core funding.

Proposed Project for New Hall

Stephens Pool - Access to Employment a bid from Kingstanding Regeneration Trust

Councillor Wood and John Mole explained that a local charity had submitted a bid to regenerate a Stephen's Pool by Berryfields Road , Cllr Wood added that Jaguar Land Rover employee's had already been working on the site to clean the pool and Severn Trent Water Authority have committed to testing the Water at the site for free. John Mole went on to explain that The Kingstanding Regeneration Trust (KRT) is a charity established in 2007 who work with our local communities and partner organisations to design and deliver initiatives that create employment and learning opportunities for residents and young people while improving existing and creating new green spaces for community use. John said that this project was for young people who were more inclined to utilise their skills in a physical environment rather than going down an academic route and would provide the young people with professional training and a NVQ2 entry level qualifications in the world of horticulture. John went on to say that K.G.T had put a bid in for the full £48,000 of local innovations fund for New Hall .

Residents views –

- Jones Wood was successful due to the amount of Volunteers ,how would this been addressed? John Mole said that one of KGT's specialisms was to develop Volunteer groups to keep project sustainable.

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- When is the LIF deadline? John said projects had to be approved by Cabinet Committee Local Leadership by December 20th 2017.
- What's the approval process? John explained that firstly all three ward councillors had to agree on the project(s) to put forward to this fund, then the Neighbourhood Development Team would assess the viability of the project and write an assessment for the members of Cabinet Committee Local Leadership and the final stage was for those Councillors to approve or reject the proposal.

Councillor Barrie said that himself, Cllrs Wood and Yip had discussed the project and would be recommending this project through to the next stage of the process.

Consultation on Signal Hayes Community Facility

Councillors Barrie and Wood gave a brief overview and summing up on the Signal Hayes Development and to the changes that had been previously proposed for a Community Facility. Rather than a constructed managed site (Taylor Wimpey and the Y.M.C.A) that had been originally agreed upon and which formed part of the planning consent. There was now a proposed deed of variation to provide a sum of £3.5 million for the local community to invest in a community facility. There was a lengthy discussion between all party's Residents of Signal Hayes, Walmley Residents Association, Residents of Webster Way, Local Volunteers, the Ward Councillors, Y.M.C.A representative and a representative of Taylor Wimpey. The main concerns were over the size of the fund it was felt inadequate by some residents, its administration, the type of facility that would be agreed by planning officer and the consultation.

Action: Cllrs Barrie and Wood requested residents to email them with their concerns and proposal as well as asking all present to leave their contact details so that they could call a specific meeting on this issue and take all the communities concerns forward to the planning officers.

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- Do you have any details on the Walmley Golf Course Development? – Councillor Barrie said that local residents to the Golf club had been contracted and there was currently a consultation going on. The proposed development was for a new clubhouse, 14 houses and 30 + retirement apartments.
- Residents raised their concerns over a van parked at the side of Eachelhurst road that opposite the old Esso garage which is covered in advertisements for a local business which is distracting for drivers .Councillor Wood said that this had already been highlighted to them and were in the process of arranging enforcement action .
- One of the No right sign on Walmley Ash Road by the Band M store not visible due to overhanging trees and possible the no entry sign in the wrong place – Councillor Wood to raise with Amey
- Concerns raised over rumours of the proposed all weather pitch with the addition of flood lighting at the Deanery School. Councillors advised this will need planning consent.
- Weaver Ave - Local residents concerned over speeding vehicles at all hours of the day and night .Cllr Wood to refer on the local Police team.

Petitions- None

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Authority to Chairman and officers

Noted and Agreed that:-

"In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee".

The Chairman thanked residents for their attendance and active participation in the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm

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NO.	Resident or Forum or Residents group Details	Concern/issue	Type of action to be taken (if any)	Officer or Member with responsibility
1	Local Residents	Weaver Ave - Speeding vehicles at all hours of the day and night	Refer to local Police team.	Councillor Wood
2	Local Residents	One of the No right sign on Walmley Ash Road by the Band M store not visible due to overhanging trees and possible the no entry sign in the wrong place.	To be raised with Amey	Councillor Wood
3	Local Resident	A parked Van at the side of Eachelhurst road opposite to the old Esso garage being used as an advertisement for a local business which is a distraction to drivers .	Chase up with enforcement	Councillor Wood

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