

RUBERY & REDNAL WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Rubery & Rednal	DATE: 4 June 2019
VENUE: Deelands Hall, Deelands Road B45 9RR	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
COUNCILLOR Adrian Delaney	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 10
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Cross, Amey Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Ward Plan

Councillor Delaney explained the idea behind producing a ward plan and discussed priorities for inclusion. It would be an evolving document so any new priorities could be added in the future.

During the course of discussion the following issues were highlighted as priorities for the ward plan;

- a) Parking – main issue across the ward, especially around schools. Consideration being given to signage around St James Catholic Primary School and 20mph zone. Leybrook Road by Colmers Farm School also needed attention and Cllr Delaney said he had arranged a meeting with the Head of Enforcement so that action could be taken.

Lickey Road, central reservation had a particular problem with parked cars. It was felt that some regular enforcement was needed to help ease the situation around schools and with inconsiderate parking as it was becoming a health & safety issue.

The manager of Deelands Hall said that it was a very active community hall but only had 3 allocated parking spaces so cars parked on grass verges etc. She queried whether it would be possible to have more spaces created. Residents on the Cockhill Estate would not travel elsewhere and therefore if they could not attend meetings/activities at Deelands Hall their voice would not be heard. Cllr Delaney acknowledged the point raised but referred to the cost of creating new car park spaces.

- b) Litter/Clean Streets/Refuse Collection – missed collections, accumulations of rubbish especially at the blocks of flats attracting

vermin & fly tipping. Solutions suggested by residents – neighbours work together and collectively pay for bulky collections to clear up the area. Have ward based street cleaning teams. Community day being organised to include a 'clean up' before-hand and it was hoped that this would be repeated but some assistance with equipment etc was required. Stuart Cross undertook to take details at the conclusion of the meeting and assist in arranging some equipment.

It was reported that Deelands Hall had not had a consistent refuse collection for 15 weeks despite having reported it on numerous occasions. Reporting prompted a collection but then the Hall continued to be missed off the collection round. It had subsequently been found that as there was no dropped kerb at Deelands Hall the crews could not take the container across the pavement but 4 wheelie bins had now been provided and the problem solved. However had there been better communication from the council the issue could have been resolved earlier so better information provided to the Contact Centre would be beneficial to all concerned.

- c) Parks & Open Spaces – Councillor Delaney said that there was limited open space so a priority was to protect what was available. Trees were being planted at Sharps Close recreation ground.

The young people who had attended the meeting said that play equipment at Cock Hill playground was needed and the area needed cleaning as there was broken glass on the playground. The youth group was trying to arrange a clean-up. They also asked for repairs/improvements to Rubery Skate Park and suggested that the space at the quarry be used for a football pitch or mountain bike track.

Deelands Hall was planning a Lord Mayors Street Party and there was concern regarding the hazardous path outside the Hall in view of the number of people who would be attending. Councillor Delaney and Stuart Cross undertook to inspect the path at the conclusion of the meeting.

- d) Roads/ pavements/highways - there was no lighting to the rear of Deelands Hall and this encouraged anti-social behaviour. The area around Deelands Hall needed a general upgrade.
- e) Road Safety & Speeding – children attending Colmers Farm School were not using the crossing on Bristol Road South – seeking S106 funding to move pedestrian crossing further along road.
- f) Neighbourhood Policing – residents felt the area had been neglected but the local community wanted to help make improvements but needed help and support. Councillor Delaney advised he attended the police tasking meetings and reported matters for police attention including parking around schools, patrolling around flats on Edgehill Road to deter ASB and undertook to raise issues

around Deelands Hall at the next meeting.

2. Local Updates

- a) Planning Application – Morrisons Supermarket** – Cllr Delaney referred to plans to remove some of the car park to incorporate a drive through Starbucks. Cllr Delaney said this had not yet been considered by Planning Committee. It was suggested that the café inside Morrisons be removed to incorporate Starbucks.
- b) Planning application – Ashbridge Court, land rear of Leach Green Lane** – application for 10 houses and access through Ashbridge Court. Application not yet considered by committee.
- c) X20 Bus Service** – in response to complaints received regarding the route change to the service, Cllr Delaney had met with National Express and had been advised it would not now go through the Rednal triangle.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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