

Joint Erdington and Perry Common Ward Meeting

WARD: Erdington and Perry Common Ward Meeting	DATE: 24 th July 2019
VENUE: St Barnabas Church ,Erdington High Street	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm 9.00pm
COUNCILLORS: Erdington Ward Cllrs Alden and Moore and Perry Common Ward Cllr Beauchamp	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 35
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Mole, Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

WARD PRIORITIES – To be agreed at a future meeting

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Introduction by Cllr Moore
2. Notice of recording read out by Cllr Moore
3. Cllr Moore and Cllr Beauchamp declared that they were members of the Planning committee

Short Heath Playing fields Consultation item lead by Cllr Alden –An over view of the proposals for the sites disposal and development was given by Andrew Hood and Jaswinder Didialey sighting the following reasons for the playing field potential disposal that :- the playing field hadn't been used for a long time ; the uneven surface was not good for Sport or sporting activity ;it is not used for educational purposes or by local schools ; the playfield incurred high maintenance costs and that this land could provide new homes of a high quality, consisting of a mix of 50% available for rent and 50% for sale in a time of a housing shortage . Jaswinder said that consultation period opened on the 11th July and would close on the 9th September. She advised that should Birmingham City Council's Cabinet agree for a change of usage the final decision did not rest with Birmingham City Council but with the Secretary of State for Education, stating that Birmingham City Council will have to apply to the Secretary of state and adhere to the Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.Under section 77. The Secretary of State will consider the overall balance of benefit of the disposal against expected gains.

Residents comments

- Local residents disagreed that the playfield was not being used and said that Children played on that field all the time .
- That the green space was of benefit to the local environment.
- Contradicts other council policy's on health and wellbeing and childhood obesity.

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- One resident said he had walked on the playfield for the last 40 years and was important for wellbeing.
- Another resident said how does it fit with the Commonwealth Games happening down the road and its legacy ? Surely the site should be invested in .
- Where are the local children going to play?
- Why is this consultation taking place during the School Holidays when the schools are closed? **Action Andrew Hood to send an additional email out to local schools asking for comments on the proposal.**

Cllr Alden stated that the Playfield wasn't on the current Housing Development plan therefore he believed it wasn't needed for housing.

4. **Local Policing-** Firstly Inspector Glynis Tomlinson introduced Erdington's new Police SRG Mark Robinson and then gave the following local update for both Ward -
 - **Perry Common** – All very positive currently and Inspector Tomlinson said there was nothing to report which was really good.
 - **Erdington-** Inspector Tomlinson said the Erdington Ward was a very different story in recent months there had been a murder and acknowledged that it had ASB problem , street drinking on or around the High St, drug dealing & usage and prostitution around the Church yard area adding that the High street was a draw for this activity attracting the homeless and beggars, Inspector Tomlinson added please don't give them any money food and drink yes we do need to support the homeless but cash will be spend on drink and drugs .Cllr Alden agreed with the comment made and added that he believed there is a link also to the number of H.M.O 's in the area and said that the High St needed the Public Space Protection Order to be reinstated .
5. **Ward plans for Erdington and Perry Common** – The plans for both Wards received a good reaction from the Police and residents , a couple of additions to the plans were proposed and accepted .The draft plans once amended will to be emailed out to the local community groups for comments before being finalised.
6. Residents issues – Topics discussion safer routes to schools ;The Old Collier site and Nock brickworks

ACTION –	WHO	BY WHEN
1. The draft Ward Plans to be amended by the Ward Cllrs and sent out to Community groups	Cllrs Moore ,Alden and Beauchamp.	

Councillors (s) Signed:

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