HALL GREEN SOUTH WARD MEETING

NOTES

WARD: Hall Green South	DATE: 28 May 2019	
VENUE: Highfield Hall, Highfield Road B28 0HS	START/FINISH TIMES: 7- 8.20pm	
COUNCILLOR Timothy Huxtable	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 3	
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:		
Garry Dalton, District Engineer		
Les Williams, Principal Operations Manager		
Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager		

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

- 1. <u>Police Update</u> police unable to attend
- 2. Update from Waste Management

Les Williams undertook to attend the next meeting to provide a more detailed presentation but updated the meeting on the current performance statistics and circulated details. He admitted that there were still problems with collections and Redfern Road depot had specific issues with driver shortages and sickness levels. Hall Green South was below the city average for waste collection and recycling, although residual collections were improving.

Councillor Huxtable reported that recycling was a constant issue. Watwood Road had been missed 4 times out of 5 collections and this applied to the entire road. Grosvenor Square was missed constantly despite the wagon passing the end of the road. There were no access issues or parked cars and residents had repeatedly reported the missed collections but did not appear in the statistics. Cole Valley Road did have issues with parked cars and Councillor Huxtable queried whether the recycling collection times had been altered. Les to take up those issues and report back to Councillor Huxtable.

Residents said that they had stopped reporting fly tipping etc as they did not receive a response to messages left. Complaints made

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regarding lack of road sweeping but that when the road had recently been swept the rubbish had been piled up on the grass verge (Robin Hood Lane). Les undertook to visit at the conclusion of the meeting. Les said that the street cleaning service was being reviewed to include weekends.

Councillor Huxtable referred to fly tipping problems in the ward and identified the following as hot spots – litter bin by Highfield Chippy where black bags were continually dumped, cable boxes Highfield Road, Highfield Road Pharmacy (no.307) & the ford at Baldwins Lane/ Slade Lane (where it would be useful to have a cctv camera). Les reported a scheme for flats above shops that would be given stripy bin bags so refuse collectors could differentiate and ensure rubbish was collected. **He undertook to arrange an exercise at those shops and to bring an officer from the Waste Prevention Team to the next meeting to explain some of the work they undertook.**

3. Local Highways Issues

Garry Dalton referred to the Cole Valley Road scheme that had been discussed at the last meeting and advised that a consultation had been carried out with largely favourable responses. There had been some concern regarding the 'knock on effect' so it was proposed to move the scheme further along the road but further consultation on the amendment would be undertaken. Councillor Huxtable said there had been a request for similar between Ambrose Barlow JI School and Scribers Lane. Garry said that he was aware of the request and it was in the programme for consideration. Chilcote Primary School was an option for inclusion in the traffic exclusion zone option. Double kerbing in Kedlestone Road was also in the programme if there was funding remaining.

In response to issues regarding log grass on central reservations, Garry undertook to obtain an update from the parks manger and forward to Cllr Huxtable.

Residents raised the matter of parking on footpaths especially on Robin Hood Lane between Etwall & Highfield Roads. This was damaging pavements and tree pits & tree roots and was dangerous in view of the number of children and shoppers on the pavements. Cllr Huxtable referred to the traffic island outside the Baldwin pub that a local businessman was willing to plant and maintain but was being prevented from dong do for H&S reasons. Garry undertook to chase the issue with the parks manager and report back to Cllr Huxtable.

Garry advised he was already in contact with Amey regarding the uprooted bollards along Robin Hood Lane.

In response to concerns raised regarding flooding on the zebra crossing in Robin Hood Lane and around the tree pit by the nursery which had been ongoing for over 3 years, Garry said that he had reported this to Amey and an update from the Highway Steward had been due

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to be made to the meeting but unfortunately he had sent his apologies. Councillor Huxtable advised he had spoken to the Assistant Director about this matter. The drains needed better cleaning but also the water was not reaching the gulley to be taken away and therefore some solution needed to be found. **Clir Huxtable undertook to get an update from Kevin Hicks for the next meeting.** In response to concerns regarding the overgrown hedge along Webb Lane to Paradise Lane Clir Huxtable said this was an ancient hedgerow but not on a regular maintenance schedule. **Garry undertook to take up with the parks manager.**

4. Local Shopping Centres

Councillor Huxtable said that a business owner on Robin Hood Island was keen to set up a business group and that he would like to look into ways of revitalising the 3 shopping centres along the Stratford Road. He had also been in discussion with the West Midlands Mayor regarding a traffic scheme for the island which could benefit businesses. Stuart Daniels referred to the LIF project, Re-Imagining Hall Green Parade and expressed an interest in being involved in discussions. **Clir Huxtable said he would invite Doug Lee & Wayne Pell, city officers dealing with local centres and BID's to the next meeting to enable further discussion and that this would also feed into the ward plan.**

5. Ward Plan

During the course of discussion on priorities for the ward plan it was agreed that;

Waste management/cctv, highways issues & local shopping centres were the priorities to concentrate on in the ward plan, also the redesign of the waste management/street cleansing services so that residents were aware and could monitor. Suggestion forms were circulated to be returned to Cllr Huxtable for inclusion in the plan.

6. Residents Have Your Say

- a) Broken paving slabs 169 -180 Robin Hood Lane caused by builders parking vans Garry Dalton to take up with Amey.
- b) Ward boundaries in response to a query Cllr Huxtable referred to the fact that the boundaries between Hall Green North & South split main roads, Robin Hood Island etc and that schools catered for children from both wards therefore this would be taken into account when drawing up the ward plan as it was recognised that residents lives did not stop at ward boundaries.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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