

BILLESLEY WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Billesley	DATE: 10 October 2018
VENUE: Billesley Community Fire Station, Brook Lane B13 0DH	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm to 8pm
COUNCILLORS: Phil Davis & Lucy Seymour-Smith	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 10
IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Neil Ogden, West Midlands Police Crew Manager Colin Stidworthy, West Midlands Fire Service Jayne Owen, Housing Manager Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	
1. Petitions 2. Police & Fire Updates 3. Working Together in Birmingham Neighbourhoods 4. Update on Local Issues	
ACTION	
1. <u>Petitions</u> Cllr Seymour-Smith referred to a petition currently circulating in respect of the condition of Trittiford Road and that she would present it to a future City Council Meeting. 2. <u>Police Update</u> Future of Billesley Police Station – Sgt Ogden advised the station would be put up for sale in the future and the police were considering relocation to the fire station but no date had yet been fixed. Cllr Seymour-Smith said that residents needed to be made aware that the station was closing but the team would still be in the ward. With regard to travellers on Swanshurst Park concern expressed that despite an injunction the encampment was not moved immediately. Cllr Davis updated on the progress of further injunctions being taken out and	Cllr Seymour-Smith Cllr Davis

<p>undertook to update at the next meeting. Sgt Ogden advised that an injunction for Chinn Brook Recreation Ground was going to court.</p> <p>3. <u>Fire Service Update</u></p> <p>Prevention/protection work continuing, targeting vulnerable and the elderly and pathway/referral routes welcomed. House fires reducing but secondary fires eg grass fires increasing probably due to longer grass as not being cut so often. Query over whereabouts of goal posts missing from Swanshurst Park and gym equipment from Billesley Common. Cllr Seymour-Smith undertook to investigate and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Davis undertook to do a walk about with the parks manager.</p> <p>4. <u>Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods</u></p> <p>Cllr Davis outlined the details of the consultation document and options for improving the way the city council worked with community groups/organisations. Suggestions of a mini-council or Billesley CDT. A comment sheet was circulated for residents to complete with their ideas and return to the councillors. The amount of good community work already undertaken in the ward was noted and the councillor urged residents to forward their comments.</p> <p>5. <u>Updates</u></p> <p>a) Yardley Wood School Plans – proposal for a Christ Church Academy school – secondary school with a sixth form - was out to consultation. Some concerns regarding the site proposed on Yardley Wood playing fields had been voiced and representations would be made at planning committee. Residents expressed concern regarding traffic as problems already existed and the impact on local residents of more cars would be intolerable, especially as there was only one entrance currently proposed for all pupils and staff. It was suggested that Baverstock School be redeveloped or the site used. Residents pointed out that more secondary school places were needed in the area, although it was suggested that the number of places proposed for the new school exceeded the number actually required.</p> <p>b) Big Lottery Funding – Lynda Batchelor reported that funding had been received for lighting in the alleyway between the rugby club and school. The equipment had been donated and local trades people were doing the work. The work commenced 2 weeks ago and it was hoped that improved lighting would encourage use of after school clubs.</p> <p>c) Speeding – Brook Lane, request for camera. Other hot spot areas – around The Billesley pub and Wake</p>	<p>Councillors</p> <p>All</p> <p>Sgt Ogden to raise with traffic</p>
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<p>Green Road. WMFS had put up speed warning monitor in Brook Lane.</p> <p>d) Parking on verges – Brook Lane, (fire station end) by people using the shops</p> <p>e) Swanshurst Park – better maintenance required. Grass not cut so children could not play football. Open and visible park therefore needed to be better maintained. Cllr Davis said that Swanshurst Park was a priority for the area.</p> <p>f) Missed refuse collections – garden waste not collected for 6 weeks. Cllr Seymour-Smith reported on the new way of working for refuse collections but asked residents to report missed collections to the council and also to the councillors so that issues could be raised with the Cabinet Member. Regularly missed garden collections should be reported so that compensation could be claimed.</p> <p>6. <u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Items suggested for future meetings –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Care of green/open spaces – Christ Church Academy School – Ward Plan 	<p>team to do hot spot target</p> <p>Cllr Davis to raise with Local Engineer re Local Highway budget</p>
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