

## SHELDON WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Sheldon	DATE: 10 December 2019
VENUE: St Giles Church, 149 Church Road B26 3TT	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.45pm
COUNCILLORS Paul Tilsley & Mike Ward	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 14
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

#### 1. COUNCILLORS NEWS & UPDATES

##### Highway Issues

Councillor Tilsley referred to new shops that had recently opened at Sheldon Shopping Centre that had created some traffic problems at the Wheatsheaf junction. The volume of traffic was causing traffic jams and the timing of the traffic lights was being looked into as a consequence. Bollards had also been installed at the junction of Coalway Avenue/Coventry Road to prevent parking problems.

In response to a query regarding the double yellow line markings around by the wood yard, **Cllr Tilsley undertook to chase up with the Local Engineer to get timescales for the installation.**

There were also concerns raised regarding traffic leaving Morrisons and driving straight across the road into Coalway Avenue. Councillor Tilsley advised that it had been hoped to carry out some enforcement at that junction but the road signs and road markings were inadequate and therefore the councillors would be meeting with Lewis Cashmore to discuss some improvements.

##### Police Sergeant

Councillor Ward reported that the new sergeant for the area had taken up post yesterday - Sergeant Mohammed Najib – and he would

invite him to attend the next meeting. A new Inspector had also been appointed – Inspector Simon Graham & was due to take up the position soon.

## **2. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Consideration was given to the summary of ongoing residents' issues and concerns raised at previous meetings and the action(s) required.

(See Outstanding Actions List attached)

## **3. RESIDENTS NEWS & UPDATES**

### **STAG End of Year Statement**

The statement was read to the meeting and copies circulated. The main points highlighted were the reduction in the speed of traffic where STAG had located data recorders and signs and the charges imposed by the council for the installation of the signs which had been the subject of formal complaints to the Chief Executive and now the Local Ombudsman. The Chief Executive had been asked to review the charges and a response was awaited. On behalf of the meeting and the local community, members of STAG were thanked for their efforts and it was agreed that the end of year report be published in B26 News.

### **Sheldon Town Centre Manager Update**

John Coyle, Town Centre Manager reported that in the New Year he would be attempting to organise a group of businesses, core community representatives and councillors to move forward on the idea of a Stakeholder Partnership Group to look at ways of making the Parade more attractive and continue the care of the planters etc.

**New Shops Next to Underpass, Coventry Road** – in response to concerns raised regarding lorries, building materials, skips and rubbish causing problems in the area, Councillor Ward said he had contacted the Planning department to ascertain the status of the premises and **Councillor Tilsley undertook to pursue the matter further.**

**Boyne Road, HMO** – resident reported that a property in the road had opened as a home for people needing support but there were a number of visitors to the property who were creating anti-social behaviour , drug-dealing and distress to the neighbours. Councillor Tilsley asked that the details be emailed to him and he would investigate further.

**Bantry Close Flooding** – issue had been raised last April but no action had been taken and the flooding was still occurring. Blocked drains caused by leaf fall were also causing flooding around the island at Horrell Rd/Brays Rd. Residents referred to several roads where leaves required clearing and queried the council's position on leaf fall. Cllr Ward said he had reported flooding in Bantry Close and would continue to report the other areas of flooding. He advised that the council had no specific budget for leaf clearance but the councillors continued to report where roads were particularly bad and the street cleaning team had cleared a road last week. Residents were asked to continue to advise where there were particular issues.

**Ward Meeting Arrangements**

Residents expressed disappointment that there were no council officers or police in attendance at the meeting. Cllr Tilsley said that he had expressed this frustration on behalf of residents as officers were needed to help resolve issues highlighted by residents.

4. **Petitions** – none submitted

5. **Date of Next Ward Forum Meeting**

10 March, 7pm at St Giles Church