

WEOLEY & SELLY PARK WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Weoley & Selly Park	DATE: 4 October 2018
VENUE: Weoley Community Church, Quarry Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm to 8.10pm
COUNCILLORS: Julie Johnson & Tristan Chatfield	NOs OF ATTENDEES:
IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Burden M.P. Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager Ken Brown, Community Development & Support Officer	APOLOGY: Ken Brown for lateness
MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Police Update</u> Item deferred. Councillor Johnson explained that following the ward boundary changes the Weoley & Selly Oak ward was now covered by 3 police teams as police boundaries had not changed. Councillor Chatfield gave an update on the S60 Order put in place in Dale End in response to the recent disorder. 2. <u>LIF Update</u> Councillor Johnson referred to past meetings where funding to various projects had been agreed. Some of the projects had not spent the money allocated to them and enquires had been made to see if the underspend could be used elsewhere in the ward. Councillor Johnson undertook to report back to the next meeting. Cllr Chatfield said he was meeting with the responsible officer to see what could be done. 3. <u>Clean Air Zone</u> Councillor Chatfield gave a brief explanation of the CAZ. In response to residents questions Cllr Chatfield said that the money collected from the charges would only be invested in public transport and improvements to air quality. Exemptions for the Children's Hospital, key workers, residents etc would be put in place. 4. <u>Residents News/Updates/Local Concerns</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Weoley Castle Library</u> – concern expressed regarding repairs required and future of the library. Meeting advised that conversations 	

were currently still ongoing regarding the budget proposals and libraries were part of that consultation. Updates to be provided to future meetings.

- b) School Transport – concerns raised regarding the future of the service. Meeting advised that there had been no decisions made but there would have to be consultation with parents regarding any change.
- c) Footways – Weoley Castle Road was in a poor state – tree roots had broken the pavement & dropped kerb surfaces had been worn away and this made it very difficult for wheelchair users in particular. Councillor Johnson asked for photographs so that the matter could be referred to Amey.

Allwood Road – no dropped kerbs which made it very difficult for wheelchair users to cross the road. Councillor Johnson to discuss with resident. Richard Burden referred to the scrutiny of the Amey contract and that the equality responsibility should also be questioned.

- d) Midland Mencap – resident advised of liaison with the NHS re patients with learning difficulties, often children, living in facilities miles away from home and following a review a decision had been taken that people should be cared for nearer to home. A facility was to be constructed in this area. Significant employment opportunities could arise.
- e) Community Cohesion – report of racial abuse in Selly Oak Park and although reported police advised to capture on phone as they had no capacity to patrol the Park. **Cllr Chatfield to raise with police.**
- f) Lack of facilities for disabled children in area – nearest being Small Heath as age limit for activities at Northfield Leisure Centre. **Councillor Johnson to make enquiries.**
- g) Square Club - meeting advised that Malachi was looking into buying the building via a CIC to provide youth work in the area. Cllr Johnson suggested including this in the ward plan as an ongoing project.

5. Next Meeting

Suggestions for items for future meetings –

- Ward Plan
- Presentation from Malachi