

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH**  
**WARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**6.30PM**  
**ST. EDBURGHAS CHURCH TRUST SCHOOL**  
**CHURCH ROAD**  
**YARDLEY**  
**B33 8PD**

**MEETING NOTES**

**Present:** Councillors Neil Eustace and Carol Jones

**Officers:** Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team  
Dave Prosser – Place Manager

There were 22 residents present.

**Cllr Neil Eustace in the Chair**

**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING**

The Chairman advised that members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr Dad who was unable to attend due to a family bereavement.

Members and residents offered their condolences to Cllr Dad and his family at this sad time.

An apology for absence was also submitted on behalf of Pat Whyte, Neighbourhood Development & Support Officer who was attending another Ward meeting taking place at the same time.

**3. NEWS UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

Manor Park Play Area had been completed and was opened to the public. Many local families had already begun to use the facilities, which was excellent and showed that it was much needed.

New improved lighting had been installed along Church Road and the heritage lanterns retained. Members thanked the Conservation Society for their ongoing work with Amey to ensure the original features were retained.

Stechford In Bloom – Members had met with the Head of the Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit to discuss and resolve the outstanding issues and concerns regarding the LIF proposal, which had been successful. The proposal would now be put forward for consideration by Cabinet Committee Local Leadership (CCLL) in December. Members commended the ongoing hard work and commitment of Faydene and the In Bloom team members.

Iron Lane Traffic Improvements – a number of objections had been received regarding the Side Road Orders (SRO) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). Officers were currently in discussions with the objectors to see how the issues could be resolved. Work was due to commence in the summer and would be expected to be completed within 18 months. Residents would continue to be kept informed.

Poolway Redevelopment – the first set of houses had been built, which was promising. Residents and Members were looking forward to the next stages of the development.

Bordesley Green/Station Road – the floral displays had been badly damaged following a road traffic collision. The Parks Dept. were currently dealing with the matter.

Remembrance Day Parade – this had been under threat due to a lack of funding for road closures and stewarding duties. However, Lewis Cashmore, District Engineer had worked really hard to resolve the road closure issues and secure a sponsor for road closures.

The stewarding of the event was carried out by the ‘Outlaws Motorcyclists’, which proved to be a fantastic success.

Members and residents expressed their thanks and appreciation to all those involved, which included the local churches in ensuring that the event took place.

Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries Review – residents were reminded of the ongoing consultation, which was due to end on 9 December. Following a recent meeting in Acocks Green, an agreement was made by all three political groups to submit a joint submission to the Boundary Commission. This was later endorsed at the District Committee meeting.

Residents were actively encouraged to submit their own views and concerns before the closing date and expressed their support for the all-party submission.

Metro Services – a presentation was given at the recent District Committee regarding future proposals to extend the Metro Services to Birmingham Airport/NEC alongside the HS2 development. The proposed route would include Bordesley Green East, the Meadway and Chelmsley Wood. Consultation was due commence next year and the scheme would be expected to be completed within the next 7 or so years.

Bus No 59 Service – two petitions had been submitted regarding the withdrawal of the service, which had left bus users in the ward with no direct service into the city centre. The bus service at Lea Hall Station had also been withdrawn and residents in Queens Road no longer had access to bus services.

Discussions were ongoing with TfWM (Transport for West Midlands) regarding the review/reinstatement of bus services in the ward.

Residents would continue to be kept informed.

Glebe Farm Library – volunteers and ideas were needed to help develop and support community led initiatives and activities/make better use of the facilities. A 'Friends of' Group had already been established – further details could be obtained from the Library or Ward Cllrs.

There were no further updates.

**Action: All to Note**

#### **4. WARD LOCAL INNOVATION FUND**

Residents were advised of the following ward proposals:-

- Stechford in Bloom
- SARA – Speed Awareness Responsive Action
- Stechford Stars

All had been successfully appraised by the Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit and would be put forward to the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership meeting in December for approval.

Glebe Farm Library had been successfully approved at the last Cabinet Committee Local Leadership meeting in November.

The Community Governance Manager confirmed that the Ward Local Innovation Fund of £48,000 had been fully allocated.

Members welcomed and fully supported the projects put forward and commended the efforts of everyone involved.

Residents particularly welcomed the SARA proposal, given the increase in speeding on residential roads across the ward. Several roads had been identified as areas of concern, including the service road on Stoney Lane which was being used as a cut through and excessive speeds used.

Residents made reference to the similar LIF project in neighbouring Sheldon Ward; speeds of up to 90mph had been recorded on residential roads, which was totally unacceptable, unsafe and frightening for local residents.

It was suggested that information sharing and partnership working with the STAG (Sheldon Traffic Action Group) would be practical and useful.

Cllr Jones further suggested that a list of roads of concern should be drawn up and given to SARA for consideration.

**Action – All to Note**

**5. RESIDENTS UPDATES, ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

Residents advised of the following:-

- The new supermarket on the junction by Station Road/Manor and Lyttleton Roads – the awning above the shop was significantly extended; the goods for sale/on display appeared to have exceeded their own pavement curtilage and obstructive/pavement parking was also a problem. Pedestrians were forced to go into the road in order to get past.

Cllr Jones confirmed she was already aware of the problems and had contacted the Planning Department regarding the matter, including any possible breach of Planning Conditions. Cllr Jones also added she would raise the obstructive/pavement parking with the local policing team at the next meeting on 20 Dec, 7pm at Poolway Community Centre. Residents were encouraged to attend.

**Action: Cllr Jones to chase up concerns with Planning and to advise accordingly.**

**Cllr Jones to also discuss obstructive parking concerns with the local policing team.**

Cllr Jones further advised of a police crackdown on bad/obstructive and dangerous parking practices being piloted in East Birmingham. Alum Rock was one of the worst areas for this type of nuisance. A resident advised there had been over 82 incidents in Washwood Heath and Shard End recently relating to obstructive/dangerous parking.

- Nicola Toms (Arts in the Yard) briefly advised of the free Stechford Sessions taking place on the last Thursday of the month, 6pm – 8pm, Stechford Baptist Church. All residents were actively encouraged to come along, and flyers with further details of the work of AiTY were circulated at the meeting.
- Yew Tree Shopping Centre - residents expressed disappointment at the lack of festive lights and Christmas Tree at the local shopping centre. Several local traders had allegedly offered to contribute, but had been less than forthcoming with the funds.

**Action: All to Note**

There were no further updates or issues raised.

## 6. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Consideration was given to the following outstanding actions:-

Ref No	Concern raised by	Nature of complaint	Action to be taken	Responsible Officer	Response Target Date
01	Resident	Vacant land adjacent to police station - plans for long-term use unknown Update given – land part owned by City Council. long term plans still to be decided  Update given – long term plans still unknown	Ward Chairman to investigate	Ward Chairman	Ongoing/next meeting
03	Resident	Flaxey Road Shops – ongoing problem with obstructive parking on the pavement; a blue Skoda was regularly parked across the dropped kerb  No further update available as Cllr Dad was unable to attend the meeting due to illness	Cllr Dad currently dealing with the issues. Proactive action had been carried out by Civil Enforcement Officers, and several cars issued with Fixed Penalty Notices	Cllr Dad  Cllr Dad	Ongoing  Ongoing

## DISCHARGED ACTIONS

02	Resident	Flaxey Road Shops and Flats – ongoing problems with rubbish dumping by premises owners and tenants  Update given – most of the site had been	Cllr Dad had been dealing with the issues and agreed to continue to investigate  Continue to monitor	Cllr Dad	Ongoing/next meeting
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		cleared by the Council and costs charged to the landlord		Cllr Dad	Ongoing
		Update given – Cllr Jones had recently visited the site; cleanliness appeared to be maintained	Continue to monitor	Cllrs Dad & Jones	
		Cllr Dad had provided an update via email – several site visits had been carried out; area appears to be generally clean, tidy and well maintained. The intervention measures put in place appeared to be working.	No further action needed – to be discharged		Ongoing
					<b>DISCHARGED</b>

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed and residents notified accordingly.

**8. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Noted and agreed that:-

“In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer had authority to act on behalf of the Committee”.

Members wished residents a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

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The meeting closed at 7.05pm