

THE MOSELEY MEETING NOTES

WARD: Moseley	DATE: 17 April 2019
VENUE: Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road B13 8JP	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm to 7.50pm
COUNCILLOR Martin Straker-Welds	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 6
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Garry Dalton, Local Engineer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	APOLOGY – Councillor Kerry Jenkins Sergeant Tom O’Keeffe & Sergeant Rigby Kevin Gibbon, Amey

The meeting was chaired by Peter Leadbetter

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
<p>1. Highways –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reporting Mechanisms – Discussion, questions & answers on roads, pathways, street lighting & drains – work planned for the area & working with the community. <p>Councillor Straker-Welds highlighted the theme of the meeting to be around ‘highway’ issues, what was being done and how residents could best report or get in touch with the agencies responsible. However the officers due to attend were not in attendance and therefore proposed that the meeting discuss any major issues which he would then report back to the appropriate officers.</p> <p>Councillor Straker-Welds said he had received numerous complaints about pot holes in Yew Tree Road/ Queensbridge Road.</p> <p>Residents then raised the following issues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Drains – blocked drains were a major contributing factor to flooding that had occurred in the ward. The drain at the junction of Moor Green Lane /Dads Lane flooded during heavy rain and had been reported on numerous occasions and a flood risk report had been completed after last May’s extreme rain but no action to remedy had been taken. The school crossing warden had to negotiate the

flooding with children and parents by walking in the road, which was very dangerous. The litter picking group had also reported drains needed clearing in Moor Green Lane and sent photographs. The situation was made worse by the proximity of the River Rea.

- b) Wake Green Road – drains full of debris caused flooding
- c) Corner of Oxford/Ascot Roads – vast amount of flooding whenever any heavy rain, flooding along Oxford Road –, flooding along Oxford Road and across Ascot Road due to the positioning of the drain not being at the lowest point.
- d) Main issue was that drains were not cleaned and therefore debris built up causing flooding. When reports were made responses were often received to say the drain had been cleared but on inspection this was not always the case. Even when drains were cleaned the flooding problem returned in places within a few weeks suggesting the problem lay further along the pipes and was then the responsibility of Severn Trent. It was queried who made the decision to refer to the water authority and whether there was any partnership working. Also how were jobs prioritised?
- e) Pot holes were exacerbated by excess water so flooding added to highway problems.
- f) Oxford Road had been closed between Marks & Spencer and School Road to enable the repair of one pothole but there had been another beside it that was left untouched. A common sense approach needed to be applied to repairs.

Garry Dalton advised that Amey would make a decision to call in Severn Trent. He added that a new system for reporting was going live on 24 April that would be more user-friendly and linked to Amey making it more accountable.

Councillor Straker-Welds acknowledged the flooding issue was serious but also the safety issue if people were being forced to walk in the road.

Action:- Councillor Straker-Welds to –

- **Express disappointment that officers had not been in attendance to discuss issues with residents**
- **Report the number of serious concerns raised in relation to flooding across the ward & pot hole repairs to Kevin Gibbon & Mark Sheswell. Already aware of pot holes in Queensbridge, Yew Tree & School Roads**
- **Report the dislocation around drain cleaning between Amey, BCC & Severn Trent and impress the need for agencies to work together and for an regular cleaning programme**

- arrange a site visit with Kevin Gibbons
- Take up with Amey the removal of barriers around the electric box outside Amblers that had been there for over a year (Garry Dalton to forward emails regarding this to Cllr Straker-Welds)
- Residents with specific issues around pot holes to contact councillors
- Send reporting details to the meeting (Garry Dalton to supply details)

2. Other Issues

- a) **Alcester Road** – at the previous meeting it had been queried why people with theodolites had been measuring along the Alcester Road and whether this had any bearing on any planning/highway matter. **Councillor Straker-Welds said that he had made enquiries but had not received a response and undertook to pursue further.** It was suggested that the data collected could be useful to share with community groups.
- b) **222 Wake Green Road** – site being developed and security fencing leaning dangerously towards pavement. **Cllr Straker-Welds to report**
- c) **Pollution** – motorists waiting around St Bernards School with car engines idling waiting to collect children – request for some positive steps to be taken to encourage parents to act differently & it was suggested that the school be requested to put a notice in the school newsletter. Cllr Straker-Welds said that he had attempted to generate interest with local schools in participating in the Brum Breathes campaign but had no interest but undertook to pursue further and through Mode Shift Stars to try to influence a change in parent behaviour. He added he and Cllr Jenkins were meeting with the Cabinet Member and would take this up.
- d) **School Road - Road Changes** – Councillor Straker-Welds updated that there had not been any further progress as a number of residents who would be affected by the proposed changes had not felt adequately consulted. Therefore officers were going through the views received and would then discuss further with councillors to enable discussions to be had with those most affected. It was noted that residents had been informed about the proposal but had not felt they had been involved in the decision making. It was suggested that an updated traffic survey be undertaken to show how the various options would affect residents.
- e) **Minor Highway Ward Budget** – it was proposed by Fiona Adams, Moseley Society that the new financial year's budget be spent on refurbishing the street furniture in Moseley Village. Garry Dalton suggested that this might be something that would be advised

should be done under the Maintenance Contract. There were further proposals to build a pedestrian refuge at the junction of Wake Green Road & Billesley Lane & to erect speed indicator devices around the ward.

Action: Garry to add the proposals to the ward 'wish list' to then discuss with councillors, consider priorities and bring back to a future meeting. List to be shared with residents before decision made.

f) 20mph Signs – Garry Dalton to report to Jenny Coombes the lack of 20mph sign at the end of St Marys Row.

g) Trip Rail, Yardley Wood Road – reported that this needed to be reinstated – Action: Garry Dalton to take up with the parks manager.

h) Date of next meeting tba

Councillors (s) Signed:

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