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| BOURNBROOK & SELLY PARK WARD MEETING NOTES |
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| WARD: Bournbrook & Selly Park | DATE: 30 October 2019 |
| VENUE: Christ Church Selly Park, Pershore Road B29 7PS | START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.45pm |
| COUNCILLORS Karen McCarthy & Brigid Jones | NOs OF ATTENDEES: 11 |
| OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO'S O'Dell & Savage Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager | |

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| MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING: |
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| <p>1. <u>Police Update</u></p> |
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| <p>The following update was provided;</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year on year crime figures had seen a rise in burglaries, mostly student properties or unsecured garden sheds- Criminal damage & robberies had seen a reduction and arrests in connection with these crimes had been made- In response to concerns raised regarding issues surrounding BT phone boxes arrangements had been made for the doors to be removed and in-coming calls stopped- In response to concerns regarding parking on the pavement on the High Street patrols were happening and tickets would be issued although it was noted that the area in front of the shops behind the pavement was private land.- Junior PCSO scheme introduced in the area and they would be involved in a speed watch and speaking to drivers.- Residents urged to send photos of badly parked vehicles to the team email address as information from the community helped determine patrols etc- Street Watch was promoted and anyone wishing to join could obtain information from the team. It was also hoped to set up a Selly Oak Speed Watch. |
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2. Review of Ward Plan

Priorities

Councillor McCarthy referred to the previous meeting in March when the following priorities had been agreed

- Housing & HMO's
- Waste & Recycling
- Community Safety
- Parking
- Flooding * keep until new channel at Pebble Mill tested

There was some discussion on the wider issues contained within the priorities. It was noted that the Article 4 Directive was to be rolled out across the city so Bournbrook would be included. The draft policy on student housing was due to be considered by the Planning Committee at the end of November. A local resident who had been a former landlord queried whether the housing priority would also include information for landlords and suggested that if more was made available there would be fewer retrospective planning applications

Councillor Jones undertook to find the responsible officer for the disposal of the library.

With regard waste & recycling, student housing was still an issue. A project group would be meeting to look at matters such as education and to review the summer move, together with the Students Guild that had helped with recycling and the Amey Steward who was working on builders waste. New litter picking groups were establishing across the ward including Muntz Park.

A team of PSCO's would be based at the university campus in the new term to tackle community safety.

In response to a question regarding the car parking, Councillor McCarthy said the consultation had not been decisive and a response from officers was still awaited. The local highway budget was highlighted to cover anything not included in the residents parking schemes.

Projects

Councillor McCarthy outlined the following;

- Civic Quarter Heritage Project

Cllr McCarthy to pursue application for HMO relating to the Institute building as a potential community use had been found and being a building of note it was considered that the application should be considered by the Planning Committee.

- History Group Heritage Action Zone

It was noted that the History Group had found a number of listed & significant buildings in the centre of Selly Oak and that groups were expressing interest. As this involved neighbouring wards, Councillor McCarthy undertook to look for a way forward in conjunction with the other wards.

Resources

Highway budget – costings to be obtained on HGV measures and double yellow line markings on corners

S106 – tied up with parking schemes on the Bristol Road therefore all allocated

CIL – from student accommodation, proposal to use it to lever other funding

3. Planning Issues

Councillor McCarthy withdrew from the meeting as Chair of the Planning Committee and took no part in the following discussion

The weekly lists of Planning Applications received between 22/09/2019 and 19/10/2019 were considered;

Objections were made to the following applications:-

2019/07949/PA – 60 Dawlish Road, B29 7AE

2019/07878/PA – 159 Tiverton Road, B29 6BS

2019/08443/PA – 142 Heeley Road, B29 6EZ

2019/08508/PA – 18 Dawlish Road, B29 7AE

The Ward meeting believed that these planning applications were for landlord owned properties.

The Ward meeting and residents have objected to the applications because of the over intensive development of the property

which was inappropriate for the area and as a result of the likelihood of the increase in Homes in Multiple Occupation the population within the area would increase and put an unacceptable strain on resources currently available to the ward and local community, as well as impact on community cohesion in view of the imbalance of family homes and safety due to the transient nature of many of the occupants of these types of dwellings. In addition, these types of properties had contributed to the increase of flooding/ponding as a result of the strain on the drainage system and water pressure.

Concerns were expressed regarding the steady increase in the number of these types of applications in the area, the intensity of these developments; and the impact on noise nuisance levels, traffic, parking and community facilities if the properties concerned were not being used as residential homes for families.

Application No. 2019/08087/PA – 75 Selly Hill Road, B29 7DL

The meeting expressed strong opposition to this application on the grounds that it was an over intensive use of the property and a further increase in HMO accommodation which put an unacceptable strain on resources currently available to the ward and local community, as well as the impact on community cohesion in view of the imbalance of family homes and safety due to the transient nature of many of the occupants of these types of dwellings. In addition, this type of property had contributed to the increase of flooding/ponding as a result of the strain on the drainage system and water pressure.

Application No. 2019/07960/PA – rear of 277 Tiverton Road, B29 6DB

The meeting expressed strong opposition to this application on the grounds that this was a further application for student accommodation in an area that was already saturated with student accommodation. More student accommodation put a strain on resources currently available in the ward and impacts community cohesion in view of the imbalance this causes with family homes. This application adds to the impact on noise nuisance levels, traffic, parking and community facilities.

There was also concern for the inadequate amenity for the potential occupant,

Application No 2019/08162/PA – 265 Dawlish Road B29 7AS

The meeting expressed strong opposition to this application on the grounds that HMO accommodation put an unacceptable strain on resources currently available to the ward and local community, as well as impact on community cohesion in view of the imbalance of family homes and safety due to the transient nature of many of the occupants of these types of dwellings. In addition, this type of property had contributed to the increase of flooding/ponding as a result of the strain on the drainage system and water pressure.

Application No 2019/08412/PA –23 Croydon Road B29 7BP & Application No 2019/08347/PA – 84 Hubert Road B29 6EG

The meeting strongly opposed the applications as this was a further increase in HMO bedroom numbers in an area that was already saturated with HMO properties. The applications would lead to an increase in the population within the area and put an unacceptable strain on resources currently available to the ward and local community, as well as impact on community cohesion in view of the imbalance of family homes and safety due to the transient nature of many of the occupants of these types of dwellings. In addition, these types of properties had contributed to the increase of flooding/ponding as a result of the strain on the drainage system and water pressure.

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Application No. 2019/08223/PA – 81 Heeley Road B29 6EX

The meeting opposed the application as it believed that this was for a landlord owned property and conversion to a HMO. The over intensive development of the property was inappropriate for the area and would increase the population within the area putting an unacceptable strain on resources currently available to the ward and local community, as well as impact on community cohesion in view of the imbalance of family homes and safety due to the transient nature of many of the occupants of these types of dwellings. In addition, these types of properties had contributed to the increase of

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Application No 2019/08224/PA – 94 Exeter Road B29 6EZ

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The change of use also caused the loss of a local amenity.

Sainsbury Old Site – Student Accommodation – Cllr Jones to object on behalf of the ward meeting

Action:-

The schedule of planning applications for the aforementioned period be noted and the objections raised above be referred to relevant planning officers for consideration when the particular planning application is determined.

4. Other Urgent Issues

- a) History Group flagged up junction where 3 shires met and undertook to send Cllr Jones the plan to take up with neighbouring councillors**
- b) Roadworks Warwards Lane – Cllr McCarthy to take up**

Councillors (s) Signed:

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