

	NECHELLS WARD MEETING	
	22 MARCH 2018 AT 6.30PM AT STANHOPE HALL, EMILY STREET, HIGHGATE	
	ACTION NOTES	
In Attendance	<p>Councillor Yvonne Mosquito (in the Chair) & Councillor Tahir Ali</p> <p>Sergeant Snape, West Midlands Police Paul Johnson & Chris Bent, West Midlands Fire Service Janet Bradley, Environmental Health Louise Elliot, Planning Pat Whyte, Neighbourhood Support & Development Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager</p> <p>There were 14 residents in attendance</p>	
Apologies	Councillor Chauhdry Rashid	
Agenda Item		Action
1.	<u>Notice of Recordings</u>	Noted
2.	<u>Notes of the Last Meeting</u> The Chair confirmed that this was the last ward meeting for Nechells ward before the boundary changes at the forthcoming local elections.	Noted
3.	<u>Petitions</u>	None Submitted
4.	<u>Police Update</u> Sergeant Snape gave the following update; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sergeant Roy Mail had taken over as the sergeant for Highgate – Crime figures for Ladywood East (which included Aston) were circulated – Total crime compared with 2017 was up 6.1% in Highgate and 17.7% in Small Heath. – The Jewellery Quarter had the highest vehicle crime – Arabian Nights new owners were engaging with the police and had agreed not to show the boxing match. Sgt Mail would be meeting with the owners. – The PSPO for Horton Square/South Acre Avenue had been finalized and BCC was due to erect the signs – A number of drug warrants had been executed in Highgate, Bordesley & Small Heath – ‘Chop Shop’ warrants had been executed in Highgate – Residents were encouraged to sign up to WMNow – Police station closures – funding issues had resulted in the planned closure of 24 police stations. Nechells would 	

	<p>close in 2019. There would be public consultation and co-location was being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There had been a focus on enforcing the injunction on boy racers and assistance had been provided by Force Traffic on Sunday evenings to enable larger operations and successfully stop the racing in Nechells <p>A local resident reported that the screen washers were still operating by McDonalds on Belgrave Middleway and it was suggested a patrol of the area might help disperse them.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Fire Service Update</u></p> <p>Paul Johnson gave the following update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No spikes to report – Focus on prevention work – Abandoned vehicles – WMFS would put a link on social media to report or make local fire station aware – Arson rubbish fires – residents requested not to put out rubbish too far in advance of collection to cut risk. There had been a spike during the strike but this had greatly reduced. – There had been a recent increase in fires in derelict buildings around Highgate Park/Bradford Street. The information provided at the previous meeting had been followed up and WMFS were looking to secure 5/6 buildings. – Information from residents was vital <p>A resident asked that thanks be extended to the fire crew that came to the aid of a man found unconscious in the city centre. Paul said that first aid skills for fire crews were advancing so extra support could be offered.</p> <p>In response to questions the meeting was advised that as a result of budget cuts WMFS was working smarter and taking on wider roles. Currently responses to alarm calls where people had fallen were carried out by BCC but WMFS was considering commissioning for that service. Feedback was welcomed.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Proposed Strategy for Shisha Venues</u></p> <p>Janet Bradley made the following main points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The proposal needed the relevant partners to sign up to the strategy to take the control of shisha lounges forward. – Very few complaints were received so a shisha strategy was needed to maintain it as a priority – Shisha lounges were not covered by specific legislation – There would be public consultation on the strategy and support was vital 	

	<p>improvement. The Chair suggested sending photographs to Alex Wasama, Place Manager to action.</p> <p>b) <u>Lighting Nechells Precinct</u> – in response to concerns regarding the lack of street lighting and safety fears at night around Revesby Walk Councillor Ali urged tenants to contact Property Services.</p> <p>c) <u>Parking Issues Calthorpe School</u> – with reference to concerns regarding inconsiderate parking at the last meeting the Chair advised that the school had appointed a new head teacher and that she would contact him with a view to having some positive dialogue regarding the parking issues.</p> <p>d) <u>Pacha House, Friends Institute</u> – the meeting was advised that the council was planning to sell the building on the open market and residents were urged to support the petition against this and visit to find out about the activities taking place.</p> <p>e) <u>Ward Boundary Changes</u> – Councillor Ali explained that for 16 years he had served all of Nechells but from the elections the ward boundaries would change to create 3 wards of Nechells, Bordesley & Highgate and Bordesley Green. He thanked residents for their support and that of his colleagues and said with the future development & projects affecting all 3 wards they would work together for the benefit of the wider area.</p>	
	<u>Authority to Act</u>	Agreed

Meeting ended 8.15pm