

**HALL GREEN NORTH WARD MEETING  
NOTES**

<b>WARD: HALL GREEN NORTH</b>	<b>DATE: 30 JANUARY 2019</b>
<b>VENUE: HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, REDDINGS LANE B28 8TE</b>	<b>START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm to 8.40pm</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR LOU ROBSON</b>	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES: 40+</b>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Hanif Ullah, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager</b>	

**MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:**

**1. Ward Plan**

Councillor Robson welcomed all to the meeting and explained about the ward plan and working in groups asked residents to express their priorities for the ward under the headings;

- a) Streets & Highways
- b) Environment
- c) Amey –roads/pavements/lights/trees/grass verges
- d) Neighbourhood policing/community safety
- e) Older & young people's services & housing
- f) Local jobs & skills & future of the high street shopping areas
- g) Anything else?

The following were the main priorities and solutions suggested;

Streets & Highways –

1. Too much rubbish
2. Speeding cars across the ward. Extend the 20mph zones
3. Obstructive parking
4. Pot holes
5. Aggressive driving & noisy engines/exhausts
6. Parking on grass verges across the ward
7. Accident black spots – jct Cateswell Rd/Spring Rd, jct of Reddings Lane/Shaftmoor Lane
8. More parking enforcement

Environment & Leisure

1. Too much litter – people have no pride in Hall Green – particular issue with litter/rubbish from take-aways & the need for rubbish to be more effectively cleared
2. More efficient bin collections
3. Litter encouraging rats
4. Trees on roads need cutting
5. Cleaning of the Cole River & green spaces
6. Pollution from cars, especially along the Stratford Road
7. More litter bins on local streets
8. More regular gulley cleaning
9. Suggestions for out- door gyms, more publicity from the museum
10. The meeting room at the library had been out of commission for 20 months – urgent need for this vitally important facility to be returned to public use.

Amey – Roads/pavements/lights/trees/grass verges

1. Trees to be cut – too many and growing too near to houses
2. Improve lighting

3. Repair potholes
4. Parking on grass verges
5. Cyclists on pavements, danger to everyone
6. Trees should not be cut down to make way for drives etc. Any trees removed should be replaced.

#### Neighbourhood Policing/Community Safety

1. More police for Hall Green area.
2. Not feeling safe where I live – fear of crime
3. Dangerous driving throughout the B28 area.
4. Concern regarding young children waiting around the Co-Op, Gospel Lane before school without parents or carers.
5. Anti-social behaviour, drug misuse, muggings, burglaries – crimes made people feel unsafe in the area and unwilling to go out after dark
6. Promotion of Street Watch and Community Speed Watch

#### Local Jobs & Skills & Future of the High Street Shopping Areas

1. Support/help required for people out of work – lack of advice – feeling of isolation
2. Parking on Hall Green Parade needed enforcing
3. Rubbish bags left out on The Parade at all times. Trade waste collections needed better co-ordination so large waste bins not left out at all times. Larger bins required & more street cleaning, especially in view of the number of food outlets.
4. The Parade – improve the environment eg replace planters, repair pavements, street cleaning, more litter bins etc to make it a better place to shop. Encourage more independent shops, more food shops, bank & post office, more variety and less take-away restaurants – lower rents, charge food outlets to help pay for street cleaning
5. Pelican crossings – Cateswell Rd/Stratford Rd & York Rd/Reddings Lane

#### Housing & Older & Younger Peoples Services

1. Re-open the community room at the Library – excellent community facility for old & young
2. No youth facilities in the area – target provision around the MUGA, Newey Park
3. Provide facilities for young people, people with disabilities and support needs
4. Support & encourage volunteering

5. Support good facilities in the area ie Highfield Hall, St Peters Church, The Oak, clubs at Hall Green & Ninestiles Schools

#### Anything Else

1. Residents feeling alone, isolated and not listened to
2. Communication between forums
3. More large gatherings like the ward planning meeting
4. Future meeting topics – Clean Air Zone, refuse workers strike

#### **ACTIONS:-**

1. **Councillors to collate priorities from the key areas and responses provided above**
2. **Feed back to next ward meeting**
3. **Number of individual issues raised – these to be raised with police (crime/community safety related), council via the website or through the councillors.**

#### **2. Any Other Business**

- a) **Sarehole Mill** – Lyndsey Rutter reported on fund raising for the water wheel following damage caused in the floods. £6,500 was required and that total had almost been collected. It was intended to have the mill working to mill flour for bread to sell in the café. More volunteers were required. In response to questions the meeting was advised that an injunction had been secured for the land to the rear of the mill to prevent traveller encampments. This expired in June 2019 and would then be subject to review. BCC was trying to develop transit camps to assist the process.
- b) **Street Watch** – Sgt Ullah referred to the issues surrounding speeding, burglaries, car crime that had been raised during the group work and that one of the most effective ways to stop street crime was by the community setting up Street Watch's & he explained the process. Other ways to assist was by reporting via the Live Chat on the Police website. A resident of Wycome Road spoke about what residents in the road were doing to look after their street and that they had formed a Whats App Group as a way of communicating. Councillor Robson referred to the Neighbourhood Tasking meetings as a good place to raise matters with the police – next meeting 21 February, 7pm Highfield Hall
- c) **Scam Phone Calls** – advised to report to Action Fraud & Cllr Robson said she would be happy to visit any elderly residents
- d) **Missed Collections** – update provided & residents advised to report missed collections and email councillors with the details.

- e) **Hall Green Library** – call for the upstairs community room to be re-opened and available for use. Cllr Robson referred to the budget process currently being considered and undertook to continue to campaign for the re-opening. Requests for volunteers to help the Friends of Hall Green Library.
- f) **Hall Green Community Church** – volunteers needed to help with various events including the ‘Friendly Corner’ on Tuesday mornings and the lunch clubs.