

JOINT FOUR OAKS AND MERE GREEN WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Four Oaks and Mere Green	DATE: 12 th November
VENUE: Mere Green Community Centre	START/FINSH TIMES: 7.00pm 8.25pm
COUNCILLOR: Birmingham City Councillors Jenkins and Cornish Sutton Coldfield Town Councillor Ward ,Cumming and Raut	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 20
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister ,John Mole ,John Porter, Karl Randall and Steve Hollingworth	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

WARD PRIORITIES: - To be established at a future meeting

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Ward Plan – Cllr Jenkins explained the new process and that he and Cllr Cornish would be consulting with the residents of their respect Wards and from this they would produce draft plans for residents to discuss at a future meeting .The following were initial ideas a park and ride scheme for the three Train stations in the two Wards and cycle lane improvements. Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Cornish asked the residents to email them with their thoughts and suggestions.
2. Mere Green Playground – Local Residents and PCSO Gill Whittingham recounted a number of issues and events that occurred during the summer months related to Anti - Social Behaviour (this included threatening behaviour, under- age drinking and drugs) .They were of the firm belief that this was due to the change , adaptations and enhancement of the playground ,which had included the removal of a permit fence which had always been locked of an evening . **Actions -Steve Hollingsworth the Assistant Director for Place:-** to investigate the resurrection of the fence at Mere Green playground and to look at establishing a Friend of Group for Mere Green playground.
3. Local Police and Crime prevention - PCSO Gill Whittingham gave an update on the Crime stat's with car key burglary being the major concern for the area .She then went over the various methods of crime prevention that were currently deterring criminals i.e. steering wheel locks, anti-snap locks trackers fitted to high end cars, the effectiveness of CCTV and reminded residents if they have a burglary alarm to SWITCH IT ON. She also gave out information on obstructive parking ,Street watch and the West midland Police email alerts

4. Car parking charges in Sutton Park-Steve Hollingsworth spoke about the current proposals for the introduction of car parking charge inside Sutton Park ,he outlined the need for Parks financial commercialisation of assets and the benefits that the Park could gain from income generation . He said that scheme would be capital financed and income generated from the scheme would be fed back into the park, adding that the public consultation was due to start between November and February and would run for 10 weeks in total. The members of the public gathered at the meeting were highly critical of the proposal and many believed that there would be increases parking around the side road of the Park by people trying to avoid these charges.

ACTION – NO RECORDED ACTIONS	WHO	BY WHEN
Steve Hollingsworth to investigate the resurrection of the fence at Mere Green playground following an increase in incidents of ASB due to the adaptations and enhancements made earlier this year .	Steve Hollingsworth	
Residents and officers to look at establishing a Friend of Group for Mere Green playground.	Steve Hollingsworth	
Councillor Jenkins to write to the senior officer with regard to Police officer attendance at the Four Oaks and Mere Green Ward meeting.	Cllr Jenkins	

AOB:

Councillors (s) Signed:

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