

Ward: Sutton Vesey

Date of meeting: 27th September 2017, 7.00pm

Meeting overview

Present: Councillors Lyn Collin, Councillor Andrew Hardie and Councillor Rob Pocock

Officer: John Mole – Community Support and Development Officer

Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

Karl Randall - Senior Highways Engineer

Danny Squire – Senior Park Ranger

P.C Paul Jeff and PCSO Holson – Local Policing team

Apologies: There were 24 residents in attendance.

Chairman's updates

- Councillor Collin thanked all the organisers of the Boldmere Music Festival on behalf of the Ward, with special thanks to Martin Pedley, Karl Randall and Liz Parry.
- Councillor Collin announced the Christmas lights switch on end of November final date yet to be confirmed either the 19th or 26th November.

Policing – PC Jeff gave an update on the current Policing issues for the Ward he said the main issues were:

- Vehicle crime and vehicle damage - He reminded the residents not to leave valuables in sight within their vehicles.
- Theft from the shops at Princess Alice Drive is on the increase.

Residents highlighted the following issues to the Police

- A.S.B in the park at the back of Princess Alice Drive – P.C Jeff said they were aware of the problems and asked residents to keep reporting them
- Is there a Booklet in being that could be sent out to residents or supplied to the local residents association? Yes, the local Police team to supply details to residents association and said information could also be found on the website <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk>.
- A resident of Jockey Road said recently there had been two separate incidents of people collapsing outside their house due to intoxication, both times an ambulance had been called .Police said please just keep reporting these issues.

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Highways update – Karl Randall the Senior Highways Engineer gave an update on the current Highways scheme in the ward which included.

- Pedestrian handrails are being installed along the pavement at the corner of Sommerville Road and Monmouth Drive.
- Parking issues at Murray Court – Vehicles are parking on pavements causing damage to the pavements, grass verges and potentially to the underground apparatus, Karl said that double kerbing was being considered.

Local Innovations Fund – The two recipient groups of the Fund, Boldmere Futures and Age Concern both gave presentation to the Ward meeting on their progress to date :-

Boldmere Futures – Have developed “ Boldmere on line” a community digital platform and “Planning for real” –for engagement and consultation on key community issues and activities.

Age Concern – Have opened a Community Café Hub

Both presentations were well received by the Councillors and Residents. One resident wanted to know why dogs were being allowed in the Café ?

Becky from Age Concern said “we are a dog friendly café because it has positive benefits for isolated groups and people come together and form walking groups, we have found it to be popular. Both groups agreed to report back again later in the municipal year.

- **Sutton Park update** – Danny Squires Senior Ranger for Sutton Park

Danny spoke to the local residents and Councillors on the workings of the parks, it's history and the future plan's.

He said the Park had two million people visits per year was open 7 days a week, 363 days per year and currently free to park Monday to Friday (but this was under review). Danny went on to describe some of the events and activities that took place in the park for example

- In June there was a Bio Blitz when 200 Schools took part in identifying and recording the wildlife in the park over a 30 hour period.
- Major invertebrate survey was been carried out the first survey in for 20 years
- Holly can still be obtained from the park, the rangers just ask for a small donation toward the upkeep of the Park

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- School visits cost £275 for a class of 30 for a full day

Danny said volunteers always welcome either though corporate days or the friends of Sutton Park who met every other Sunday to work in the Park, he said just bring a lunch and old clothes. The residents and Councillors expressed their thanks to Danny for taking the time update them enlighten them on such a wonderful Park.

- **The Ward Plan** – Councillor Collin explained that as part of this year's budget consultation process, each Ward had been asked to identify 5 key priorities for that Ward, residents suggested that maybe a working party should be set up. Councillor Collin said the timeframe was very short and this really was a high level headline task followed by a detailed ground plan later on. The residents and Councillors suggested the following:- Improvements to parking around schools; roll out of 20mph in appropriate roads; parking enforcement measures for parking on pavements; dropped kerbs; more winter grit bins; support community initiatives; support for the local Library service; Dementia Café; tackle loneliness and isolation in the elderly; support for carers; improve air quality; support Park Rangers and Education initiatives in Sutton Park; stop parking on grass verges; increase the frequency of grass cutting; increase tree planting and floral displays; cut back overhanging trees; more community clean-ups involving active citizens; more litter bins; more action on dog fouling; improve pavements; install walking route signage and Heritage signage.

Action –Councillor Collins to submit five priorities for the Ward Plan for 2018 and for there to be further discussion on the Ward Plan at a future meeting.

Residents Issue –

- Over hanging tree's – not City Council owned at various location across the Ward –Karl gave information and advise
- On- going issue – Residents of Park Court wished to know why after three years money that was allocated and approved for CCTV to combat A.S.B it still hadn't resulted in the installation of the CCTV. Councillors to investigate once again.
- Supermarket recycling –Residents complained about the loss of a local supermarket recycling area due to misuse and fly tipping, they understood why supermarkets have taken this action and wished the City Council hadn't become reliant on these areas as the effects were being felt in the local community and the council recycle centre was less convenient.

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Future Meeting topics

1. Waste Collection
2. Parking Issues
3. Ward Plan

Future Meeting Date

Dated 6th December 7.00pm Carpenters Arms

The meeting concluded at 8.55 pm

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1	Residents Action from 15/02/2017	Parking in Goldeslie Road - residents complained that illegal parking by parents waiting for their Children was continuing and enforcement wasn't happening because as soon as parents saw the enforcement officers they drove off. COMPLETED	Councillor Collin to contact the Police and to request the Camera Car	Councillor Collin
2	Residents Action from 15/02/2017	Abandoned Vehicle Beeches Walk	Councillor Collin took the details to pass on to the Police	Councillor Collin
3	Residents Action from 15/02/2017	Residents requested that Posters advertising the Ward meeting be emailed to residents so that they could print them and publicise future. COMPLETED	Poster to be emailed to residents that wanted them	Lesley Bannister
	Residents and Councillors	Ward Plan for 2018 to be submitted from information gathered from residents and Councillors	Councillor Collins	Councillor Collins

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