

SUTTON VESEY WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Sutton Vesey	DATE: 20 th February 2023
VENUE: Newman Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
COUNCILLOR: Rob Pock	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 40
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister, Preety Sohpal and Keith Smith Kier Highways	Apologies – Cllr Kath Scott

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

- 1. Chairs Introductions** – Councillor Rob Pocock
- 2. Boldmere Neighbourhood Forum** – The Boldmere Neighbourhood Forum AGM was held prior to the Ward Forum which was Chaired by Ray Beech.
- 3. Notice of recording** – Meeting Chair to advise that meeting is being held in public and that members of the press and public could record the meeting and take photos.
- 4. Sutton Sea Cadets (Sutton Park) Future Plans** – Presentation from the Cadet Leaders’ Josh Walsh the Commander and Nigel Smith chair of trustees. The Sea Cadets proposals were outlined by both Josh and Nigel for the rebuilding of the facility which is the only land-based ship in the UK, the original ship had been built during 1942. The ship is now 80 years old and not fit for purpose in the modern day, nor is it DDA compliant and potentially contains asbestos. The rebuild proposal is to build a type 26 frigate which will have classrooms that convert into sleeping quarters for the cadets when they are training .The proposed build will cost £3.5 million and will be hopefully funded from a National grant application however this means that the monies must be spent by 2024.The proposed new facility will

have fully accessible which current ship does not have and will fit with the eco green agenda, with its energy coming from solar panels currently the sites heating bill is £14,000 p.a .There will however need to be a tarmacked car park which will double up for parading and drills as there is also a Royal Marine attachment .The presentation of the planning proposal was well received. Cllr Pocock said that he was in support of the plans and asked for a show of hands from the residents, all were in favour and none against. For further details see www.sea-cadets.org/suttoncoldfield.

5. **Highways Maintenance** – Keith Smith from Kier Highways update included background information on the Kier highways contract with the City Council on Highway maintenance, Street Lighting works; winter gritting; Arborist for the trees on highways land and gully cleaning. The current Vesey work schedule included the planting of 63 new trees to replace died, dying or diseased ones with more suitable trees for the street environment .Keith went on to explain the pot hole and resurfacing criteria ;micro surface treatment and the use of recycled tarmac chippings used for some types of hardstanding's .Residents asked about the speed reduction measures at Stonehouse Road and Monmouth Drive .**Action** Karl Randall Senior Highways Engineer to be invited to the next Ward meeting .
6. **Sutton Vesey Ward Action Plan 2022-26** – Councillors Rob Pocock presented the completed draft of the Ward plan for 2022 to 2026 the plan fell into 3 themes **clean & green, safe & secure** and **healthy & prosperous**.
 - **Clean and green**- Litter, street cleansing, bin collections, grass verges maintenance and parks and open spaces
 - **Safe and secure** -Improvements to roads pavements lights and trees; Parking problems including enforcement; Speeding and road safety and Neighbourhood policing and crime prevention.
 - **Healthy and prosperous** - work with Boldmere library to protect the current libraries basic opening hours; Local shopping centres; Stronger community development; Community planning; Supporting schools; Supporting young people ;Older people care and Public health.
7. **Community Updates** –
 - Tony Willis from Banners gate neighbourhood forum promoted their newsletter and offered a full page to the Sea Cadets to promote the work of the Sea Cadets and what they're doing for the future.

- Boldmere futures announced that they are looking for an event manager to help with the Boldmere festivals the summer festival and the Christmas festival.
- Warm welcomes Centres – Wylde Green community centre and the Baptist Church are now warm welcome centres they are places for food ,a hot drink and Wi-Fi.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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