

Joint Trinity and Roughley Ward Meeting

WARD: Trinity Ward and Roughley Ward	DATE: 19 th September 2019
VENUE: Sutton Coldfield Town Hall	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm 9.00pm
COUNCILLORS : Trinity Ward Cllr Pears and Roughley Ward Cllr Mackey	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 11
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Zahid Mahmood ,Alan Michell , John Porter, Karl Randall and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Orlve O’Sullivan and Caitlin Morgan

WARD PRIORITIES Stage agreed on 9th May 2019

Roughley Ward Priorities

1. Pavements and roads;
2. Community safety;
3. Town centre regeneration ;
4. Grass cutting and verge maintenance
5. Street cleaning

Trinity Ward Priorities

1. Street cleaning -general appearance of the area
2. Highway Infrastructure including pavements and roads;
3. Community Safety -including ASB and car crime
4. Town centre regeneration
5. Grass cutting

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Introductions – Cllr Pears**
2. **Notice of Recording**
3. **Apologies – none**
4. **Police Update** – Police SRG Heather Jones reported that crime for both the Wards was low currently with fewer burglaries, robberies and incidents of A.S.B. However she said that car key burglaries for top end cars was increasing. SRG Jones gave crime prevention advice and went over the methods for contacting the Police this included calling 101, West Midlands now and the website which offered a chat line which she said was by far the quickest method for report non 999 calls and of course 999. Cllr Pears thanked the Police for attending and asked if possible at the next Ward meeting if the Police could give a 12 month comparison on the crime stats.
5. **Sutton Coldfield Secondary School Admissions & School Allocation-** with Zahid Mahmood and Alan Michell. Alan explained the Schools admission process and the complexities of the national code, Birmingham City Council's role as the admissions authority and the process for admission into all 388 schools in Birmingham. Going on to say that demand for Sutton Coldfield school places was high with 95 % residents receiving a place in .officers emphasised the importance of utilising all 6 preference choices in the process .
Zahid explained future planning of School places this included the in birth rate in the area , estimating extra place provision to cope with the demand from the housing expansion on the green belt land in Sutton Coldfield he said that that the plans for the development had 3 new primary schools and 1 new secondary school .The residents, councillors and officers discussed at length current and future provisions it was acknowledge by everyone that this was an emotive and stressful subject for both children and parents..
Resident Comments - The high birth rate from 2007/08 hadn't been planned for; Children in Sutton Coldfield had been offered places in Great Barr which parents felt was too far to travel; additional places allocated after the admissions process .How?; Over- crowding in schools; people renting properties in the short term to secure places; the area of Harvestfields out of all current catchment areas; the sibling rule and concern that John Wilmott was still in special measures. Action to invite officers back to the January meeting.
6. **Grass cutting** – John Porter the Parks manager for Sutton Coldfield and Erdington gave an update on the reason for the current lack of grass cutting and other grounds maintenance contract issues ,explaining that after 10 years the contact had come back in house and that this had caused a few initial temporary problems with the maintenance program not starting on time this year John explained this was mostly due to the delay in the procurement of the new equipment required adding that the exceptionally wet summer hadn't helped the situation either .The residents were critical of the process but welcomed John reassurances that the equipment was now arriving and maintenance was under way .John then went onto explain the biodiversity measures taking place for grass verge mowing and wildflower planting that were planned in order to encourage Bee's

population and other wildlife.

7. **Sutton Town Council** – Presentation and Consultation on the Town Councils Strategic Plan for Sutton Coldfield 2020 to 2023 with Olive O’Sullivan and Caitlin Morgan. Olive started reiterating the Town Councils work to date this included what had been delivered on the first Town Council Strategic Plan which had been adopted in July 2017, including Town City regeneration and securing funding for the master plan ,funding WIFI for the Town Centre, Grant funding for the Town Library in order to help keep it open , grant funding for local community groups and the purchase and siting of 15 defibulators around the Town . Olive then introduce the Strategic Plan (2020-2023) consultation document which consisted of 12 questions for residents to consider .Finally Caitlin then outlined how the Town Council would publicize the Consultation, this included a display and post box in the Town Hall and at 200 other locations around the Town ,pop up events in the Town Centre as well as on line .
8. **Highways update Karl Randall**- This included details on the consultation on the Digby road consultation ,”Look” road marking outside Macdonald’s, Coleshill street lane markings for improved traffic flow, give way markings at Beeches Walk ;Completion of the street lighting project on Lichfield road and the completion of the right filter light at Tamworth Road .
9. **Future meeting topics and dates** - 9th January 7.00pm at Sutton Town Hall item for the Agenda Secondary School places and Waste Issues.

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ACTION –	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Agenda item at the next Ward meeting – Secondary School places.	Lesley Bannister	29 th November 2019 .
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Councillors (s) Signed:

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

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