

## SHELDON WARD MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS

<b>WARD: SHELDON</b>	<b>DATE: 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018</b>
<b>VENUE: THE SCHOOL ROOM, ST GILES CHURCH, 149 CHURCH ROAD, B26 3TT</b>	<b>START/FINISH TIMES: 7PM – 9.00PM</b>
<b>COUNCILLORS: PAUL TILSLEY &amp; MIKE WARD</b>	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES: 16</b>
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> <b>LEWIS CASHMORE – DISTRICT ENGINEER</b> <b>JOHN COYLE – BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGER</b> <b>BEVERLY EDMEAD – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE TEAM</b> <b>KEITH SMITH – HIGHWAY STEWARD, AMEY</b>	
<b>WARD PRIORITIES: Not Yet Identified/Ongoing</b>	
<b>MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>  Cllrs Tilsley and Ward welcomed residents to the ward meeting and a very special welcome was given to former Ward Councillor Honorary Alderman Sue Anderson.</li> <li><b>2. NOTICE OF RECORDING</b>  Residents were advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.</li> <li><b>3. APOLOGIES</b> – for absence received on behalf of several residents who were regular ward meeting attendees.</li> </ol>	

#### **4. COUNCILLORS NEWS/UPDATES**

- **Honorary Alderman Sue Anderson**

Warm tributes were paid to former Cllr Sue Anderson by a number of residents and Sheldon Traffic Action Group (STAG) in recognition of her years of service to the ward. A large bouquet of flowers along with a photo album of events and activities carried out by Hon. Alderman Anderson in the ward over the years was presented as a very special Thank You by Bob Toms on behalf of STAG.

- **Waste Collection Service**

Ongoing problems with the service; a significant number of missed collections in the ward due to the dispute between the Unite the Union and the City Council regarding the first dispute back in 2017 and how this had been resolved. Discussions were ongoing between the parties facilitated by ACAS to reach an agreement so that waste and recycling collections could resume as quickly as possible. Residents would continue to be kept informed.

- **Coventry Road Festive Lights**

John Coyle, BID Manager had been instrumental in arranging the Festive Lights. Discussions were ongoing with the traders to see how a more co-ordinated approach/partnership working could be developed in the future.

- **BID Manager Update**

John Coyle, BID Manager advised of the following:-

- A newsletter would be circulated to traders explaining the role of the BID Manager and the benefits of businesses working together to improve the centre
- The trade waste contract and arrangements for the Wheatsheaf Centre was being looked at; the landlord had been contacted several times to see what arrangements were in place.

#### **Ward Plan & Priorities – Ideas and Suggestions**

Residents were briefly advised that each ward was required to look at and prioritise its areas of concern so that a Ward Plan/Plan of Action could be developed to see how these priorities could be addressed over a period of time. A Ward Priorities Ideas and Suggestions template was issued to residents for information and discussions in the first instance. The Plan would be a working document – amended and updated over the next three years as priorities were discussed, agreed and actioned where possible. All

partner agencies and businesses in the ward were also encouraged to contribute to the ward plan, working with residents, Cllrs and locally based officers to help identify how resources could be allocated and used effectively in the ward.

## **5. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Consideration was given to the summary of ongoing residents' issues and concerns raised at previous meetings and the action(s) required.

(See Outstanding Actions List attached)

## **6. RESIDENTS NEWS/UPDATES/LOCAL CONCERNS**

The following concerns were raised:-

- Church Road/Westley Brook – very dangerous stretch of road which made crossing the road to the Country Park every difficult. Consideration should be given to providing additional crossing provision. Lewis Cashmore, District Engineer advised that a feasibility study was already being considered; speed monitoring was currently being carried out by STAG to see what was appropriate.
- St. Bernard's Grange – grass verges being damaged by delivery vans. Photographs had been taken of the perpetrator and would be forwarded to the Councillors after the meeting.
- Brays Road – increase in pavement parking and damage to grass verges
- Sheaf Lane/Rectory Park Road – increase in dangerous/obstructive parking leaving very limited access for vehicles to pass safely. Photographs of the obstructive vehicles had been passed on to Sgt Jennifer Edwards, Sheldon Police Team.
- Barrows Lane/Herondale Road and surrounding roads – parking on the road junctions had increased, making access and clear visibility for turning very difficult. More proactive enforcement action was needed and drivers fined for obstructive parking.
- Grass verge damage across the ward had significantly increased as more drivers were parking on pavements/grassed verges. Several businesses were also using the public realm space for their deliveries instead of the access at the rear of their premises. Residents

were reminded to send details, including vehicle registration numbers, make/model and times of the obstructions so that the issue could be taken up with the relevant business. In the meantime, a priority list for double kerbing/grass verge protection had been collated by the District Engineers for consideration under the Ward Highway Minor Improvement Budget.

- Amey Highway Barriers – several remained uncollected around the ward again, which was frustrating and annoying for residents who were constantly reporting them. Cllr Tilsley requested that details and locations were sent to him in the first instance and he would pursue the matter with Amey.
- Street Cleansing – several roads and alleyways in the ward were in need of cleaning. Residents to let Cllrs know of specific problem areas
- Boots/Peri Peri Chicken – increased levels of rubbish/fly-tipping in the alleyway between the two premises. Cllr Ward advised the land was privately owned and agreed to investigate/pursue with the landowner
- Increase in graffiti, some of which appeared to be ‘tagged’. Cllr Ward advised that the local policing team were currently dealing with the matter and visits to local schools including those in neighbouring Solihull were planned.
- Flooding Concerns – Hatchford Brook/Westley Brook Close area; the path by the boundary fence was impassable due to excessive flooding; the bank under the path was also breaking away and falling into the brook. Urgent action /fencing protection were needed especially as the area was in very close proximity to Mapledene School. Keith Smith, Amey agreed to investigate and let Cllrs know.

## **7. BRUM BUDGET 2019+ CONSULTATION**

Residents were advised of the formal consultation process which began on 13<sup>th</sup> November through to 31 December 2018. Full details of the budget proposals, savings and how to have your say were available on the City Council website. A public meeting had also been arranged for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Council House. Residents were actively encouraged to have their say on the budget proposals and to submit their comments/responses before the closing date.

## **8. PETITIONS**

None submitted.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7pm, St Giles Church School Room.