

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH**  
**WARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018**  
**6.30PM**  
**ST. EDBURGH'S CHURCH TRUST SCHOOL**  
**CHURCH ROAD**  
**YARDLEY**  
**B33 8PD**

**MEETING NOTES**

**Present:** Councillors Basharat Dad, Neil Eustace and Carol Jones

**Officers:** Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team  
PCSO Ken Walters – West Midlands Police  
Pat Whyte – Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit

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**

None submitted.

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

Residents were advised of the following:-

- The former British Legion Club, Kelynmead Road – consultation was currently ongoing regarding its future use. However, there was a covenant in place which restricted its use.

- The Help Harry Moseley Centre had been relocated to its new site in Mackadown Lane. The official opening of the centre took place earlier today.

- Sheldon and Acocks Green Police Stations – the former Sheldon police station had been sold. A planning application has since been submitted for a change of use of the premises to a 24 bed supported living centre for vulnerable groups. A number of representations and objections including a petition with approx. one thousand signatures had been submitted against the application had been submitted.

Acocks Green station was earmarked for closure – the date was not yet known. Residents could still submit their comments and concerns to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- The former Bulls Head public house site – the planning application for the redevelopment of the site to provide residential housing was recently approved by the Planning Committee. The development would also have to take into account the changes to the road layout/traffic management proposals to Iron Lane.

- No 59 Bus Service –following a meeting with residents/service users, a petition presented to City Council regarding the changes to the service. Cllrs were trying to arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive at National Express to discuss the concerns and to ensure that residents still had access to the service within the ward.

- Glebe Farm Library – volunteers were still needed to help support a number of community led initiatives alongside the Friends Of group.

- Stechford Primary School – guard rails had been requested outside the school. The District Engineers were dealing with the issue.

- Great British Clean Up Weekend 3 – 4 March – residents and community/voluntary groups actively encouraged to take part. Several hot spot areas had been identified; Cllrs would also be helping to support a number of groups with their clean-ups.

Francis Road 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.

- Premium Supermarket, Station Road – concerns had been raised with Planning Committee regarding the unauthorised extended awning/encroachment on the pavement. Following a site visit by officers, the owners had been instructed to remove the structure within 28 days.

There were no other updates.

**Action: All to Note**

#### **4. RESIDENTS UPDATES, ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

Residents advised of the following:-

- Highway improvements - some resurfacing work was being carried out in Stuarts Road, however the whole road was in need of resurfacing. Yardley Fields Road and Manor House Lane were also in need of urgent resurfacing.

Cllr Eustace advised that Amey had re-introduced Highway Stewards for each ward, which should see an improvement in communication and the standard of work carried out locally

**Action: Cllr Eustace agreed to contact Amey**

- The new Stechford Pool and Leisure Centre – residents felt there was insufficient parking spaces provided. The centre was very well used and on-site parking and in nearby roads was very difficult. Additional parking spaces should be considered especially once the former leisure centre had been demolished. Cllr Eustace advised that Ward Councillors would continue to push for additional parking spaces in any discussions with officers regarding the future use of the site. Residents stressed that any proposal for a new supermarket would be detrimental to local independent shops.

**Action: All to Note**

- Yew Tree Shopping Centre – obstructive and dangerous parking outside the Wetherspoon pub. Several other premises no longer had sufficient parking space on their private forecourt, and were parking obstructively on the public highway. PCSO Ken Walters confirmed that proactive enforcement action had been taken by the Police and Traffic Enforcement Officers; a number of cars had been ticketed and drivers issued with a fixed penalty notice. The situation would continue to be monitored.

**Action: All to Note**

There were no further residents updates or issues raised.

#### **POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Ken Walters advised of the following:-

- Neighbourhood Policing Team – number of officers had now increased to include 6 Officers and 3 PCSOs.
- Proactive enforcement/ticketing action in a number of hotspot areas in the ward. A significant number of drivers had been issued with fixed penalty notices for obstructive/dangerous parking.
- Croft Road - three vehicles had been stolen within the last few weeks- these were high performance cars that appeared to have been stolen to order. Residents were reminded to ensure that their vehicles/property/possessions were properly secured. Officers were happy to give residents advice on security and the use of anti-snap locks/locking devices.
- Francis Road – two drugs warrants were successfully executed by officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. A cannabis factory was also discovered in a property on Sheldon Heath Road.
- Poolway Shopping Centre – a Dispersal Order with Powers of Arrest had been successfully secured and was currently in place following repeated anti-social and general nuisance behaviour by youths hanging around the centre. Two youths had been arrested and charged for flouting the Order and would face court action.

There had also been some damage/wanton vandalism to vehicles and some of the boarded up areas of the centre which was poorly lit in places. The remaining residents who are currently waiting to be rehoused had been given security/safety advice. In the meantime, the Neighbourhood Policing Team would continue to monitor the situation.

- SARA Initiative – funding from the Local Innovation Fund had been approved. Discussions with community/voluntary/residents groups and local schools regarding their involvement with general Speedwatch activities were ongoing. West Midlands Fire Service had also expressed an interest in becoming involved.
- Police Tasking Meetings – discussions were still ongoing and a suitable venue was still to be found. Cllr Jones offered to help with finding a suitable venue. Residents would be advised accordingly.

**Action: All to Note**

Members and residents thanked PCSO Ken Walters for his update, and commended the efforts of Ken and the rest of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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**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 Cllr	Ongoing
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  Update given – there had been a slight improvement; however the problems had not been completely resolved.	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  To be monitored	Cllr Dad  Cllr Dad  Ward Cllr	Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman reminded residents of the changes to the Ward Boundary and the number of Councillors representing each of the new Wards. Stechford and Yardley North would no longer exist as one ward, but would be made up of two single Member wards – Yardley East Ward and Yardley West & Stechford Ward.

The dates and venues for the meetings for these wards would need to be arranged by the respective Ward Cllrs.

Members thanked residents for their continued support throughout the years and wished them well for the future.

**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”.

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The meeting closed at 7.15pm