

## Matters Discussed at the Meeting

### **Councillor Alex Yip \_Ward Plan**

Councillor Yip initiated a detailed conversation on the Ward Plan and all potential priorities for the ward. In particular discussions centred around local planning issues and the ward plan could reflect local concern.

A questionnaire was also circulated to all participants in order to get local knowledge and issues developed into the ward plan.

### **Walmley Cricket Club**

Established 1886 the club moved to the existing ground for £750.00 in 1948

There are now extensive plans to redevelop the club and widen sporting uptake to include table tennis / football / badminton / netball. As an existing police officer the chair recognises the importance of actively encouraging young people to engage in positive activities

### **Local Policing:**

Sergeant Mackie introduced himself as the new police sergeant he confirmed that one of the key priorities is homelessness in particular aggressive begging. Although powers exist to move on aggressive beggars (and he is aware of some that utilise begging as an occupation and will be taking remedial action) that some the Sergeant is looking at what can be done to address the issue at a more direct level by utilising Homeless Agencies that can look at assisting the individuals long term. (in particular StreetLink that exists to help end rough sleeping by connecting people sleeping rough with the local services that can support them).

## **Neighbourhood Forum**

The Forum confirmed that they had been campaigning for Network Rail to restock the trees on their rail tracks. In conjunction with the Tree Council (a National Charity and a coalition body for a diverse range of organisations, focusing on getting more trees, of the right kind, in the right places). Network Rail have now agreed to look replenishing the trees in the local area along the track.

## **Penns Lane**

Councillor Yip advised that the planning application period for a care home had lapsed and as such he would be investigating the prospect of a compulsory purchase order via the City Council.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Guest presenter to Andrew Mitchell