

HALL GREEN SOUTH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Hall Green South	DATE: 13 February 2019
VENUE: St Peters Church, Highfield Road B28 0BT	START/FINISH TIMES: 7 – 8.40pm
COUNCILLOR Timothy Huxtable	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Les Williams, Waste Management Garry Dalton, Local Engineer PCSO Giovanni Esposito, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Police Update

PCSO Esposito provided the following update:-

- Numerous calls received regarding inconsiderate parking, including a number in Cole Valley Road – logs to be provided to Local Engineer to assist with local scheme
- Monthly crime figures had reduced month on month
- Main issues were around burglaries (2 arrests had been made), vehicle crime mainly car key thefts & thefts from cars of dash cams
- Speeding operations had been undertaken in Baldwins Lane, Fox Hollies Road, Shirley Road & Aitchison Road & education around 30mph driving
- Residents were encouraged to sign up to WMNow
- In response to questions the meeting was advised that crime levels in Hall Green were lower than surrounding wards and more

arrests were made

- Details regarding Street Watch were provided and PCSO Esposito undertook to forward details to interested residents.
- Next Tasking meeting – 21 February at 7pm Highfield Hall
- In response to concerns raised regarding dog fouling, Councillor Huxtable undertook to invite the Dog Warden to the next meeting.

2. Update from Waste Management

Les Williams updated on the Waste Management Service – from 18 February, in view of strike action there would be fortnightly collections on recycling collection days. Both bins would be emptied on that day & it was hoped that recycling materials would be separated but if not all rubbish collected was burned at the Tyseley plant and used for energy. These arrangements only applied during industrial action. Street cleaning crews were being used to collect black bags and managers were driving the streets to monitor.

Councillor Huxtable referred to numerous complaints that recycling was not being collected despite bins being left out every day. The meeting was advised that currently the work to rule meant that rounds were not being completed but the fortnightly collection would enable more crews to be sent out and therefore the situation should improve. The reasons behind the strike were explained.

Residents said that recycling had been collected in Wycome Road but the pods left on the pavement/gardens. Les Williams undertook to follow this up.

Les Williams encouraged residents to continue recycling and undertook to attend the next meeting and provide figures on Hall Green performance.

3. Local Highway Issues – Cole Valley Road

Garry Dalton explained the Minor Highways budget & that £7,300 was available for Hall Green South Ward. The money was not for safety schemes as there was a central pot for those schemes. A scheme around Chilcote School was being funded from that pot & St Ambrose School was to sign up to Mode Shift Stars so that a bid could be made for funding. Councillor Huxtable confirmed that Chilcote School was to be a pilot for the No Parking Zones around schools.

Cole Valley Road had been highlighted as having specific parking issues therefore a local scheme to try to alleviate this was being drawn up and local residents would be consulted on the scheme. Kedlestone Road was also being considered for double kerbing dependant on

available funding.

Residents commented on parking issues caused by the station and queried purchase of land for a car park. Councillor Huxtable reported that a decked car park at Yardley Wood Station was in the very early stages of consideration as was an extension to the car park at Hall Green Station, but these were long term plans.

Parking in Cole Valley Road had been made worse following the parking scheme in Brookwood Avenue and therefore a short term answer was required while awaiting the long term plans. The balance of the funding would be used for H-Markings and grass verge protection.

4. Ward Plan

Councillor Huxtable explained the production of a ward plan and from complaints/issues raised the following seemed to be priorities in the ward;

- Highway issues – Parking on verges
- Environmental issues – infill development (Baldwins Lane, Scribes Lane, Cole Valley Road, roads off Highfield Road – putting pressure on local services, parking, pollution & congestion)
- Tree Planting – being more green
- More local primary school places
- Parking around schools
- BID & regeneration of local shopping centres

Residents made the following comments/suggestions

- Fewer fast food outlets & conditions to make the outlets clear rubbish from their frontage
- Hall Green Parade businesses cleared rubbish
- Try to link local shopping centres with grant funding available
- New notice boards and notice board repair

Councillors (s) Signed:

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