

## BOURNBROOK & SELLY PARK WARD MEETING NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Bournbrook & Selly Park	<b>DATE:</b> 30 January 2023
<b>VENUE:</b> Christ Church Selly Park, Pershore Road B29 7PS	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 6.30pm – 8pm
<b>COUNCILLORS</b> Karen McCarthy & Brigid Jones	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 14
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

#### 1. Welcome & Notice of Recording

Councillor McCarthy welcomed all to the meeting and advised that press/members of the public could record and take photographs except where there were exempt or confidential items

#### 2. Police Update

Apology submitted on behalf of Sergeant Sankey, but an update had been forwarded and Councillor McCarthy outlined the main points as follows –

- Burglary rates were considerably reduced due to the hard work of the team managing offenders, checking second hand shops and offering crime prevention advice. Detection rates were also well above national rates
- There was an increase in the amount of recorded youth violence (under 25 year olds) that related to issues within schools, during the night time economy, and outside exempt accommodation/HMO's on Pershore Road. The increase could also be attributable to better crime recording and more people contacting the police
- The team continued to be out in the community as much as possible and relied on the help of the community and information passed to them
- Vehicle crime was increasing and vehicle owners were urged to fitting extra security devices such as disclocks/faraday pouches or tins for car keys.

### **3. Ward Plan Update**

Councillor Jones highlighted the priorities from the previous ward plan (2018-2022) and advised the top 3 priorities at that time had been

- Housing/HMO/Exempt Accommodation
- Environment
- Parking

When the Ward Plan had been reviewed, Flooding had been added to the priorities and parking had been expanded to include wider transport issues and problems.

After some discussion it was agreed that the priorities from the previous ward plan be carried forward to the 2022-2026 ward plan but to expand the parking priority to include wider transport issues.

### **4. Transportation Workshop**

Consideration given by the meeting to the types of highway/transportation/road safety improvements or suggestions they would like to see in the various neighbourhoods across the ward. The following suggestions were made –

#### **a) Bournbrook**

- Car sharing, including insurance/car club
- Encourage cycling as a mode of transport for students/ more places for students to park to prevent obstruction of resident's driveways
- Croydon Road one way into Bournbrook Road & Luton Road one-way away from Bournbrook Road
- Improvements to drainage at Bournbrook Road/Bristol Road crossing to university
- Prevent wheelie bins obstructing the highway
- Actions to reduce speeding on Pershore Road

**b) Pershore Road**

- Enforcement was key to making the road safer/ traffic slower
- Support and infrastructure for car sharing
- Average speed cameras/crossing cameras (in view of number of cars not observing red lights)
- More pedestrian crossings
- Extend the 20mph limit
- Increase signage along the road including 'No Left Turns' and enforce and speed limit signs
- Limit parking through bays (& disabled access) outside Nisa/Post Office
- Work with Selly Park Girls School re pick up/drop off issues
- Double yellow lines/H Markings at entry to Mayfield Avenue & other small avenues with vehicular access to stop cars parking and blocking access. Would also improve safety for vehicles pulling out onto Pershore Road
- Wheelie bins along pavement hamper accessible walking/prams/mobility scooters etc
- Actions to make turning right easier/safer from Dogpool Lane onto Pershore Road
- Streets are for people first not cars, therefore cars should give way to pedestrians/cyclists at all times
- Better transport alternatives to reduce car use eg trams, light buses etc

**c) Kitchener/ Cecil Roads area**

- Stop illegal left and right turns
- E-scooters – speeding no regard for safety
- Issue of cables for electric cars across pavements
- Access from ONE end only of Kitchener/Cecil Roads or Cecil/Fashoda Roads to create No-through route (model impact of this). This would also deal with the issue of rat-running
- Vehicle weight limits to stop heavy goods lorries
- Reinstate cobbled area around street trees
- Prevent pavement parking/ parking across dropped kerbs & at junctions

- Residents parking permits
- Proper traffic calming measures- road surfaces/recognise shared spaces are for people and cars – to slow down rat-runners. Suggest a 'snake path' chicanes through the 'block' to make through route less direct and slow cars rather than close road
- Road surfaces need replacing not patching
- Telraam traffic data

**d) Warwards Lane/Umberslade Road area**

- Vacant land corner Warwards/Pershore Road
- Junction problems at Warwards Lane/Ribblesdale Road and junction with Pershore Road - Lidl funding?
- Illegal turns on wrong side of the road
- Illegal u-turns on Warwards Lane
- Speeding Warwards Lane
- Turning from St Stephens Road left into Warwards Lane needs measures to prevent accidents
- Issues of parking on Friday afternoon

**e) SPPOA**

- Double yellow lines at each junction to recommended length of 10m to be extended to include pedestrian refuges
- Weight restriction order to prevent HGV's taking short cuts

**f) Ward Wide**

- Cars fitted with speed limiters that automatically limit speed on minor/residential roads
- Acquire funding for a feasibility study around safer/quieter streets and link to plan for a City of Nature or general city vision
- More double yellow lines throughout the ward

**Action:** Councillors to discuss suggestions with highways officers and determine which were feasible/fundable

## **5. Councillors/Residents Updates/Issues**

### **a) Planning Issues**

Councillor McCarthy referred to Bournbrook Road and the lawful planning certificates that were issued for work undertaken prior to the Article 4 Directive being in place and undertook to take up the issues that had been queried.

With regard to Pebble Mill Fields, Councillor McCarthy expressed concern that Kitchener Road no longer appeared to be on the list re flood alleviation works and access to the fields. A local resident advised that it had not been agreed that the south of the fields would not be used but it had been requested that the pedestrian access to Wallace Road be maintained and there would be a briefing for residents. A leaflet--drop to houses bordering Pebble Mill Fields had also been agreed.

It was suggested that there was scope to work with the community during the remedial works so that the fields could be enhanced for the community and therefore an event to ascertain people's ideas would be welcomed, held at the time the works were ongoing.

### **b) Dogpool Lane**

Residents asked whether more could be done to prevent motorists turning right at Dogpool Lane and better signage erected.

Requests for better signage had previously been made but there had been no changes, in particular the signs at the junction with Pershore Road had not been re-sited as promised and therefore visibility was still compromised. The bus stop signs indicated they were not in use but gave no details of alternative stops. Councillor Jones undertook to take that up. There was also a query regarding the number 76 bus route that had stopped going along Pineapple Road.

### **c) Vandalised car First Avenue** – Councillor Jones undertook to take up the issue of the damaged car and try to arrange removal and glass to be removed

### **d) Next Meeting** - i) discussion on the environment and rubbish/bin issues across the ward to look at ways of finding permanent improvements. ii) Update on parking permits iii) local police update