

HALL GREEN NORTH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Hall Green North	DATE: Saturday 4 May 2019
VENUE: St Michaels/The Oak, Redstone Farm Road B28 9NU	START/FINISH TIMES: 11am – 12.30pm
COUNCILLORS Lou Robson & Akhlaq Ahmed	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 7
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Giovanni Esposito, West Midlands Police PCSO Rebecca Stone, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Apology – Sgt Michelle Cassidy

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. **Birmingham Public Health Green Paper Consultation** - apologies from officers. Details of the consultation and link to the website to take part circulated
2. **Traffic Around Schools**
Councillor Robson said that this was a major issue in the ward that created many complaints and enforcement issues for the police. The roads around Robin Hood Academy were particularly affected and the District Engineer was meeting with the school to arrange measures to help. There were also suggestions for traffic calming measures around St Ambrose Barlow School and work with Yorkmead School who had signed up to Mode Shift Stars. Other actions included speed monitoring on Cateswell Road.
The Ward Highways Budget would be partly used for traffic safety measures around Reddings Lane/Shaftmoor Lane junction and the remainder would go towards other highway improvements that residents had highlighted.
Residents made other suggestions including;
 - Double yellow lines on Reddings Lane to assist with visibility & speed humps on Shaftmoor Lane to deter speeding. Cllr Robson said that Shaftmoor Lane was a blue route and not suitable for speed humps. PCSO Esposito suggested raising the junction similar to Percy Road, Sparkhill. Councillor Robson undertook to arrange a site visit with the District Engineer and residents.

- Petersfield Road/Stratford Road junction – bus lane on Stratford Road caused accidents due to visibility issues so the bus lane needed to stop some way from the junction so that cars could legally then get into the bus lane.
- Hall Green Infant School had particular problems and needed the parking restrictions enforced. Similarly other schools had the same problems. Councillor Ahmed advised that they had been liaising with schools regarding school exclusion zones but only Yorkmead and Robin Hood schools had responded.
- Stratford Road red route – markings faded between Wycome Road & Stratford Road – Cllr Ahmed to take up with District Engineer
- Beechcroft Avenue – cars parked on pavements. Tennis club members also parked along the road as the club car park was inadequate for number of users. Request for enforcement officers. Cllr Robson said the enforcement team had been working along the Stratford Road for a month. Also spoken to the Mosque committee and they had spoken to the congregation & put up signs regarding inconsiderate parking. Councillors to continue the dialogue and to include in next leaflet contact details for main problems.
- Any other suggestions from residents welcomed

3. Community Safety

PCSO Esposito reported that year on year crime figures had risen slightly. Theft from vehicles was still a cause for concern. In response to parking issues the team did patrol as many schools as possible and did enforce where there was inconsiderate parking.

Advice provided regarding home and personal safety.

With regard to burglaries an arrest had been made which had reduced crimes but patrols and operations were ongoing. In response to queries regarding drug related crime the meeting was advised that there were less incidents than in the wards neighbouring Hall Green but residents were urged to be vigilant and report via Crimestoppers, on line or using 101 so that intelligence could be gathered. Reports of drug use in Petersfield Road – patrols to be directed to that area.

Next NTG meeting 21 May 7pm at The Oak.

4. Report Back on Ward Priorities

Councillor Robson read out the priorities gathered from the ward planning meeting. From those the community safety/crime issues had been picked up with the police, the next ward meeting would be devoted to the future of Hall Green Parade and other local centres as this had been priority discussed at the previous meeting. Councillors had been supporting library staff & the Friends of the Library Group to get the library room open lobbying through the city council and with the Head of Libraries.

Councillor Ahmed referred to the streets & highways priority and said that some of the issues would be addressed via the ward highways budget as discussed earlier in the meeting.

5. Residents Have Your Say

- a) Missed Collections – residents reported that recycling was not being collected and bins were being left out continuously which was causing litter on the streets. Councillor Robson asked residents to get in touch with the councillors after reporting a missed collection and they would organise collection. The new system of working was still bedding in and this coupled with problems with on line reporting was creating difficulties across the city. It was also reported by residents that bins were not being put back to point of collection.
- b) Hall Green Parade – a more co-ordinated approach to clearing rubbish was required. Rubbish was removed but then re-appeared almost immediately and the bins were not fit for purpose. A bin on the green by the garage was required as a large amount of litter was collecting there (Reddings Lane). Cllr Ahmed reported that a street patrol had been undertaken along The Parade and it had been noted, having spoken to businesses, that additional bins were required. Cllr Robson said that businesses had been spoken to about trade waste and rubbish removed from behind the shops. She reiterated that the next meeting would focus on The Parade and that business owners would be invited.
- c) Proceeds of Crime Funding – Councillor Robson referred to funding obtained by the Sarehole Environmental Action Team, Friends of the Library, The Oaks & Hall Green Food Bank. Residents also reported that money had been secured to refurbish the planters on The Parade, Highfield Road & Baldwins Lane. Cllr Robson urged any other groups interested to get in touch for details.
- d) KFC Planning Application – reference made to a rumour that KFC was interested in extending the size of the premises. Cllr Robson advised that a further planning application would have to be made before any extension could be approved.
- e) Robin Hood Lane – a resident referred to repairs that had reportedly been undertaken by Amey to prevent flooding at the zebra

crossing and near to the nursery (Etwall Road) but that the flooding was still occurring as no work had actually been done. This matter had been ongoing for some 3 years. Cllr Ahmed undertook to take up the matter.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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