

HALL GREEN NORTH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Hall Green North	DATE: 12 November 2019
VENUE: Hall Green Community Church, Reddings Lane B28 8TE	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.30pm – 9.05pm
COUNCILLOR Lou Robson & Akhlaq Ahmed	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 25
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Les Williams, Principal Operations Manager Garry Dalton, Local Engineer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	VISITING SPEAKER: Councillor John O'Shea, Cabinet Member for Street Scene & Parks

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Waste Collection Service

Councillor O'Shea explained his responsibilities/portfolio which included waste, allotments, parks, trees & MUGA's. He reported that improvements were being made to the waste collection service including recruitment, purchase of new vehicles and more workable routes. Cllr O'Shea acknowledged the problems that had been encountered in the ward but the measures being put in place should lead to improvements.

A number of residents queried the need for leaf collection as it was causing flooding. The meeting was advised that there was no longer a specific budget for leaf clearance but ward crews were clearing as part of their duties and so they would be cleared when possible. In response to concerns regarding trees in Sarehole Road Councillor Robson undertook to take the details and report to Amey.

A specific problem at Rivendell Court, corner of Cubley Road was reported where the drains flooded the corner of the road during heavy rain. Les Williams undertook to arrange for street sweepers but to refer to the Amey Steward if the drains were blocked. In response to further questions it was confirmed that the council would remove bags of leaves collected by community litter picks and could provide bags. He undertook to take details at the conclusion of the meeting.

Councillor Robson advised that the ward waste barrow was available to all to borrow for community clean-ups and was stored at

Highfield Hall.

In response to an issue raised regarding information on the council's website regarding allotments Councillor O'Shea confirmed that allotment vacancies were available and undertook to request the information be updated.

A local resident praised the work of the crews on Green Road. Les advised that crews now carried the technology to deal with problems reported to them and encouraged residents to speak to them and seek help while they were on their rounds.

In response to questions regarding Christmas waste & recycling Cllr O'Shea said that crews would take side waste at that time and advised residents to leave it out until collected.

Residents raised the issue of the number of black bags dumped along Hall Green Parade that were reported but not removed. The businesses were responsible but no action was taken against them. Councillor O'Shea acknowledged the problems associated with the parade and undertook to send the enforcement team to check waste contracts of the businesses and added that a Love Your Street day of action would be undertaken in the area including Hall Green Parade. Councillor Robson said that she was working on this and repeatedly reporting. She added that the Sarehole Environmental Action Team had been clearing the corner of Sarehole/Stratford Roads as this had become a hot spot for fly tipping.

2. Traffic & Roads

Garry Dalton explained the 3 funding sources that could be used for traffic and road schemes locally. The local budget had not yet been allocated but the following schemes had been highlighted;

- Reddings Lane/Shaftmoor Lane junction improvements
- St Ambrose Barlow & Robin Hood Academy 20mph & parking restrictions. Other schools to be included next year including Hall Green Primary subject to sign up with Mode Shift Stars

Councillor Robson advised that the proposals for Robin Hood Academy were currently out for consultation. A meeting had been arranged for the councillors to meet with Mode Shift Stars and Robin Hood Academy to progress improvements and Hall Green Secondary School also wanted to get on board. Councillors to contact Al-Furqan School.

Residents made reference to suggestions made at the ward planning meeting for improvements to the Cattleswell Road/Tyndale Road junction in view of the number of accidents & the lack of give way markings on the Spring Lane arm. Cllr Robson said the junction had

been monitored and speeds found to be average.

In response to parking issues around Hall Green Primary it was noted that 3 car parks previously used by parents had been lost – the Bulls Head & Horse Shoe pubs now charged and Vaughan's car park had been sold for residential development which would add to the traffic therefore the school was becoming a priority. There was also no school crossing warden at the top of Petersfield Road. Garry undertook to refer to the Safer Routes to Schools Team to see if there could be any negotiations re parking on the car parks & with the developers.

Other suggestions were made to install red lines at the Stratford Road/Reddings Lane junction, grass side outside the church to prevent parking and alleviate a number of problems. Parking on Petersfield Road had a knock- on effect on Staplehurst Road and residents were plagued with inconsiderate parking, therefore any action taken in Petersfield Road needed also to apply to Staplehurst Road. Changing the 1 hour parking restrictions to red lines on Green Road to prevent the road becoming blocked at school times. Garry undertook to investigate and to also refer enforcement of HGV restrictions to parking enforcement team.

3. Street Cleaning, Drains, Potholes & Trees

Councillors would be having a walk about with the Amey Highway Steward and therefore any hot spot areas to be identified to the councillors

4. Residents Have Your Say

a) Planning Applications – Ashleigh House, 1143 Stratford Road – application for change of use to 10 bed HMO to be considered at Planning Committee 23 November. Number of objections already submitted but residents advised to write to the planning department if they wished to object. **KFC** – meeting advised that the councillors had objected, residents had objected and a petition was submitted but unfortunately there were insufficient planning grounds to refuse the application.

Councillor Robson suggested the formation of a Neighbourhood Forum as a group that could be notified of planning applications in the area.

b) Hall Green Business Group – meeting advised that the first meeting had taken place with the second arranged for 13 November 5.30pm at Highfield Hall.

c) People Together Event, Highfield Hall 18 November

d) Friends of Hall Green Library – reported difficulties in getting open the community room and that a petition had been submitted to the City Council on 5 November. The council were going to repair the damage and carpet tiles had been secured by the Group. Thanks were extended to Cllr Robson for her help.

e) Foxhill Road, condition of the pavement – to be raised during walkabout with Amey Steward.

Next Meeting – suggestions for agenda – Amey Highway Steward & Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Clean Air Zone.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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