

BOURNBROOK & SELLY PARK WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Bournbrook & Selly Park	DATE: 7 November 2022
VENUE: Christ Church Selly Park, Pershore Road B29 7PS	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.25pm
COUNCILLOR Karen McCarthy	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 12
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nick Richards, Transport Delivery Manager Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apologies from Councillor Brigid Jones, Sergeant Sankey & Barry Toon

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Welcome from Councillor McCarthy

2. Notice of Recording

Councillor McCarthy advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items

3. Transportation Schemes Update, including parking permit schemes

Nick Richards explained that 2 additional officers had been recruited to take forward the Selly Oak Controlled Parking Zones, including the Avenues parking scheme. Letters regarding the schemes for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Avenues and St Johns Road would be sent to residents in January and then further information regarding permits in February. A contractor would then be appointed to erect signs and it would then take 4-6 weeks for the permits to be issued. The meeting

was advised that permits needed to be in place before the schemes went live. Katie Road, Lottie Road & Winnie Road schemes would then follow at a later date. The newly appointed project manager would set out the timescales for all of the CPZ schemes.

There was some discussion regarding the issuing of permits and Nick agreed to make the Residents Association a point of contact to back up the official communication channels.

Councillor McCarthy referred to Oakfield, Upland and Selly Wick Roads and that local budgets had been allocated for work there, together with Calthorpe Estate funding and the meeting was advised that now there were new officers in post, CPZ's and their progress would be easier to manage.

In response to questions regarding Dogpool Lane the meeting was advised that traffic counts, surveys and speed assessments would be undertaken together with accident data to look at a local safety scheme for the junction or whether a wider scheme was required. Councillor McCarthy said S106 money might be available.

There was some concern expressed regarding number 76 buses experiencing difficulties at Dogpool Lane and Raddlebarn Lane due to inconsiderate parking, especially where cars double parked and Councillor McCarthy undertook to raise this with the local engineer but said bus drivers needed to report this so it could be raised with the council. Nick undertook to report to a future meeting when data on Dogpool Lane junction had been collected and there was a clearer idea of solutions available. It was noted that there were several neighbourhoods that requested traffic solutions and therefore there needed to be some mapping to see the knock-on consequences. Councillor McCarthy undertook to send Nick details of the areas requesting traffic calming measures.

There was a discussion regarding the inadequacies of local public transport systems which as a result put more cars on the road, adding to the parking and travelling issues. It was suggested that more double yellow lines be installed

eg around central refuges, corners and junctions and pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of bus shelters on Bristol Road/ Eastern Road junction.

4. Exempt Accommodation Update

Councillor McCarthy explained the difference between HMO's and exempted accommodation. In Selly Oak the Article 4 Directive had given some level of control in respect of HMO's, however exempt accommodation was exempt from the same planning and licensing controls. The issues around the ward were exacerbated due to the mix with student accommodation. There had been Select Committee intervention and Birmingham was now involved in a pilot project. Police and housing officers were working together and therefore individual properties where there were issues should still be reported so that they could be visited and investigated.

5. Community Infrastructure Levy Update

Money available in the ward from CIL came largely from the construction of purpose-built student accommodation. There were 2 parts to the funding available and the crowd funder element had been earmarked for local Heritage buildings including the old library and then community groups could apply for grants up to £2000. The meeting was advised that Selly Oak CDT had put in a proposal for the development of affordable rented accommodation across the constituency and the Fruit & Nut Village had applied for match funding to that already raised.

6. Councillors/Residents Updates/Issues

- a) Leaf Collection from the Avenues – Councillor McCarthy confirmed there would be one leaf sweep per area and it had been agreed to thoroughly deep clean The Avenues as they were a flood risk area.
- b) Planning Enforcement – concern expressed regarding extensions and building in Selly Wick Road and lack of response

to communications with the Planning Department. Councillor McCarthy asked that the details be forwarded to her so that she could pursue the matter

- c) Planning Application Bournbrook Road – resident advised that a planning application had been submitted to demolish 5 properties for the construction of 69 student flats. Councillor McCarthy undertook to alert residents who would not have been automatically notified by the planning department. It was noted that the application would impinge on the Conservation Order and there was concern regarding the number of incremental applications being submitted.
- d) Flooding Bournbrook Road/Bristol Road – during periods of rain a large puddle formed. Councillor McCarthy said that she had requested highways to take action and would pursue again
- e) Shack near Selly Park Girls School – in response to concerns Councillor McCarthy advised that the owners had removed a wall at the rear of the property and this had been challenged and she undertook to check progress.