

**JOINT KINGS NORTON NORTH & SOUTH WARD MEETING  
NOTES**

<b>WARDS:</b> Kings Norton North & Kings Norton South	<b>DATE:</b> 2 November 2018
<b>VENUE:</b> St Nicholas Place, The Green, B38 8RU	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7pm – 8.30pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Peter Griffiths & Alex Aitken & Richard Burden M.P.	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 20
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> PC Paul Reynolds, West Midlands Police Stuart Cross, Highway Steward, Amey Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	<b>Apology:</b> David Miller

**MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:**

1. Police Update

PC Reynolds reported that in response to a rise in burglaries patrols had increased and arrests made and the number of burglaries had now significantly reduced. The PSPO was still in place to combat ASB and following a proactive response to nuisance caused by mini-moto's there had been no complaints for the past 2 months.

There had been a number of disorders across the ward and reference was made to the shooting at Greaves Square and subsequent disorders. Arrests had been made and firearms/drugs recovered. The issues had been recognised and additional officers were being drafted into the area.

Thanks were extended to the police team for the work it was doing with Kings Norton Primary School, especially as it was in officers own time and to PC Reynolds for attending the meeting on his day off.

Residents asked the following questions;

- Hawkesley Est, Green Lane – issue with children throwing objects at cars travelling along Shannon Rd. PC Reynolds advised to

ring 999 if this was witnessed at the time and if a reoccurring issue to ring 101 to help build a picture. He was working with the Housing Manager re the Hawkesley Estate.

- Disorders associated with large groups of motorcyclists in and around Longbridge. PC Reynolds advised this was not such an issue in the Kings Norton area but camera images would be captured and information collected.
- Concern regarding relocation of police camera to Greaves Square leaving Hillmeads/The Fold without any deterrent. The anti-social behaviour, vandalism and crime on The Fold made residents afraid to leave their homes. PC Reynolds said that images had been captured on officer's bodycams which would be followed up.

## 2. Waste Management Update

Apology from David Miller

Update read out - Since September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 crews moved to a five day working pattern Monday to Friday working less hours now of 7.18. New crews had been made up and & rounds made to fit. Day of collection has stayed the same. New crews were getting used to the new areas of work and being educated in the awkward collections and assists etc. Garden finishes on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Collections would be made on 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, and also the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Residents of Warrens End reported the non-collection of their garden waste for some time. Most of the residents were elderly and not IT literate and therefore unable to report on line. Telephone calls had been made to report the situation but the messages were not being recorded.

**Councillor Griffiths asked that the exact addresses be provided to him at the end of the meeting and he would report on resident's behalf.**

Richard Burden said that the ward was having a particular issue with missed collections and queried whether the Waste Management Service was relying on residents reporting missed collections or were logging them when they knew the crews had been unable to make collections. It was hoped that both methods were being used. He undertook to raise the issue.

In response to comments Councillor Aitken said he had flagged the numbers of missed collections that were occurring in cul-de-sacs

across the ward where the wagons could not access the road properly or were not aware of properties.

### 3. Pool Farm Regeneration Update

A report outlining the progress of the Pool Farm Regeneration was circulated. Councillor Griffiths acknowledged the pressure being put on the area in respect of litter, boarded up houses etc. 7 properties were still occupied so the clearance was more piecemeal. The planning application had been submitted for the demolition work. The Primrose development was going well and new tenants/owners had started to move in but the new road development was causing delays and the supermarket would not be finalised until the road details were finalised. **Further updates would be provided at future meetings.**

### 4. Other Issues

Amey/Highways – Stuart Cross, Highway Steward outlined Amey’s responsibilities & in response to residents issues undertook to take specific details at the conclusion of the meeting.

Parking on pavements and damage to grass verges – Amey did not have enforcement powers but could report to BCC to take action.

Old Oak Road & High Meadow Road – parking on pavements was causing an obstruction meaning people on mobility scooters had to go into the road. Meeting advised the police could issue tickets for such parking.

The Fairway onto Rednal Road - there was inadequate signage to alert of the sharp bend and was therefore very dangerous, especially for pedestrians trying to cross the road. **Councillor Aitken had raised speeding issues on Rednal Rd with the Local Engineer and there were plans to cut back foliage and improve signage in respect of speeding but Councillor Aitken undertook to feedback to the Engineer regarding the junction.**

Reference made to speeding along The Fairway & Shannon Road (up to the new houses from Kings College) had a blind spot on the corner and there was a speeding issue.

**Councillor Aitken undertook to invite the Local Engineer to the next meeting to discuss road safety issues in the ward and look at hot spot areas.**

Save Fairway Day Centre – Wendy Colleymore thanked all for their support. The fight against the closure and the issues around the lack of consultation had been ongoing for 14 months. An injunction had now been issued to stop the closure and instigate a judicial review. A

crowd funding website had been created to pay for legal costs and therefore the community's support was requested.

The meeting was advised that the Assistant Director had commissioned a report looking at the necessity of day centres but had refused to publish it. The report cost £10k and the councillors were asked take up this issue. It had also been reported that £400k was required to be spent on repairs to The Fairway but there was no evidence of a report to this effect and councillors were requested to follow this up also.

Councillor Aitken said he had pursued the report into the costings of repairs and launched a formal challenge to the O&S committee. The report had been considered in private and when requested that the report be published had been advised it was part of the Acivico contract. He undertook to continue to pursue.

The Navigation – In response to queries Richard Burden said there was no recent information regarding the future of the premises/site and no planning application had been submitted. Residents said that the car park had previously been used by parents at school time and since the closure of the Navigation people were now parking on side roads and causing obstruction.

**Councillor Aitken undertook to try to ascertain ownership and approach regarding use of the car park by the school.**

Clean Air Zone – concern expressed regarding the air quality along the Pershore Road, around Cotteridge island and The Green and whether any pollution monitoring was undertaken. Councillor Aitken explained the Clean Air Zone and undertook to find out about the possibility of monitoring around schools. Councillor Griffiths said that the possibility of 'greening up' the area was something that could be looked at.

Barratts Road, Pool Farm – concern expressed by resident regarding fly tipping, houses being set on fire, abandoned cars and the effect on people still living there. **Councillor Aitken undertook to take up the issues.**

Christmas Event – Kings Norton Place & Farmers Market – 8 December 11am – 4.30pm, The Green

Kings Norton HLB – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month 6pm Melrose Close, Foyle Road – the HLB had a small budget and new members were welcome

Next Meeting – to be notified. Any suggestions for agenda items email to councillors.

Councillors (s) Signed: .....

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