

Birmingham City Council

Vesey Ward Meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2015

7.00pm

The Carpenters Arms Meeting Hall

Boldmere Road

Meeting Notes

Present: Councillors Lyn Collin, Andrew Hardie and Rob Pocock

Officers: Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Team
Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team
Karl Randall – Senior Service Manager, Engineers

There were 10 residents present.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Lyn Collin.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised residents of the changes to future ward meeting arrangements.

Announcements

Meetings would be more informal and resident led – focussing on the issues and matters of importance and concern.

A fundraising concert would be taking place on Sunday 6 December 2016, 8pm, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Councillor Pocock agreed to provide further details at the end of the meeting.

Shopmobility had been granted an extension until March 2016; urgent funding was needed for the organisation and its services to continue beyond this date.

A special welcome was given to Several Year 6 Pupils from local schools who were attending the meeting as part of their Junior Rotary Award.

2. Notice of Recording

Noted by all.

The Chairman reminded residents that permission must be obtained by members of the public prior to recording or taking their comments/photographs.

3. Apologies

None.

4. Sutton Coldfield Parish Council – Information Update

Residents were advised of the membership of the Parish Council Steering Group, which had been set up by the City Council to oversee the arrangements for setting up the Parish Council with effect from May 2016.

A copy of the report submitted to the Council Business Management Committee (CBM) advising of the progress made was circulated at the meeting, and residents' views sought on the Draft Reorganisation Order for the Parish Council. The report and the associated appendices were also available on the City Council website.

Residents made the following comments:-

- What powers and services would be devolved to the Parish Council
- What were the staffing arrangements and how would this be paid for
- How would the Town Clerk and other staff be appointed
- Where were the mayoral chains of office/robes and mace for the former borough of Sutton Coldfield being kept and would these be handed over to the Parish Council
- What were the payment arrangements with the City Council
- How would the Parish Council work alongside the City Council

Action: All to Note and that the comments be submitted to the Neighbourhood Delivery Unit.

5. Residents Issues/Matters of Concern

The following matters were raised:-

- The junction of Monmouth Drive/Banners Gate Road/Chester Road – ongoing problems with the build-up of traffic/traffic light filter system turning right into Chester Road from Banners Gate Road.
- The service road on Banners Gate Road was being used as a cut-through which added to the problems. Speeding on the service road was also a cause for concern. Consideration should be given to traffic calming measures including Traffic Regulation Orders and closing the access gaps. Inclusion into the City Council's Highways Capital Programme should also be considered.
- Boldmere Road – sections of the footpath had been damaged by contractors
- Sunny Bank Road – resurfacing work was still outstanding despite a petition being submitted and an undertaking for its inclusion into the ward highway programme for 2015/16. Double yellow lines were also requested as obstructive parking had increased.
- Digby Road/Driffold Road was in need some remedial works by the railway bridge.

Action: Karl Randall, Senior Service Manager, Engineers agreed to look into the issues raised and advise accordingly.

- Wyndley Leisure Centre – change of swimming programme timetable meant that young people under 18 could not use the pool at specific times.

Action: Councillor Pocock agreed to raise the matter with Steve Hollingworth, (Director, Sports and Leisure Services) and advise accordingly.

- Jockey Road/Goldieslie Road – traffic problems were still ongoing and drivers completely disregarding the measures and appropriate signage in place. A more robust approach to enforcement action was needed, included the use of the City's mobile Camera car.
- Obstructive parking was also an issue at Banners Gate School; staff had been verbally abused and assaulted on occasions by parents dropping their child at the school.

Action: Karl Randall to look into the matter and provide an information update at the next meeting.

- Boldmere Library – users had been asked to leave the building so that it could close for the staff lunch-break.

Action: residents to provide the details to the Chairman following the meeting for further investigation.

- King George V Playing Field – a 'Friends of' group was been successfully set up.

6. Items for Discussion at Future Meetings

- Parish Council Information Update
- Boundary Commission Update
- Boldmere Futures Partnership/Neighbourhood Planning
- Local Highways Update
- Eco Sutton – Air Pollution/impact on the health of local people

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15 March, 7pm, tbc.

8. Authority to Chairman and Officers

Agreed.

The meeting closed at 2006hrs.