

	<b>KINGS NORTON WARD MEETING</b>	
	<b>THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7PM AT GREAVES HALL, GREAVES SQUARE B38 9LX</b>	
	<b>ACTION NOTES</b>	
In Attendance	<p>Councillor Valerie Seabright (Chair) Councillor Peter Griffiths and Councillor Simon Jevon</p> <p>Inspector Dean Gordon, West Midlands Police Councillor Penny Holbrook, Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning &amp; Culture Chris Jordan, Service Integration Head Lynne Bridgman, Place Manager John Burke, Operations Manager, Fleet &amp; Waste Management Nigel Collumbell, Head of Neighbourhoods, Midland Heart Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager</p> <p>There were 22 residents in attendance</p>	
Agenda Item		<b>Action</b>
1.	<b><u>Notice of Recordings</u></b>	Noted
2.	<b><u>Notes of the Last Meeting</u></b>  In response to a query regarding an update on the 3 Estates regeneration the Chair advised little had changed since the last meeting. Negotiations were ongoing re the supermarket and as soon as the land issue was sorted information would be circulated. Letters to residents in Swale Grove re clearance would be distributed in April.	Noted
3.	<b><u>Petitions</u></b>	None Submitted
4.	<b><u>Police Update</u></b>  Inspector Gordon advised a local update would be provided at the next meeting.	
5.	<b><u>Update on Ward Issues</u></b>  i) <b><u>West Heath Library</u></b> Councillor Holbrook advised of the offer to move West Heath Library into Oddingly Hall as there was a need to co-locate services and use existing buildings. However it was stressed that no decision had been made and the idea was the beginning of the conversation and consultation would be undertaken before any decision was taken. The idea was as a result of having to run	

	<p>services with less money and bringing new buildings into the portfolio at this stage was not acceptable.</p> <p>Chris Jordan said that plans were being drawn up to look at Oddingley Hall to assess if it was a suitable location and building. Situating the library might also secure the sustainability of the Hall but again it was stressed that there had been no decision made and the views of Kings Norton and Northfield residents would be sought before any action was taken.</p> <p>In response to questions the meeting was advised that the design work had to be undertaken by Acivico.</p> <p>Residents expressed concern that money had been allocated for the re-build of West Heath Library 3/4 years ago and in response to a petition in support of its retention residents had been publically assured it would be rebuilt on its existing site. Oddingley Hall was not that near to West Heath, especially for elderly residents.</p> <p>Councillor Holbrook said that if stand- alone buildings were built it would not be possible to staff them but by using existing buildings there would be money to pay for librarians.</p> <p>Residents said that they were disappointed that there had been no discussion with the users of Oddingley Hall prior to this information leaking and while there was not an issue with the principal, communication was the key. Councillor Holbrook apologised for any concern caused and gave an assurance that user groups would be consulted and that it was not intended to take away space used by existing groups but to add value and help more people use the building.</p> <p>There was concern that if the consultation was undertaken on line considerable numbers of users of West Heath library would be excluded from the consultation and therefore there had to be leaflets and information delivered to households and community buildings. The meeting was advised that copies of the plans would be delivered around the area and there would be drop in sessions organized.</p> <p>In response to questions regarding Kings Norton Library - the roof work had been commissioned but additional work had then been discovered so further funding had to be found and the work would be undertaken as soon as possible. Chris Jordan undertook to provide Councillors with a completion date.</p>	Chris Jordan
6.	<p><b><u>Update on Fleet &amp; Waste Management Issues</u></b></p> <p>John Burke gave an update on the recent issues concerning refuse collection and recycling over the Christmas period and the measures introduced to improve matters.</p> <p>The Chair made the following points –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Kings Norton had been last on the roll out but lessons had</li> </ul>	

	<p>not been learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Assisted collections were not being collected every week</li> <li>– Rubbish from flats was not separated so residents wanted to jointly purchase recycling bins to enable them to recycle</li> </ul> <p>John Burke apologized for the assisted collection issues as the crews were still learning the rounds. When recycling bins had been provided for flats they had not worked but any request for recycling bins would be considered.</p> <p>Residents then made the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Crews did not return bins to the point of collection and had been seen throwing bins across the road</li> <li>– A bin that had only been slightly open had not been emptied but the crews could have pushed down the content but made no attempt</li> <li>– The residents of the bungalows in Primrose Gardens had been told to bring bins down a steep slope but as disabled residents this was not possible and the crews had been very unhelpful.</li> <li>– The crews did an excellent job on the Oddingley Estate and Muirfield Gardens. Abuse of staff could not be condoned.</li> <li>– There needed to be more education around recycling, provision of bigger bins etc. This information could be included on the stickers that were used to tag uncollected rubbish. Also residents that still wished to have wheelie bins required information about how to appeal.</li> <li>– Concern expressed regarding Hawkesley Square and the responsibility for clearing litter, spills after refuse collection etc.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Jevon queried whether it was possible for people who could not manage a wheelie bin but could manage black bags to have that option rather than an assisted collection. Rednal Road had not had a recycling collection for a number of weeks and there were issues across the ward with bins not being replaced safely.</p> <p>Councillor Griffiths highlighted issues in Ardath Road and Eckington Walk and stated that recycling collections had not yet started at Canal Side although the rubbish was being collected.</p> <p>John Burke made the following responses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Crews were still learning routes and addresses for assisted collections. He apologized for the problems being experienced by residents but full time permanent staff were being recruited and new technology was due to be installed in the cabs.</li> <li>– Properties rather than residents were assessed for bins/bags</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Contact number for appealing against an assessment was 303 1112</li> <li>– He would speak to crews about returning bins to the point of collection</li> <li>– The housing caretaker service was responsible for cleaning in Hawkesley Square but he undertook to visit.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b><u>Anti-Social Behaviour in Kings Norton</u></b></p> <p>Lisa Storey highlighted a series of thefts, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour incidents that had affected My Place, Greaves Hall, caused by a group of youths. This was discouraging people from using the hall and was using volunteers time that could be better spent on other things. The Youth Club was well used and My Place wanted to continue supporting young people but this behaviour could not continue. It was also noted that similar problems existed at The Fold.</p> <p>Inspector Gordon made the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– He was aware of the Issues at Greaves Hall</li> <li>– ASB was a specific problem in Kings Norton and was the main focus of the police</li> <li>– Work was ongoing with a mixture of diversion and enforcement. Efforts had been made to try to deter young people from entering the criminal justice system but where they would not engage action would be taken.</li> <li>– The local team had an excellent relationship with the housing associations and the City Council and worked to find out if those causing problems were tenants and then joint visits were arranged and the possible effect on the tenancy explained.</li> <li>– Early intervention and mediation was often the key.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the asb was not being caused by young people attending the youth club and it was suspected that they were coming from outside the area and targeting Greaves Hall.</p> <p>Nigel Collumbell commented that Midland Heart had limited number of properties in the area and had not been aware of an ASB issue but would welcome the opportunity to be part of finding a solution.</p> <p>A resident commented that whilst ASB could not be condoned there was little in the area for young people to do and often they were complained about for 'hanging around' on the streets.</p> <p>Better security at Greaves Hall was suggested – use of CCTV – suggested that it be raised at the next Police Tasking meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:-</u></b> Place Manager, My Place, Police (Inspector to update new</p>	<p>Police to take forward</p> <p>Raise at Police Tasking</p>

	Sergeant) & Midland Heart to consider ways of addressing ASB at Greaves Hall/Greaves Square.	
8.	<p><b><u>Issues of Concern to be Raised by Local Residents</u></b></p> <p><b><u>i) Local Policing</u></b></p> <p>Concern was expressed that recently a group of youths had been ripping open a pile of black bags and this had been witnessed by the police but no action had been taken. The same group had later been seen trying to overturn a grit bin and break down a fence. At the very least the children involved should have been taken home to their parents.</p> <p>Complaints were also made regarding children driving around on electronic scooters on the pavement and near to the shops on The Fold which had the potential to cause a serious accident but the Police had not taken any action.</p> <p>Inspector Gordon advised that the police were increasing the use of overt cameras to gather evidence to take to the home address and also provided the potential to crush the vehicle. He expressed disappointment at the reports regarding police officers but said that they could not chase children on scooters, if information re names/addresses was however made available action could be taken.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p><b><u>ii) Kings Norton Co-op Shop</u></b></p> <p>The properties were very run down and covered by graffiti, the take away had now gone but no action was being taken. Councillor Griffiths advised that there had been no contact from the Co-op since the planning application had been approved. Representations needed to be made to the Co-op.</p> <p><b><u>iii) Request made to invite Amey to a Future Meeting</u></b></p>	<p>Invite Police &amp; Crime Commissioner to future meeting.</p>
9.	<b><u>Authority to Chairman and Officers</u></b>	Agreed

Meeting ended 9pm