

WARD FORUM MEETING NOTES

WARD: Tyseley & Hay Mills	DATE: 27 November 2018
VENUE: Kings Road Common Room, 38 Kings Road, Hay Mills, B25 8HR	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
COUNCILLOR: Zafar Iqbal	ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team Sgt Mark Fellows – South Yardley Neighbourhood Policing Team, WMP Jonjo Hegarty – Housing Enforcement Manager Pat Whyte – Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit APOLOGIES: None	

WARD PRIORITIES:

Not Yet Identified – Work in Progress

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – following introductions, Cllr Iqbal welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Notice of Recording** – all advised that recording and photographs could be taken at the meeting except where there were confidential or exempt items.
3. **Local Updates**
 - (i) **West Midlands Police** – Sgt Fellows gave details of the current policing team, which consisted of 3 full time PCs and 2 PCSOs. A student PCSO has also joined the team until April 2019. The team covered all of the former South Yardley Ward.

A reduction in policing numbers and increase in the changes in the types of crime/criminal activities including social media/internet continues to impact on day to day policing duties. However, residents should still continue to report incidents to the police. Residents could also sign up to the WM Now application (West Midlands Now) to receive information/alerts of criminal activities/awareness & safety advice for their local area.

Recent police activities included the execution of a number of search warrants over the summer – several cannabis factories were discovered; stop and searches recently carried out following the increase in knife/violent crime – arrests had been made, including a couple of young people under 16 years old.

Obstructive parking remained a concern in the ward. Officers in the Neighbourhood Team were now equipped with body cameras which enabled them to take pictures of obstructive parking whilst out and about. Parking Fines/tickets would then be sent to the perpetrator in the post. A new initiative had also been launched by WMP which enabled residents to take photographs of obstructive parking and to send them on to the policing team for investigation/action as appropriate. The photographs would need to show the vehicle registration number and the type of obstruction. A short written statement giving the day, time and date when the obstruction was witnessed would also need to be submitted with the photographs. Residents were advised to continue report crime/criminal activities to the police so that hot spot areas could be identified and resources prioritised accordingly.

Residents were briefly advised if the Street Watch Initiative set up by West Midlands Police, which was a community-led initiative based on street patrols in hot spot/agreed areas carried out by members of the public alongside PC/PCSO from the local neighbourhood team. Residents would receive appropriate training and equipment and would be insured by the police. Interested residents must be over 18.

Action: It was agreed that the Street Watch Initiative was looked at in more detail at a future meeting

Street Begging – residents were reminded not to provide money or offers of food to street beggars as this encouraged more aggressive begging/anti-social behaviour, but instead make donations to the relevant charities or food banks who were able to provide help and assistance to those in need.

(ii) Housing Enforcement Manager Update

Jonjo Hegarty briefly advised of his new role as Housing Enforcement Manager for the Ward, which involved working alongside key partner issues to resolve a number of wide ranging issues within the ward – these included neighbour disputes, nuisance/anti

social behaviour, drug/alcohol related issues and concerns etc.

Residents advised of the following:-

- Concerns regarding the nuisance behaviour of a young family currently living in one of the flats with the tenant of the sheltered accommodation property. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed in more detail following the meeting.
- Ongoing street lighting /traffic lights sequencing at the junction of Kings/Coventry Road. Pedestrians were unable to cross the road safely during the pedestrian crossing phase.

Action: Cllr Iqbal to arrange a site visit with Amey and to advise residents accordingly.

(iii) Cllr Update

Cllr Iqbal advised of the following:-

- Ongoing discussions with local residents to encourage setting up a Neighbourhood Forum for parts of the ward.
- Ward Plan Ideas and Suggestions – residents were briefly advised that each ward was required to look at and prioritise its areas of concern so that a Ward Plan/plan of action could be developed to see how these priorities could be addressed over a period of time. The involvement/participation of all sections of the community, including local businesses, groups and organisations was actively encouraged.

A Ward Priorities Template was issued to residents for completion. Residents were encouraged to complete and return the document to Cllr Iqbal. Residents were also encouraged to attend the drop-in sessions/coffee mornings etc. arranged by Cllr Iqbal across the ward.

- Pemberley House – several residents had expressed an interest in setting up a ‘Friends Of’ group.
- Section 106 Monies (Lidl Supermarket development) – discussions were ongoing with officers regarding using the funding to develop an appropriate scheme. Residents would continue to be kept informed.

Stakeholder Meetings had also been arranged with partner agencies and local businesses. Following a recent meeting, a number of enforcement notices/fines had been issued to businesses/traders who did not have an appropriate trade waste contract.

- Redhill Junior & Infant School – the school had been working with Severn Trent Water Authority to develop a rain garden. A proposal had been submitted to the City Council for approval.
- Webster & Horsfall – the Planning Application for the new facilities had been submitted to the City Council. The redevelopment of a part of the site to include ‘state of the art’ facilities could result in the creation of a number of jobs for

local people. It was agreed that the owner(s) of the business should be invited to attend a future meeting.

- Arts in the Yard/Stechford Foodbank – both organisations were currently working with Tesco to help provide essential supplies to those most in need.
- Age UK – Cllr Iqbal currently working alongside volunteers from Age UK to provide energy saving information to residents.
- Refuse Collection/Recycling – still a few teething problems with the new working arrangements. Further industrial action had been proposed by the Unite Union – residents would continue to be kept informed. In the meantime, residents should continue to report missed collections to the Contact Centre or to Cllr Iqbal.
- Clean Up, Kings Road – arrangements had been made for the clean -up of the alleyway with local residents and Housing staff; however due to a lack of resident attendance, this would be rearranged.
- Budget Consultation 2019: Copies of the summary documents were circulated to residents at the meeting. The closing date for the consultation was 31 December 2018. Residents were encouraged to read the documents and to submit their comments/views before the closing date,

4. Residents News/Views/Updates

None raised.

5. Petitions

None submitted.

6. Any Other Business

None raised.