

**OSCOTT WARD MEETING
NOTES**

WARD: Oscott	DATE: 14 March 2019
VENUE: 610 Youth & Community Centre, Kingstanding Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.40pm
COUNCILLORS: Barbara Dring & Keith Linnecor	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 6
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pc Louisa Rhoden, West Midlands Police Ken Brown, Community Development & Support Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apologies were submitted on behalf of a number of residents

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Police Update

PC Rhoden reported the following crime statistics over the preceding month;

- 157 reported crimes including 12 burglaries, 8 thefts, 12 theft from motor vehicle, 1 robbery, 1 assault and 1 malicious wounding.
- There had been an increase in the theft of white vans so there would be additional patrols & stop checks
- The theft from motor vehicles had been mostly number plates and tools and residents reminded to report any such crimes.
- The robbery had not been a street crime
- Prolific offender who had been targeting vulnerable people had admitted offences and was due in court
- In response to queries regarding telephone scams, meeting informed of the work of Action Fraud and advised to report any incidents to the police so that information could be passed on.
- Spate of thefts from schools was being dealt with.

Councillor Linnecor reported that the West Midlands was due to recruit 200 more police officers to be targeted at high crime areas.

2. Ward Plan

Ken Brown explained the ward planning process and the councillors undertook to contact local groups to ensure that as many people as possible were involved with the plan.

Residents queried the validity of the plan if there were no resources associated with it.

There was then some discussion on priorities for the Oscott ward as follows;

- Roads & potholes were an issue across the ward and to improve the condition of roads an independent person eg BCC engineer should monitor the work undertaken by Amey
- Inconsiderate Parking – across the ward but locations around schools was a priority. Action: police patrols, more BCC Enforcement Officers, involve schools, educate parents, introduce school buses to reduce traffic around schools. Stop cars parking on grass verges.
- Litter/clean streets – business rubbish was a particular issue – check for trade waste contracts and introduce clauses into planning approvals that businesses must clean up the area around their premises.
- Parks & open spaces – maintain & protect Gleanmead, Cooksey Lane POS & Queslette & Perry Barr Nature Reserves. Priority was Glenmead – solution – apply for Village Green status & engage a partner to help maintain, arrange events etc
- Community Safety
- Young People/older people – more youth clubs & activities for older people
- More social housing needed in the ward
- Local jobs & skills – support Witton Lodge Association

It was agreed that the order of priorities should be;

1. Protection of Glenmead POS
2. Parking
3. Litter

4. Roads & streets
5. Policing & community safety
6. Young & older people
7. Housing
8. Jobs & skills

It was agreed to review the ward plan at a future meeting.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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