

WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Bartley Green	DATE: Thursday 15 th November 2018
VENUE: Bartley Green Library, Adams Hill, B32 3QG	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.30pm – 8.40pm
COUNCILLORS: Bruce Lines and John Lines	NO. OF ATTENDEES: 10
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marie Brown – District Engineer Beverly Edmead - Community Governance Team Christopher Richards – Amey Highway Steward Terry Webb – Senior Housing Development Officer, Housing Regeneration Team	

WARD PRIORITIES:

Already identified

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – following introductions, Cllr John Lines welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Notice of Recording** – Noted by all present at the meeting.
3. **Apologies** – submitted on behalf of Darren Thompson, Watch Commander, WMFS and Sgt David Cotter, WMP
4. **Local News Update and Updates:-**
 - i) **Local Councillors**
Bartley Green Library Update: plans for the library to be transferred from City Council ownership to the community were ongoing. Plans

included opening up the building more than the current one day per week. Kerry Brewer (Holloway Hall) was actively involved in dealing with the progress of the transfer of the building and developing the community hub. Residents interested in helping with developing the community hub should contact Kerry.

Senneley's Park Improvements Update – no further update on the planned improvements to the Park had been provided. Cllr J Lines had contacted the Director of the Place Directorate and the matter was being looked into. It was hoped that this would be provided for the next meeting. Residents would continue to be kept informed.

Monmouth Road/Cromwell Lane – illegal traveller encampment since the summer had not yet been moved on. Two permanent traveller sites had been identified, which once approved by the Planning Committee would mean that officers would be able to move illegal encampments on without delay.

Residents expressed disappointed at what they felt was a lack of effort by officers to move the travellers on, and that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) should be considered for all public open spaces.

ii) West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS)

Officers had been unable to attend as they were out on call at the time of the meeting.

Residents were reminded to carry out regular checks on their smoke detectors at home to ensure they were in good working order and to contact WMFS if they had any concerns/in need of advice.

iii) West Midlands Police (WMP)

Officers had been unable to attend had submitted their apologies. Residents expressed disappointment at the lack of visible policing and support in the ward as well as the lack of attendance at the ward meetings to hear residents' concerns. Crime across the ward seemed to be out of control with drug dealing being done openly; car crimes/thefts a regular occurrence along with the increase in violent crime.

Hot spot areas included:-

- The garages in the service road at the rear of Jiggins Lane – improved lighting needed. Repairs were also needed to the current lighting columns however the ownership of the land was unclear. Marie Brown, District Engineer agreed to investigate and to let Cllrs now.
- Holloway Park – recent theft of a resident's car in broad daylight.
- Senneley's and Ley Hill Parks – ongoing problems with bikers; their behaviour and manner was aggressive and intimidating towards park users.

5. Athol Close/Monmouth Drive – Proposed Housing Redevelopment

Following introductions, Terry Webb, Senior Development Officer briefly advised of the housing redevelopment of 77 houses proposed for the site; 29 would be for affordable rent (including 16 bungalows) and 48 for sale on the open market. The bungalows would be built in 2 groups of 8 with communal gardens. The houses for sale would be built over a 2year period. The Planning Application was due to be presented at Planning Committee in December or January, and pending approval work was expected to commence in Sept/Oct 2019.

Cllrs and residents welcomed the update, the redevelopment of the site and sought further information on whether any of the homes would be allocated to former Services Personnel as suggested by the Housing Liaison Board (HLB). Mr Webb agreed to discuss the request with the City Council's Housing Allocation Team and advise Cllrs accordingly.

6. Petitions

None submitted.

7. Ward Highway Issues

Marie Brown, District Engineer advised of the following:-

- Holloway – proposals for traffic calming measures had been agreed. Residents would be consulted on the proposals.
- Scotland Lane – funding had been secured to complete the traffic calming scheme. Residents advised that the road signage along Scotland Lane was in need of cleaning. Chris Richards, Amey Highways Inspector agreed to investigate and action accordingly.
- Woodgate Lane – work was to be carried out to amend the chevrons; details had been sent to Amey.
- Clapgate & Jiggins Lane – both were very fast roads; fortunately the accident statistics in Clapgate Lane were low. At present, it would be difficult to secure funding for traffic calming measures. Cllr Bruce Lines advised that poor driving practises was often the cause of the accidents and the installation of signage would make little or no difference to some drivers; the funding would be better spent elsewhere where road safety was a real concern.

Chris Richards, Amey Highways Inspector advised that all roads in the ward were inspected every six months; however some roads where there was heavy usage were inspected more regularly. Following a request from Cllrs, Mr Richards agreed to inspect the road surface in Clapgate Lane by the Visitors Centre and Lye Close Lane and advise Cllrs accordingly.

<p>8. Residents News/Views/Updates</p> <p>None raised.</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>City Council Budget Consultation 2019+ – residents were given details of the consultation process for the council budget proposals which runs from 13th November to 31 December. A summary of the proposals and how to get involved were circulated at the meeting. Residents were actively encouraged to get involved.</p> <p>Carols On The Green – Sunday 9th December, 1pm – 4pm at Ley Hill. The event was free to attend and open to all residents. Further details could be obtained from Kerry Brewer at Holloway Hall.</p> <p>10. Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>To be agreed.</p>

ACTION	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Senneley's Park Improvements Update – further update on the planned improvements to be provided for a future meeting	Community Governance Team	Ongoing
2. Policing Concerns in the ward to be raised at the Police & Crime Panel meeting.	Cllr J Lines	Ongoing
3. Highway issues/road surfaces – Clapgate Lane, Lye Close Lane were in urgent need of attention.	Amey to investigate and advise Cllrs accordingly	Next/future meeting
4. Bus Services – concerns raised regarding the	Community Governance Team	Ongoing

changes to bus routes and services to be sent to TfWM	A response had been received from TfWM. Residents comments & concerns had been noted.	Ongoing
5. Illegal traveller encampment by Newman University	Place Manager to investigate	Ongoing
6. Wood Lane/Woodgate Lane – litter bins removed without notification	Place Manager to investigate	Ongoing