

Present: Councillors Lyn Collin and Andrew Hardie Officer: Karl Randall - Senior Highways Engineer John Mole – Community Support and Development Officer Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

**Apologies**: Councillor Pocock There were 3 residents in attendance.

Notice of recording – Read by Councillor Collin

### **Councillors Updates and Local News**

- 1. Maney Care Home -Councillor Collin said there had been many issues with the Children's home, and OFSTED had recently rated the home "needs improving". The Ward Councillors are to see Cabinet member to discuss the issues.
- 2. Boldmere Centre -Councillor Collin told the residents that there was a plan to have a local provision for autism at the site however this was now looking less likely .There was also a proposals they believed coming from "Boldmere Futures" for which they had no details and it was a case of wait and see.

Parking issues around the Ward Schools

**Sutton Coldfield Town Councillor Cairns** updated the meeting on the current situation and re capped on the previous wards meeting. Sutton Town Council, Birmingham City Council and local School have been proactively working together on this problem .Councillor Cairns informed the group that she and Karl Randall had met with Head teachers from local Schools who had agreed to sign up to "modeshift stars"

"Modeshift STARS is the national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.



The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people." www.modeshiftstars.org

Councillor Cairns announced that the Town Council have purchased six boxes each 'information box' which costs £800 and contained lesson plans, banner etc. promoting alternative method of getting to School safely .Each box would also be replenished throughout the course of the year.

**Grass Verges** – Councillor Collin explained to the meeting that in recent months a number of residents around the Ward had contacted the Ward Councillors with problems concerning grass verges :-Could enforcement action be taken on both the parking and condition of the green verges to stop them being driven and parked on. Councillor Collin asked the District Engineer if anything could be done to solve this problem. Karl Randall addressed each point

- 1. Parking restrictions around grass the verges In order to lay double yellow lines, a Traffic Regulation Order would be required and that has a cost implication and currently no funding for this .
- 2. Enforcement action If Double yellow lines were down then this would be enforced by the Police.
- 3. Condition of the green verges from being driven and parked on Karl said that double kerbing is an option for both protecting the grass from becoming churned up and prohibiting parking ,however this was expensive approximately £100 per metre.

Karl said there was no easy answer but suggested the initiative undertaken by the parks manager by planting wild flowers on road side areas to stop people parking which seemed to working in the area's it had been trialed in .

## Local Innovation Fund Update

Local Innovations Fund criteria.

- 1. Based on the City's Core Priorities : Children ,Job &Skills, Housing and Health
- 2. The Local Innovations Fund Priorities: Citizens' Independence & Well-being, New approach to Investment, Active Citizenship, Clean streets and Improvement to local centres.



This fund is not Community Chest it therefore could not be used for the following:

- 1. One off equipment purchases e.g. Hanging basket ,CCTV
- 2. One off events
- 3. On-going cost
- 4. Contracted staff
- 5. Commissioning Reports
- 6. Monies to replace lost revenue budgets or core funding

John Mole gave an update to the Ward - John announced that there were three potential bids coming forward from local groups, two of which had a synergy and worked intergenerational. John introduced Becky Smith from Age Concern Birmingham who gave a presentation on their idea for a L.I.F bid. Which was to create a Café on an existing site, that would provide work placements for youths in the local area and the Café would proactively engage with the elderly and socially isolated .The café would bring the two different generations together in the hope they could learn skills from each other for example using the internet and learning to cooking or knit.

The idea was well received by the Ward ,

Councillors Collin and Hardie said they would consult with their fellow Councillor you was unable to be at this meeting and John in the next couple of weeks in order to agree on a LIF bid.

## **Residents Issues**

1. Parking in Goldeslie Road – residents complained that illegal parking by parents waiting for their Children was continuing and enforcement wasn't happening because as soon as parents saw the enforcement officers they drove off. Councillor Collin to contact the Police and to request the Camera Car.



- 2. Abandoned Vehicle Beeches Walk Residents said that the Car had been reported several times but the car remained .Councillor Collin took the details and would contact the local Police .
- 3. Residents requested that Posters advertising the Ward meeting be emailed to residents and requested that the Governance manager email posters in future to enable them to publicise future meeting.

### **Future Meeting topics**

- 1. L.I.F
- 2. Parking Issues
- 3. Priority for Ward minor traffic measures
- 4. Modestars

### Future Meeting Date

24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 ,7.00pm Carpenters Arms

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm



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2	Residents	Abandoned Vehicle Beeches Walk	Councillor Collin took the details to pass on to the Police	Councillor Collin
3	Residents	Residents requested that Posters advertising the Ward meeting be emailed to residents so that they could print them and publicise future.	Poster to be emailed to residents that wanted them	Lesley Bannister



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