

WARD MEETING NOTES
JOINT MEETING OF BROMFORD & HODGE HILL AND WARD END WARDS
WEDS 2 OCT 2019
6.30PM

VENUE: St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Road, B8 2BA	
COUNCILLORS: Cllrs Mohammed Aikhlaq, Diane Donaldson and Majid Mahmood Councillor John O'Shea – Cabinet Member, Waste, Street Scene and Parks	NOs OF ATTENDEES: approx. 50
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team Kevin Gibbon – Highway Steward, Amey Salma Khan – Social Care Facilitator, Hodge Hill District, BCC Darren Share – Assistant Director, Street Scene and Parks	

Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq in the Chair

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
1. Notice of Recording Residents were advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. Local Updates

- Councillors Updates

None given. Residents reminded to continue to contact their respective Ward Councillor with any issues they wished to raise. In the meantime, Cllrs in both wards would also continue to work together on issues that affected the wards as well as issues in their own ward.

- Police Update

Deferred as officers from the local team were unable to attend.

Amey/Highways

Kevin Gibbon, Amey Highway Steward reminded residents to report any highway related issues to the Ward Cllrs or alternatively to log them on the City Council Website/highways portal.

3. Ward Asset Update

i) Ward End Park – including Mega Mela Family Fun Day

Residents and Cllrs thanked Darren Share, Assistant Director and Cllr John O'Shea, Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks for their help, support and going the extra mile to ensure that the Mega Mela event held in the park was very successfully, including allowing for the provision of horses, which was a long-standing tradition.

Cllr O'Shea advised that Parks and Open Spaces were vital to the city and its residents and remained a priority in ensuring that they were well kept and maintained. However, users had a duty and responsibility to also respect the open spaces and to dispose of their rubbish appropriately.

ii) Ward End Library

Councillors gave details of the recent Summer Reading Challenge which took place at the library. Over 90 children took part in the challenge to read 6 books or more, which was excellent and demonstrated a keen interest in literacy amongst school aged children. The Library also continued to be a well-used and much-loved facility which served other neighbouring wards and communities and residents must continue to use it so that the facility could be retained in the future.

4. Petitions

A petition was submitted by Ward End Forum on behalf of residents in Ward End against the proposed change of use from car sales to a LPG Filling Station at 582 Washwood Heath Road and contained 42 signatures.

5. Residents News/Updates/Local Concerns

No further issues raised.

6. Date of Future Meetings

To be agreed.

The Chair thanked residents for their attendance and participation.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm