

HALL GREEN NORTH WARD FORUM NOTES

WARD: Hall Green North	DATE: 14 November 2018
VENUE: Hall Green Community Church, Reddings Lane B28 8TE	START/FINISH TIMES: 1.30pm – 2.45pm
COUNCILLOR: Akhlaq Ahmed	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 16
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Lamont, Community Safety Officer PCSO Giovanni Esposito, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	APOLOGY: Councillor Lou Robson

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Police Update2. Fire Service Update3. Safety – at home & in the community – Discussion4. Residents Have Your Say

ACTION	WHO
<p>1. <u>Police Update</u></p> <p>Current priorities – vehicle related crime, burglaries, ASB & parking at the Cubley Road junction.</p> <p>Advice on lock snapping and security provided and residents encouraged to sign up for WMNow. Police were patrolling the Parade and working with businesses re ASB and would also continue to monitor Poundstretcher car park.</p> <p>Residents raised the following issues –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silver canisters littering various places around the area - Fireworks being let off from Poundstretcher car park - Theft of number plates (Reddings Lane) - Use of the bus lane for parking - York Road pedestrian crossing was dangerous to cross, action needed to ensure cars stopped & prevent cars parking on the crossing - Rubbish bins required for The Parade - 20mph limit needed towards the College or a flashing speed limit sign to improve safety at the Cubley Road/Green Road junction - Reddings Lane/Shaftmoor Lane junction saw a number of accidents – could WMFS & WMP make a joint approach to the council for traffic calming measures? <p>2. <u>West Midlands Fire Service</u></p> <p>Meeting provided with information about Safe & Well checks provided to households, in particular vulnerable people. Leaflets to be provided to church with number to contact to arrange visits.</p>	<p>Police to monitor</p> <p>Residents to report via 101 number</p> <p>Police to patrol</p> <p>CLLrs to discuss with Local Engineer</p> <p>CLLrs to request additional bins for The Parade</p> <p>CLLrs to pursue</p> <p>Road had previously been narrowed & speed hump and red tarmac. Parking on corners obstructed visibility. Multi-agency approach required.</p> <p>Names being gathered from the congregation for visits. Good feedback so far.</p>

3. Safety – at home & in the community

Angela Lamont introduced herself and explained her role.

Residents reported that anti-social behaviour and drug taking was becoming an increasing problem on The Parade and was leading to a level of unease. Shop keepers were also concerned regarding issues with homeless people and the effect on shoppers. The rear of the shops attracted litter and drug taking.

Re-Imagine Hall Green Parade – Stuart Daniels explained the project and made the following comments;

- The planning application for the KFC had been approved
- He was trying to work with South Birmingham & City College
- Residents would like to see more food shops, independent/shops/ coffee shops/cafes to improve The Parade
- Issues with speeding, parking & litter had been raised and shop keepers had problems with loading/unloading and this needed re-visioning
- A Post Office and bank was missing from The Parade
- The hardware shop was being re-fitted therefore there was some regeneration.
- Work with the police to enhance/renew the notice boards

Residents commented on the number of fast food outlets and that a count had indicated that they accounted for 27% of the shops rather than the 10% that was supposed to be approved. It was believed that the carpet shop was to be turned into a food outlet and it was queried if anything could be done.

Residents to look at setting up a group to work with Stuart and link with other groups, churches, mosques etc to regenerate the parade. Petition to be started.

<p>4. <u>Residents have your say</u></p> <p>a) <u>Rubbish</u> - piles of black bags were piling up on The Parade and this was a long standing problem. The council was failing on core values. Councillor Ahmed referred to a waste enforcement exercise undertaken with the Cabinet Member and that he had been assured the situation would right itself in the next few weeks following a change in working practices. A business was in the process of being prosecuted. More bins were needed and increased street cleaning.</p> <p>b) <u>Recycling Collections</u> - there had been no recycling collection on Boylesdon Road for 6 weeks. Similar problems existed on Bushmore Road & Lakey Lane. There had been missed collections on Robin Hood Lane. The issues had been reported to the depot and via the contact centre. Missed collections were very difficult to report on line.</p> <p>c) <u>Tyndale Road</u> – ownership of land behind houses questioned as it had been overgrown for some time but recently a route had been cut through via the alleyway to Matlock Road and there was concern for the security of the houses.</p> <p>d) <u>Hall Green Library</u> – event to launch the opening of the children’s library had been very successful</p>	<p>Cabinet Member to be invited to a future meeting</p> <p>Contact property services to find out ownership of land.</p>
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