

WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: BROMFORD AND HODGE HILL	DATE: WEDS 23 January 2019
VENUE: The Common Room, Ambridge House, Folkestone Croft, Bromford Drive, Bromford, B36 8QY	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00PM – 7.45pm
COUNCILLORS: Cllrs Diane Donaldson and Majid Mahmood	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 10
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team Kevin Gibbon – Highway Steward, Amey Lucy O’Grady – Customer Services Manager, Amey	
APOLOGIES: Neighbourhood Team, West Midlands Police Pat McCartan – Chair, HLB - illness	
WARD PRIORITIES: Not yet Identified – Work in Progress	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Notice of Recording

Residents advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. Local Updates

- Amey/Highways

Kevin Gibbon, Amey Highway Steward advised that a number of pot hole repairs had been reported and were currently logged on the system for inspection and repairs as necessary – this included several in Bromford Road. Residents advised of the following:-
Coleshill Road/Tesco Superstore – pot hole by the bus shelter.

Damage to grass verges in Ventnor, Beaufort and Primrose Avenues. The road and pavement surfaces were also being damaged by heavy vehicles accessing the new housing development. Lucy O'Grady, Customer Services Manager advised that all road and pavement surface damage caused by developers would need to be repaired before they were adopted by Amey for future maintenance.

Grit Bins – more were needed across the ward. Residents were advised that the locations for grit bins had been agreed by the District Engineers in each ward. Requests for repositioning or additional bins would have to be made by them and the associated costs paid for by the City Council.

Chipperfield and Bromford Roads- changes to the bus routes and road closures due to road maintenance works; communication with residents and bus service users had been very poor and several bus drivers seemed unaware of the diverted routes they were supposed to take. Kevin Gibbon advised that discussions had taken place with National Express regarding the road closure for repairs and the re-routing of the buses. Whilst Amey had put notices out to advise of the road closure, it was the duty and responsibility of National Express to advise their customers of the changes. Discussions were ongoing with National Express regarding improvements to the poor communication/information sharing/updates regarding changes to the bus services as this seemed to be an issue citywide. Details of road closures could also be found on the City Council website.

Councillors Updates

- Shawsdale Road – funding had been secured to install new lighting to help address some of the issues regarding anti-social behaviour. Padlocks would also be fitted to the gates and keys given to residents nearest the site.
- Waste Collection Service Industrial Dispute – fortnightly collections had been temporarily introduced whilst talks were ongoing between the Council and the Trade Unions Unite and Unison. In the meantime, residents were encouraged to take their waste to the Household Recycling Centre if they were able to do so.
- Vacant land, Bromford Lane – a housing development had been proposed for the use of the land. Details of the proposed development would be made available in due course.
- Hodge Hill Common – CCTV cameras with APNR recognition had been installed. Fly-tipping, rough sleepers and general nuisance behaviour had significantly reduced.
- Former Clock Garage site, Coleshill Road – discussions were still ongoing regarding the reinstatement of 'The Clock' on the current BP Garage site. Residents would continue to be kept informed.

3. Petitions – None submitted.

4. Residents News/Updates/Local Concerns

No further issues raised.

5. Any Other Business – None raised.

6. Date of Next Meeting – Weds 27th March 2019, United Reform Church, 242 Coleshill Road, 6.30pm

The Chair thanked residents for their attendance and participation.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm