

	KINGS NORTON WARD MEETING	
	THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7PM AT ODDINGLEY HALL, ODDINGLEY ROAD B31 3BS	
	ACTION NOTES	
In Attendance	<p>Councillor Valerie Seabright & Councillor Peter Griffiths</p> <p>Bali Paddock, Regeneration Project Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager</p> <p>There were 12 residents in attendance</p>	
Apologies	Councillor Simon Jeavon	
Agenda Item		Action
1.	<u>Election of a Chairman for 2015/16</u>	Cllr Valerie Seabright
2.	<u>Notice of Recordings</u>	Noted
3.	<u>Petitions</u>	None Submitted
4.	<u>Police Update</u> As there was no police representation it was agreed to request an update for the next meeting.	Police Update – Next Meeting (KT)
5.	<u>Update on Ward Issues</u> The Chair gave updates on the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) New ward meeting arrangements ii) Boundary Commission Proposals – further details to be shared in the New Year iii) Birmingham Education Partnership - agreed to invite the Northfield BEP representative to future meeting iv) Kings Norton Sparkle – 30 November v) Wheelie Bins – last bins rolled out this week, first collections next week. Cllr Griffiths advised appeals for re-assessment would be undertaken in February & he had contacted F&WM regarding assisted collections. 	BEP representative to be invited to future mtg (KT)

	<p><u>Regeneration</u></p> <p>Bali Paddock reported on the current phase of regeneration and advised that a decision was currently awaited in respect of the second CPO. The completion of the site was due in 2017</p> <p>In response to queries the meeting was advised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Details regarding the supermarket could not be given but once contracts were signed the store would be built within 18 months. The Chair added that Councillors had requested this be included in the contract. ii) There was a policy not to build one bedroom properties but the new properties would include 2 bed houses and flats. iii) There were no plans to refurbish neighbouring properties although the life/cost of refurbishing tower blocks was currently under review. Residents commented that upgrading surrounding properties to bring in line with the new build would assist with sales. iv) There was no 'returners policy' for ex-residents and all had to go through the bidding system. Although it had been found that as the demotion had taken longer than expected, once people had settled in a 'temporary' area they did not want to move again. <p>The Chair referred to the allocations policy which was under review and the issue of tenants who had lived in an area for many years having no automatic right to return.</p> <p>Residents requested information regarding the number of one bed properties requested across the City and an indication of where people had come from to live in Stockmans Close.</p>	Bali Paddock
6.	<p><u>Proposed Changes to Housing Allocations from April 2016</u></p> <p>As there was no officer present to report on the item it was agreed to defer to the next meeting.</p>	Defer to next meeting
7.	<p><u>Community Priorities for the Community Plan</u></p> <p>Residents suggested the following priorities for inclusion in the Community Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Kings Norton Nature Reserve</u> – assistance from the Council to assist the Friends of Group to organize more cleanups, planting etc. 	

	<p>ii) <u>Play area, rear of Fairway JI School</u> – area in poor condition – action needed to reinstate play area or clear and grass over to prevent build-up of weeds, rubbish etc.</p> <p>iii) <u>Manufacturing jobs within the Ward rather than retails & leisure</u></p> <p>iv) More youth provision</p> <p>v) More provision for the elderly</p> <p>vi) More community police officers on the street. (It was acknowledged that this was a wider than a ward issue and it was suggested that the Police & Crime Commissioner be invited to a future District Committee to address)</p> <p>It was suggested that young people and the elderly be asked what they wanted/their priorities but that this format might not be best suited. The Chair said that the meeting could decide the format and that a day time/early evening meeting could be arranged to encourage the elderly/young people to attend.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Issues of Concern</u></p> <p><u>Kings Norton Library</u></p> <p>In response to concerns raised the Chair said that the repair of the roof had been signed off.</p> <p><u>Trees</u></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the removal of trees across the Ward. The Chair reported that there were issues with trees across the Ward and that she was aware that some on The Green required removal, however where trees were removed they should be replaced even if it was in an alternative location.</p>	
9.	<u>Authority to Act</u>	Agreed

Meeting ended 9pm