

STOCKLAND GREEN FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: STOCKLAND GREEN	DATE: 18th July 2023
VENUE/ VIRTUAL: Highcroft Community Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.30pm
COUNCILLOR/S: Cllr Jones and Cllr Amar Khan	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 12
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister, Donna Eubanks, Nick Reid and Mel Coton.	CHAIR: Albert Fletcher

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES: TBC

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introductions By Albert Fletcher 2) Notice of recording read out by Albert Fletcher no objections. 3) Changes to the Constitution read out by Albert Fletcher 4) Waste Management – Nick Reid Perry Barr depot manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An apology to residents experiencing delays with delivery of replacement wheelie bins. • Collection problems - 8 complaints last week for the Ward. • In cab technology explained by Nick known as the “slab in the cab” • Discussion on the refurbishment of Perry Barr HRC, Nick explained that delays were due to the original contractor going into liquidation, then subsequently the newly appointed contractor discovered asbestos which had set the completion date back further. Currently the site is due to be opened late 2023. <p>Residents’ comments and questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish hot spot areas – Outside the shops and the flats above the shops on Slade Road, the corner of Slade Road and George Road they reported rubbish was overflowing. They remarked that children were constantly walking to school through rubbish and dog fouling. Action Nick Reid to liaise with enforcement officers.

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- Abbey Road – Wheelie bins are left out all the time which obstructs the pavement and some residents use them to save parking space **Action noted by Nick .**
- St Thomas and George Road missed Collections. **Action noted by Nick.**
- Commercial Waste collections – Cllrs and residents asked for enforcement action, Cllr Jones said that she had a meeting with Darren Share who agreed that enforcement action was needed. **Action Nick to chase.**
- Victoria road - only half of the bins on the road are emptied on a regular basis, why? **Nick to investigate.**
- Mere Road HMO problem the bins supplied aren't large enough, rubbish being left out next to the bins constantly.
- Gladstone Road HMO's - lots of rubbish, bins overflowing lids unable to be closed (therefore unable to be emptied as this is dangerous when loaded on to the refuse lorry. Currently nappies are covering the street after this week's collection, residents asked for larger bins. Action Nick to ask managers to do checks on the issues raised.
- Mobile Household Recycling centre explained, Cllr Jane Jones said that there are two HMRC's every month for Stockland Green, with the need for more.
- Perry Barr Depot to be by appointment only and will be a split-level site like Riland Road HRC, however there will no reusers shop.
- Cllr Khan –Could the Road sweeper clean at weekends to cope with demand and activity, Nick said he was trying to move resources to the Weekends in line with demand.

5) Ward Plan – Second meeting discussion

- Identify priorities for the Ward Plan for 2022/26, a group discussion.
- Explanation from Mel Coton on the Ward Plan, access to funding and the different Council budgets.
- Council issues only / achievable and local

Environmental issues -

- Dangerous and illegal parking, people running illegal businesses for example cars' being delivered to a private house on a regular basis and parked on the grass verges .
- Need for environmental enforcement action in the Ward.
- CCTV – To deter fly tipping and ASB.

- Normal for rubbish to be left on the street. Put pressure on the local businesses.
- Gating order for the alley ways.
- Street sweeping residents requested could they have a rota.

Community Safety, Crime and ASB -

- High levels of ASB and crime reported by residents on George Road and St Thomas Road
- Parking issues around the Slade Road area.
- Traffic enforcement needed at Slade Road shops.
- Drug dealing and drug use common place in the Ward.
- Prostitution is a serious problem on Slade Road both day and night, residents linked this to the HMO's. **Action Donna Eubanks to speak to Police.**
- Look at the lessons learnt of other areas of the city re prostitution.
- Gating order for the alley ways
- Set up a task and finish group with the neighbourhood forum.

Action – Ward Councillors to finish the Ward plan using the residents' comments from the meeting in January and this meeting as a bases so that residents and Councillors can they apply for funding to help resolve the issues identified.

- 6) Beyond Birmingham 2022 funding – A summary of appraised applications has been forwarded to the Ward Councillors for their comments.
- 7) Neighbourhood Co -Ordinator update from Donna Eubank- included information on the local Neighbourhood budget of £10,000 which is almost fully allocated with current commitments totalling £9,700, other news the Friends of Brookvale Park are back up and running.
- 8) Future meetings – topics for the next two meeting were agreed as Highways issues and Policing.

AOB:
None

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
Nick Reid to send Lesley an update on the all the actions noted for Waste management.	Nick Reid	Report back to the next meeting
Prostitution on Slade Road linked to HMO's. Donna to raise this with the Local Policing team.	Donna Eubank	Within 10 working days
Simon Foster to the next meeting	Cllrs and Lesley Bannister	
Submission of the Ward Plan	Cllr Jones and Cllr Khan	As soon as possible.

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