

BOURNVILLE & COTTERIDGE WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Bournville & Cotteridge	DATE: 7 October 2019
VENUE: Cotteridge Quaker Meeting House, Watford Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8pm
COUNCILLOR Fred Grindrod	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 20
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Sam Bonehill, West Midlands Police John McHugh, Bournville Village Trust Daniele Dennis, Community Worker, Neighbourhood Network Scheme Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apology – Councillor Liz Clements

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Update from Partners

B30 Get Together – Councillor Grindrod provided details of the event on Wednesday 9 October, 6.30pm at Cotteridge Church and extended an invite to all active citizens, groups and anyone interested in making Bournville & Cotteridge a better place to live and work.

Police Update – Sergeant Sam Bonehill provided the following update;

- Crime across Bournville & Cotteridge was generally low but there was a great deal of preventative work going on and community involvement was vital
- PCSO Blackford continuing work on speeding. Recent focus on Hay Green Lane but whole area was considered when speeding operations arranged. Lot of local roads were 20mph and this had been publicised through local schools. PCSO's were issuing tickets but this was limited due to demand. Residents urged to report speeding via 101 and to forward dash-cam evidence to the team via the team email account.
- Cotteridge centre was a priority & the team was working with Transport Police colleagues.

Residents then made the following comments;

- The 20 mph zones were inadequately signed & it was queried whether residents would be allowed to put up their own signage. Residents were urged to join together to create a speed watch. Sergeant Bonehill said that PCSO Blackford would assist with a speed watch and she undertook to request the Speed Reduction Unit visit the ward.
- There were too many obsolete street signs. Councillor Grindrod requested photos be forwarded to him and he would arrange removal
- Reference made to the 'Cotteridge Beggars' and what residents should do. Sergeant Bonehill advised that police patrols did offer help and requested residents to report to the local team and then they could offer assistance
- Reports of increasing acts of graffiti and it was queried whether residents could cover it up. Sergeant Bonehill confirmed this could be done. **Councillor Grindrod suggested having graffiti & general street tidying as a future agenda item.**

Bournville Village Trust

John McHugh provided the following update/answered questions;

- Strategic planning for the next 10 years was still ongoing, tying in role of housing provider with role in the community
- Work/engagement around parking issues in residential areas and with Woodlands Hospital
- Event planning underway with young volunteers
- Christmas event planning underway for 30 November – community group involvement welcome

Our Cotteridge

- New group setting up to tend to Cotteridge & make it an even nicer place to live.
- More resident involvement welcome – Facebook page, 'Tending to Cotteridge' or via the Birmingham Open Spaces Forum website at www.bosf.org.uk
- Aim of the group was to promote community spirit, improve Cotteridge High Street by litter picking, broken planter removed etc

Councillor Grindrod referred to other groups active in the area, Our Bournville, Langleys Residents Association, B30 Get Together

& that attempts were being made to establish a resident's group for the Katie, Lottie, Winnie Roads area.

2. Healthy Communities Discussion

Daniele Dennis outlined the concept behind the Neighbourhood Network Scheme, an innovative/intervention project for people 50+ and covering the Selly Oak constituency.

Work had been ongoing in Stirchley to seek to make it the first dementia friendly ward in Birmingham through dementia friendly community status, working with Stirchley School, churches, traders etc to create an inclusive, positive community. There had been events, information sessions and craft days held at Stirchley Baths. Stirchley was being used as an exemplar and once status had been achieved a report would be written with a guide so that the idea could be rolled out across other wards.

In response to questions Dani advised that;

- It was a volunteer lead scheme involving active citizens, people with an interest etc
- This was the start of the scheme and other conditions had also been covered eg Alzheimer's, Parkinsons and it was hoped to raise awareness of all of these and include brain injury & mental health
- NNS was designed to assist those 50+ to encourage healthy, community focused lifestyles and prevent social isolation pre-retirement
- NNS across the city was funded through Adult Social Care through commissioning although Selly Oak & Perry Barr as pilots had been internally funded via BCC
- Activity did play a key part in a healthy lifestyle and there were activities listed on the website

3. Residents Issues

a) Parking on Pavements – Watford Road and surrounding roads had particular issues with inconsiderate parking and concern was also expressed regarding air pollution. Sergeant Bonehill advised that the police could issue a ticket if the obstruction meant a double pushchair could not pass. Cllr Grindrod said the council was considering a £70 on the spot fine and undertook to find out the details and report back. The B30 Get Together would also be looking at air pollution

b) Graffiti – in response to concerns raised about increasing amounts of graffiti, Cllr Grindrod said he had spoken to the Cabinet

Member and urged more action be taken and he encouraged residents to help in keeping the street clean & tidy.

c) Former Sainsbury site – concern expressed that student accommodation was proposed for the site when family amenities and community facilities were required in the area. Cllr Grindrod undertook to speak to the councillors for Weoley & Selly Oak who could help residents to object. Reference was made to the Article 4 Directive that was needed for the area to prevent the conversion of family homes into HMO's.

d) Former Neighbourhood Office Building – in response to questions regarding the future of the building Cllr Grindrod said that it had been sold but no action had been taken by the buyer and no planning application as yet submitted.

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):