

NECHELLS WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Nechells	DATE: 31 January 2019
VENUE: The POD, Oliver Street B7 4NX	START/FINISH TIMES: 6pm to 7.30pm
COUNCILLOR Tahir Ali	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 11
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Snape, West Midlands Police PCSO Louise Haddon, West Midlands Police Pat Whyte, Community Development & Support Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Police Update

Sergeant Snape gave an update on current crime figures for the constituency, including Nechells;

- Overall crime increased by 28%, reflected the national trend
- Increase in robberies after Christmas – arrests made and problem appeared solved
- Boy racers – recent operation and arrests made. 60/70 summons issued for court appearances and the problem currently resolved. Continued requests for this to be dealt with as a Force issue rather than a local one.
- WMNow & Twitter promoted as ways of receiving information
- PCSO's engaging with schools around knife awareness – also at The POD and Free@Last
- PCSO Haddon working with schools regarding 'county lines'. Meeting arranged with Heartlands School & hoping to meet with others schools/youth groups.

In response to resident's concerns regarding car crime the meeting was advised that arrests had been made but residents were encouraged to report any crimes either via 101 or through the new web chat on the Police website. Number plate thefts were

prevalent so PCSO's were working to arrange a workshop to fit tamper proof screws to number plates.

2. Local Issues

- a) **Rubbish, litter & vermin** – the area was particularly affected by mice due to the amount of litter on the streets. Also leaves and detritus were making footpaths hazardous when icy. Councillor Ali advised that residents needed to take some ownership of their area and in response to concerns regarding the condition of the TSB car park on Long Acre he said he had reported it and enforcement were dealing with the issue. Residents advised that The POD organised litter picks but the bags had not been collected and had then been ripped open by cats/dogs leaving residents who had taken part very frustrated. Other hot spot areas were Nechells Park Road, especially around Eliot and Crompton Roads & Cromwell Street. The area was dirty and uncared for and while residents accepted that they should take ownership of their community help was needed to establish some community pride in the area. Sergeant Snape said that Street Watch was being established to do that and he would be happy to help set up a group in the area.
- b) **Parking** – parking in Duddeston Road and surrounding area by people working in the city centre, university students & schools was causing havoc, buses could not negotiate the roads due to parked cars and often had to take a different route which left local people with a missing bus service. Councillor Ali said he had taken this up and had a meeting with the Cabinet Member, residents and officers on 19 February. PCSO Haddon said that she would arrange to patrol those roads and advise schools etc that they would be ticketing cars for illegal parking.
- c) **Path off Rocky Lane** – between tower block & school used as a dumping ground for old bedding, rubbish and needles. Councillor Ali undertook to speak to the Housing Manager

3. Next Meeting – 28 March at 6pm at The POD

Councillors (s) Signed:

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