

**DRAFT Frankley Great Park WARD Forum Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**3rd July 2014**  
**AT**  
**Ballaam School, Frankley at 6pm**

ITEM NO	COMMENTS	ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b>  Cllr Simon Morall,  Inspector ???  Sgt Chris Thomas,  Ken Brown (Community Development and Support Officer)  taking the minute notes</p> <p>There were 30 members of the public in attendance</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies &amp; Welcomes:</u></b></p> <p>Kay Thomas,</p> <p>Chairman Councillor Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr Simon said he was very disappointed that planning permission had been granted for the new Crematory On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. This was a shocking decision and at present no appeals are allowed. So representation to the Secretary of State will be arranged. It was also disappointing that Cllr Simon was the only official representation by Birmingham City Council.</li> <li>2. The Home at 53 Lysander Road (Registered Care Home for Dementia patients). This home and its inhabitants are causing all sorts of Anti-social on the estate and in the area. Local residents say they were not informed by the planning department or given a chance to object to this home in the first place. As a result residents would like to know the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was planning permission granted</li> <li>• Was there any objections to the home</li> <li>• Does the home owner have a Licence to run this establishment</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

	<p>It appears now that the Home does not have residents that fit the description of people who suffer with Dementia. The Home now has young people living in the home, and it is alledge that these young people may be responsible for the increased number of Anti-Social Behaviour taking place in the area. There has a spate of muggings, drug taking, threats of violence and the fear of violence. Residents do not feel safe and have real genuine fear for their children been caught up in gangs and possible grooming of their young people.</p> <p>Residents also want to know what the status of the Home currently is? Is it a Care Home for Dementia residents or is it a home for young ex-criminals.</p> <p>Has the Home officially changed it status a provider and it so has the relevant agencies such as Social Health &amp; Care, City Housing Department, and the Planning know what is happening here.</p> <p>Local School Teachers are very concerned about their students getting involved in criminality by the grooming process used by criminals. Some of the young feel intimidated by the youths doing ASB.</p> <p>Councillor Simon said he is doing his back ground investigation and is working with the Police and the Council regarding this home. He wants to build a portfolio of evidence against the Home so they have a water tight case for getting the home close-down. What he does not want to happen is any visits to the home now, because this might in directly 'tip off' the owners.</p> <p>The Police have confirmed the have so far received 72 calls from concerned residents about the ASB issues.</p> <p>As far as we know there has been not enforcement or regulation of the home since it was opened.</p> <p>Police have on going enquiries regarding certain individuals currently that they could not talk about or reveal who the person is.</p> <p>Parents are very worried about their children especially with school the summer holidays coming up. Residents were keen to know if the youth service, probation and social services are aware of this Care Home.</p> <p>Sgt Chris said from a Police point of view they have no powers to regulate the home. They also have severe reduction in staff and struggle to maintain a high level of service, but there are doing their best within the limited resources they have.</p>	
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<p>4.</p>	<p>The home currently has a C3 status and would require Planning permission to change from a C3 to C2 status.</p> <p>Concillor Simon and the Police encourage residents to keep a Log all incidents and where appropriate to dial 101 so a continuous bank of evidence can be gathered. This will not be an easy fix due to ongoing investigation.</p> <p>Residents still wanted to know if there was a fire risk and if rules and regulations have been broken here? What inspections have taken place at this Care Home.</p> <p>Residents pointed out that at the Arden Road shops there street drinking, drug taking openly and prostitution taken place on a daily basis. They thought there was a Police or Council order to stop youths congregating, but nothing has happened over the last 18 months. Residents felt the situation is getting very close to tipping point where they may have to take thing into their own hands to protect themselves.</p> <p>Residents were told that the Police and the Councillor is doing all they can to make the situation better and with the joint investigation and evidence gathering could be a 'good news story' if the operation is systematic and all partners and residents continue to work together to this situation resolved.</p> <p><b>Local Concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents said they were been denied 'Right to Light' by trees that have grown substancially and have not been pruned or cut back to allow light to come in. As a result of houses are cold and dark. Councillor Simon requested residents to sends him an email so he can include it a spread sheet that he has created and will be speaking to AMEY about these works. There are other still other trees to be removed and some of those have job numbers despite not been completed.</li> <li>• Residents also noted that Grass cutting has not been carried very well, with grass cutting all over the place and only fire breaks been cut.</li> <li>• Frankly Parish Council still picking up back bags though-out the ward if not collected by Fleet &amp; Waste. This is still and issue in some parts of the Ward.</li> <li>• Pot Holes in Great Park</li> </ul>	
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5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faulty street lights is a problem – Fogmill Walk is an issue.</li> <li>• Inconsiderate parking still taking place which prevents people push chairs, wheelchair users etc can't get by.</li> <li>• 61 Bus service is still not very good, buses either don't come or they come together at the same time in batches of 2&amp;3's.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Simon asked residents to continue to email with these issues to he can follow them up.</p> <p><b><u>A.O.B.</u></b></p> <p>Ward Plans been completed</p> <p><b><u>DAIRY DATES</u></b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting = TBC</b></p>	
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