

WARD FORUM MEETING NOTES	
WARD: Yardley West & Stechford	DATE: 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
VENUE: Stechford Baptist Church, 74 Victoria Road, B33 8AH	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 7.45pm
COUNCILLOR: Baber Baz	ATTENDEES: 5
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team	
WARD PRIORITIES:	
Not Yet Identified	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
<p><b>1. Notice of Recording</b> – all advised that recording and photographs could be taken at the meeting except where there were confidential or exempt items (of which there were none).</p> <p><b>2. Councillor's News and Updates</b> Cllr Baz advised of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ongoing problems with the refuse collection despite the industrial dispute had been resolved a few weeks ago. Bins and black bags remained uncollected across the ward, which was very disappointing and frustrating. There had been no explanation of why collections had not been made, and despite several complaints to senior officials, the situation remained unchanged. It was essential that residents continued to report missed collections to Cllr Baz or the Contact Centre.</li> <li>- Fly-tipping also remained a concern. Hot spot areas included Kestrel Avenue, Flavells Lane, Redfern Grove and Yardley Fields Road.</li> </ul> <p>Stuarts Road had also previously been a hot spot area, but following proactive and visible enforcement action, there had been no further incidents to date, which had confirmed suspicions that local residents had been responsible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yardley Fields Road – damaged trip rails to be replaced within the next 28 days.</li> </ul>

- White Markings had been repainted in several roads including Albert, Victoria, Frederick and Mill House Roads. The pot holes in Mill House Road had also been repaired.
- Petty/low level crime had also increased across the ward. No significant pattern had been identified. Discussions were ongoing with the local Sgt regarding monthly policing meetings or joint ward meetings; residents would continue to be kept informed.
- Yardley Field Road – petition submitted to City Council on behalf of residents regarding the lack of grass cutting and general maintenance.
- Seacroft Avenue – road surfacing work to be carried out by Amey in January 2019
- Frederick/Victoria Roads roundabout; Flavells Lane/Clements Road junction; Albert/Victoria Rds junction – white markings to be repainted.
- Obstructive parking and speeding remained a problem across the ward; hot spot areas included Stoney Lane, Albert Road by the parade of shops; Stuarts and Clements Roads. Residents were reminded to let Cllr Baz know of any concerns and where possible details of the car make and vehicle registration number if it was safe to do so.
- Stechford Train Station – improvement works had started, and would include the installation of disabled access and a footbridge. Work was expected to be completed by the end of November 2019.
- Iron Lane Junction Improvements – work had commenced in March and was expected to be completed in 18 months. Key improvements included the widening of Station Road/Stechford Lane (between Burney Lane and Flaxley Road) to a dual carriageway; a new road bridge over the River Cole; changes to the Burney Lane/Stechford Lane/Station Road roundabout; two new roundabout junctions at Station Road/Flaxley Road/Iron Lane and 5 new toucan crossings.
- Former Cascades Leisure Centre site – residents views were being sought for the use of the site. Suggestions included a community facility and additional car parking facilities. Residents reminded to let Cllr Baz have their ideas/suggestions.

**3. Residents News/Views/Updates**

Residents advised of the following:-

Richmond Road – increased amounts of rubbish around the GP Surgery - **Action : Cllr Baz agreed to investigate**

Badminton Tournament and Community Event – to take place during 23-24<sup>th</sup> April at Stechford Baptist Church. All welcome.

Stechford Litter Pick – 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm – 4pm, organised by Stechford In Bloom. Volunteers to meet at Stechford Baptist Church and refreshments would be provided afterwards.

**Action: Cllr Baz to contact Waste Collection Services to arrange for filled bags to be collected.**

**4. Ward Priorities/Ward Action Plan**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**5. Petitions**

None submitted.

**6. Any Other Business**

Public Heath Green Paper Consultation – residents were given details of the consultation launched by Birmingham Public Health. Copies of the Consultation Executive Summary and the four key priorities were circulated to residents, along with details of the consultation closing date.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm