

## BOURNBROOK & SELLY PARK WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES RECORDING

<b>WARD:</b> Bournbrook & Selly Park	<b>DATE:</b> Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>VENUE:</b> Christ Church Selly Park, Pershore Road, B29 7PS	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7:00 pm – 20:15 pm
<b>COUNCILLOR/S:</b> Karen McCarthy & Brigid Jones	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 11
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Karen Cheney – Head of Service, Peter Bishop – Director of Digital & Customer Services, Preeti Sohpal – Community Governance Manager	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

### CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

*Current Ward Plan in progress*

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

#### **1. Welcome & Notice of Recording**

Councillor McCarthy & Councillor Jones welcomed all to the meeting and advised that members of the press/public may be present, could record and take photographs of the meeting. They introduced Peter Bishop to the residents, from the Corporate Leadership Team to observe the ward meeting and Karen Cheney, the Head of Service for the Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit.

#### **2. Transportation Workshop Feedback**

At the last ward forum meeting, a transportation workshop was held and the feedback of this was shared by Councillor McCarthy. The general consensus was that everyone wanted less traffic and less speeding around the ward with Oakfield Road to Selly Park being particularly bad with speeding. There is also the issue of many cars parked on the road that are not being used heavily and trying to encourage residents to use public transport/walking to travel to reduce the use and need for cars.

The parking permit scheme on The Avenue will be put into place mid-June and there will be a grace period initially where for a short period of time only warnings will be issued however after this they will be issued with fines when parking in this zone with no parking permit. Bournbrook voted against this scheme however Selly Oak was divided on the options.

In Bournbrook, the Councillors are working with the university to reduce the number of cars on the road. Umberslade Road is hard hit with the issue of parking on the road and would benefit from a permit scheme however there is a lack of funding to execute this. There is also the issue of people parking on street corners, parking half on the pavement and half on the road and even parking across dropped kerbs for disabled access which blocks all access. Some residents mentioned they are trying to arrange some planters to put on the pavements to prevent people parking on the pavements and on pavements on street corners.

Some residents raised the issue of people not stopping at red lights and speeding on the Pershore Road with speeding being a regular occurrence. The Councillors explained that they have requested for speed cameras to be placed down by The Tavern, Christ Church and Kensington. Money has also been set aside for the improvement of the junction on Doppler Lane.

Councillor Jones explained she had been on a walkabout with Kier Highway and they would be using next years funding to improve bus lanes and other junctions which require attention.

### **3. Councillor & Resident Updates/Issues**

A range of issues were brought up by residents and some updates from the Councillors which included -

- A resident brought up the issue of a scrapyard on St Stephens Road as there is rubbish being dumped on the road by the scrapyard and being full of scrap cars next to the trade signs. A resident mentioned that the land is owned by Birmingham City Council but nothing has been done about the rubbish being dumped on the land in question. The Councillors advised that this is something they are working on to get the rubbish cleared as there are others who want to put the land to better use. Another scrapyard on 1129 Ten Acre Mews was also brought up with similar issues. Councillor Jones advised this is something she is already looking into.
- The headteacher for Selly Park School has brought up the issue again of the boarded up building opposite the school and the dangers this is causing for the children and parents. She also mentioned that the boarding has blown out further on to the pavement and there have been many near miss incidents with parents/children and cars on the road. Councillor Jones mentioned that she had spoken to Stuart from Kier Highways and he said to her in December 2022 via email correspondence that he needs a reasonable amount of time to clear this however as this is still not done, Councillor Jones will be chasing Stuart again regarding this.
- Councillor Jones mentioned when she'd been on her walkabout around the ward with Kier and they were supposed to mark the potholes up on Cecil Road, Kitchener Road and on the Hobson block however this had not been done. Councillor Jones said she would chase this up again with Kier to get a timeline on when this would be done. 600 sqm of resurfacing had been agreed by Kier of Cecil Road and in her last correspondence with Kier they had said that this had gone to the design team. Councillor Jones explained she would chase this up with Kier to get a timeline on

when this will be done and if the whole of Hobson Road will be resurfaced as 700 sqm had been agreed.

- A resident brought up the issue of the state of Oakfield Road being very bad with potholes and high speed bumps which pose a risk for cyclists especially. The councillors advised they would be arranging another walkabout to check Oakfield Road and Eastern Road as residents mentioned there being newer potholes which are also particularly dangerous for cyclist.
- Residents brought up the issue of the bus diversions on Dogpool Lane being incorrect. The councillors advised that they have written to National Express regarding this issue and awaiting a response.
- Residents raised the issue that they'd like to have a speeding gun to carry out research on roads themselves to be able to put in an application to get permanent speed cameras placed on certain roads. Councillor McCarthy suggested that if more than 1 resident groups collectively share a speeding gun and take turns to go around different roads. The money to purchase a speeding gun can be raised through various crowdfunding.

#### **4. Funding Opportunities for Local Groups**

Councillor McCarthy allowed Karen Cheney to inform residents of all the new funding opportunities that are now available. 3 new funds are open from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 which are;

- Community Chest – an unrestricted pot of money which can be used to achieve the ward priorities or to subsidise other funding where needed such as Highways
- £40,000 for Brum Breathes – This is a 2 year programme and is money from the Clean Air Zone that has been in place for some time. This can be spent on projects to improve air quality in the ward by encouraging people to use public transport, walking and cycling etc.
- £22,200 for Beyond Birmingham – This will run exactly as it did last year and will be discussed at future ward forum meetings. This runs in two rounds of which the first round will go out very quickly to run the Commonwealth Celebrations and the second round will be in September for Winter projects.

There is also a city wide fund of £200,000 where an application can be made of up to £5000 to run small event/s in the ward. There is also the Minor Transportation money available of £20,000. Residents were pleased to hear this as there was a community event held recently which had to be held at a Church as they could not afford to hold this in a park due to the various licensing fee's and permissions required to do so.

In order to access the funding mentioned, there must be an active ward action plan with decisions made in ward meetings. Councillor McCarthy advised there is likely to be a ward forum meeting set up for July to discuss the ward plan and its priorities.

Councillor McCarthy explained she had an idea to use the Minor Transportation Money to get double yellow lines painted where needed. She explained that

a Traffic Regulation Order is required to be able to paint double yellow lines and would be putting together all roads where double yellows are needed included in one Traffic Regulation Order as it is more cost effective.

#### **5. Planning Applications**

- Oakfield Road – A planning application has been put in for a side extension. It is in a conservation area however Councillor Jones that this looked fine
- Pebblemill Road – A planning application has been put in for a shop and a café. This is an area with a draining problem as it is part of a flood area. A travel plan will also need to be considered for this as there are existing parking issues in this area already
- Bournbrook Road – A planning application has been approved for four terrace houses to be knocked into one, potentially for a HMO or student accommodation.
- The old Dr's surgery on Bournbrook Road – An application has been put in for a mental health facility. Residents commented this would be a positive move if it is well run
- Triangle Site/Former Sainsbury's – Councillor McCarthy has been invited to the consultation of this site. It is not sold yet as it is subject to planning permissions being acquired prior to the sale. Councillor McCarthy advised she will report back at the next ward forum meeting regarding this.
- Former Fitness First – A planning application for LIDL has been put in however it is not available for the public to comment on yet. Councillor Jones suggested that there is a saturation of supermarkets in the area already. She advised she would make enquiries on this to object.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A resident had brought up about an issue with the land opposite 1129 scrapyard and to find out who owns it</li> <li>2. Chase Stuart from Kier on when pavement will be cleared up with the boarding opposite Selly Park School</li> <li>3. Chase Stuart RE an update on potholes that were to be marked on Cecil Road, Kitchener Road and Hobson Road</li> <li>4. Obtain update from Kier on the resurfacing matter for Cecil Road</li> <li>5. Walkabout would be arranged to investigate the bad conditions of the roads on Oakfield Rd and Eastern Rd</li> <li>6. Confirm with Kier if Hobson Road had been booked to resurface the whole road</li> <li>7. To start having a think about funding can be spent on in the area based on ward plan priorities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor McCarthy/Councillor Jones</li> <li>1. Councillor Jones</li> <li>3. Councillor Jones</li> <li>4. Councillor Jones</li> <li>5. Councillor Jones</li> <li>6. Councillor Jones</li> <li>7. Councillor McCarthy/Councillor Jones</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>2. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>3. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>4. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>5. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>6. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> <li>7. Provide update at next ward meeting</li> </ol>