

MOSELEY WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Moseley	DATE: 5 December 2018
VENUE: The Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.10pm
COUNCILLORS: Kerry Jenkins & Martin Straker-Welds	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 50+
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Croxford, Head of Environmental Health Chris Hamilton, ASB Partnership Manager Sgt Tom O’Keefe, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	<u>Mr Geoff Rees – Chaired the meeting</u>

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

Community Safety

Discussion around key issues raised by residents, including;

- Fear of crime
- Property Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Traveller Encampments
- Issues around speeding, school parking & the effect on the local environment
- Enforcement eg 20mph limits

Issue	Action
1. Traveller Encampments – Mark Croxford explained the law around moving an encampment on and the notice periods for eviction from council owned land. Reference made to the recent travellers who had camped at Sarehole Mill & Chinnbrook Recreation Ground creating nuisance & asb. Following this an injunction had been successfully sought for both sites and The Dell. Sites had been identified and approved for 2 transit sites and a 3 rd was being brought back into use.	

<p>When these were operational the council would pursue an injunction to cover all city owned land and if this could not be achieved would apply for an injunction to cover all parks.</p> <p>2. Community Safety – property crime and anti-social behaviour and fear of crime identified as main issues. Sgt O’Keefe reported that the PSPO was in operation to 2020 and consideration would be given to extending beyond. The fear of crime was not unique to the ward and crime statistics showed that crime had increased slightly in the ward however the perception was greater. The team patrolled where trends were emerging and currently this was Moseley Village & Mossfield Road. House invasions were high priority and were dealt with by dedicated teams. Begging was also an issue and the Alternative Giving scheme was explained as an alternative to giving the homeless money direct.</p> <p>Chris Hamilton outlined the role of the Community Safety Partnership team and the type of work that was undertaken with community groups & providers in Moseley.</p> <p>Moorcroft Road - Residents of Moorcroft Road made a number of comments regarding the increase in crime in the road during the past 12 months. There had been a dramatic rise in opportunistic crime eg car crime, break-ins, including when people were in their homes and this was making residents feel vulnerable and unsafe in their own homes. Residents asked/commented –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What action were the police/partners taking to tackle this increase? - Why was there such an increase in Moorcroft Road? - What action could residents take? - A clear message was requested - There had been an assault in Moorcroft Road and property/car crimes happened regularly - Residents did not feel their concerns were being heard - The police website did not show any crimes occurring in Moorcroft Road despite so many being reported <p>Sgt O’Keefe said that local intelligence was used but there was no specific group or reasons for the crimes in Moorcroft Road. He explained Street Watch and said that it made a difference to</p>	<p>1.Swanshurst Neighbourhood Watch Group suggested setting up a Whats App group to help share information. They had set up an app & the local police sgt had used it to post information.</p>
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<p>neighbourhoods where it was active. Sgt O’Keefe said he would meet with Moorcroft Road residents to discuss their fears and help with a Street Watch.</p> <p>In relation to car crime Sgt O’Keefe said that he had some all- weather signs that he could put up in the locality if residents wished.</p> <p>Sgt O’Keefe gave advice and information regarding protection of property and cars and also offered to sign residents up to WMNow if they would leave their details with him</p> <p>3. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Residents asked that neighbourhood speed watch & speeding be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>2.Moorcroft Road residents to submit expression of interest in setting up a Street Watch to Sgt O’Keefe.</p> <p>Sgt O’Keefe to then meet with Moorcroft Road residents.</p> <p>Izzy Knowles volunteered to assist as part of the St Agnes Community Street Watch. Moseley Exchange offered as a venue for the meeting.</p> <p>3.Police to provide categories/statistics of crimes committed in the ward.</p> <p>4. Community Speed Watch & related issues to be discussed at next meeting.</p>
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