

# **Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields Community Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 18 March 2020

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** Braunstone Grove, Cort Crescent,  
Leicester, LE3 1QH

## **Ward Councillors**

Councillor Dr Susan Barton

Councillor Elaine Halford

Councillor Kulwinder Singh Johal

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## Conduct Guidance

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

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- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

The Chair will introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations of interest as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

## **2. ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The Action Log for the last meeting, held on 18 November 2019, is attached for information and discussion.

## **3. WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK**

Ward Councillors will provide an update on local ward issues

## **4. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Leicestershire Police will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in the Ward.

## **5. HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

Highways officers will be present to discuss highways issues in the Ward.

## **6. CITY WARDEN UPDATE**

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Ward.

## **7. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET**

**Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications.**

An update will be given on the Ward Community Budget.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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### **For further information, please contact**

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# Appendix A

## BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2019

Held at: BRITE Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Leicester, LE3 1LE

### ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton

Councillor Halford

Councillor Singh Johal

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
29.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<p>Councillor Dr Barton as Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Sgt Nicholas Golden of Leicestershire Police and City Warden Matt Davinson.</p>
30.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held 14 August 2019 was agreed as a correct record.</p>
31.	<b>WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK</b>	<p>Councillor Singh Johal reported that he had spoken at the Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission on the Evesham Road link and there had been a consensus that the road was unnecessary.</p> <p>There was uncertainty as to whether the proposal was on the Local Plan or the 'Emerging Options' document. It was hoped that the issue would come to Full Council on 23 January 2020 and details would be provided of how to get the proposal removed.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader Sally Morris was present at the meeting and Councillor Barton asked for an update. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing officers were working with Police and residents to tackle Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) on Gaddesby Avenue. CCTV was to be installed to gather evidence and questionnaires circulated to residents. Once evidence was collated, options would be considered and an</li></ul>

		<p>action plan formulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas were being formulated for environmental schemes in the ward looking to tidy up the area and improve living conditions.</li> </ul> <p>A resident enquired about the number of void properties in the ward. <b>Action:</b> Sally Morris to look up figures.</p> <p>An enquiry was made about privately owned houses that were unoccupied and in a state of disrepair. Councillor Dr Barton suggested options including working with owners to make them fit to live in and go on the rental market, alternatively if owners were reluctant to engage, a Compulsory Purchase Order could be made and the house repaired and let out.</p> <p>Councillor Halford added that the Empty Homes Team could help to identify such owners if addresses were reported to them.</p> <p>A resident asked about a scheme to insulate homes that was no longer continuing. Councillor Dr Barton explained that this scheme, along with the buy-back scheme for solar panels, had been discontinued due to a withdrawal of government funding.</p> <p>In response to a query about improvements to residents' living environment, it was reported that this involved: Soft landscaping, parking schemes, cutting back overgrowth, the installation of boilers and kitchens in void properties and schemes to convert three bedroom properties to two bedroom properties with an upstairs bathroom in order to fit in with demand.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Barton welcomed any suggestions for environmental improvements.</p>
32.	<p><b>LEICESTER'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONVERSATION</b></p>	<p>No representative of the Climate Emergency Conversation was present at the meeting as the meeting coincided with the launch of the initiative.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Barton explained that the scheme was aimed at addressing the Climate Emergency declared by the Council and was a way of gathering suggestions of what can be done to avert climate disaster. Ideas at this point had included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors were moving to a paperless system and no longer had a courier in a van.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways to make council estates and houses more environmentally friendly were being explored.</li> <li>• Cycling and use of public transport was being encouraged.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Singh Johal suggested learning from industries which had aimed to become carbon neutral through carbon off-setting, using more bio-degradable material and cutting use of single-use plastic.</p> <p>A resident recommended the use of an air source heat pump instead of a conventional boiler.</p> <p>Actions as a council have included introducing charging-points for electric cars, and it was hoped that prioritising environmentally-friendly vehicles could increase their use. The possibility of making busses more environmentally friendly was being explored.</p> <p>A resident enquired how much recycling collected under the council scheme ended up in landfill.  <b>Action:</b> Councillor Dr Barton to submit question to Full Council.</p>
33.	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>Apologies were received from Sgt Golden of Leicestershire Police.</p> <p>Councillor Singh Johal read out a written update. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two priority areas for tackling ASB have been Webster Road and Gaddesby Avenue.</li> <li>• The Braunstone Park problem plan has been closed following consultation with the Council Parks Team. Further points on Braunstone Park included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were multiple areas to gain access to the park.</li> <li>○ Measures had been put in place to avoid grass cuttings being set on fire.</li> <li>○ The sleepers were to be replaced but would be like-for-like due to accessibility issues.</li> <li>○ Permission had not been gained from Waterways to reshape mounds and ditches.</li> <li>○ The Council was looking to reduce the thickness of the spinney to deter bikes being dumped there.</li> <li>○ Consideration would be given to lighting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>these areas if feasible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upon reports of bikes on the park, operators were instructed to monitor CCTV for as long as possible in order to pick up persons of interest.</li> <li>○ CCTV operators were asked to highlight incidents monitored in the log book.</li> <li>○ The local beat team were to make contact with CCTV operators monthly.</li> </ul> <p>Police had the following Beat Surgeries:</p> <p>BRITE Centre: 19 November 2019 10am-12noon</p> <p>Narborough Road Co-Op: 20 November 2019 9am-10am 6 December 2019 5pm- 6pm 19 December 2019 9am-10pm</p> <p>Hallam Crescent Co-Op: 29 November 2019 9am-10am 12 December 2019 5pm- 6pm 18 December 2019 7pm- 8pm</p>
<p><b>34.</b></p>	<p><b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Apologies were received from City Warden Matthew Davinson.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Barton read out a written update. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 complaints from the public had been received, 24 of which came through the Love Leicester App.</li> <li>• Most of these complaints were situated in the Narborough Road corridor and concerned waste items such as bed bases and sofas. It was unknown who was responsible, but leaflets were distributed to local residents.</li> <li>• There had been three reports of untidy land near the Collingham Road area.</li> <li>• A warning letter had been sent to an address on Heyworth Road, however, the property was empty, and the City Warden was unable to locate the landlord.</li> <li>• Fly tipping had been reported on Narborough Road and Collingham Road, there was no evidence as to who was responsible.</li> <li>• An accumulation of litter was reported on Valence Road. This was passed on to Cleansing Services. The area was to be</li> </ul>



		<p>monitored when possible.</p> <p>Reports were made of rubbish in gardens and bins on streets around Narborough Road and Evesham Road that had been reported previously but not actioned. <b>Action:</b> Councillors to feed back to City Warden.</p> <p>Houses of Multiple Occupation were raised as an issue as they often created a lot of waste and were often not well looked after due to the transient nature of their occupiers.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Barton explained that whilst they could not discuss individual cases in the meeting, she encouraged residents to inform the City Warden and Councillors of issues.</p>
35.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</b>	<p>Highways Officer Mark Govan gave an update of highways issues in the ward. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface dressing and lean patching works had taken place on Hamelin Road and Gooding Avenue.</li> <li>• Bollards and knee-rails had been installed on Compton Road and Hand Avenue.</li> <li>• Highways officers have met with Councillor Singh Johal about the possibility of pedestrian refuges and Vehicle Activated Signs on Braunstone Avenue.</li> <li>• Keep clear signs around the school on Hamelin Road were now enforceable.</li> </ul> <p>A resident enquired as to the purpose of a traffic radar on Evesham Road. <b>Action:</b> Mark Govan to find out from Highways team.</p> <p>A resident reported that street lights on Narborough Road were failing on a regular basis. <b>Action:</b> Highways officers to review.</p> <p>A resident reported that the road surface of Meredith Road was shedding chippings following resurfacing and that the 'turn left' road marking had not been replaced following the scheme. <b>Action:</b> Highways officers to review.</p> <p>A resident reported that gullies on Narborough Road were blocked. <b>Action:</b> Highways officers to review.</p> <p>Councillor Singh Johal reported that bus stop poles and raised kerbs remained in place on Rowley Fields</p>

		<p>and Dumbleton Avenue despite there no longer being a bus service on those roads. <b>Action:</b> Highways officers to review whether to remove or not.</p> <p>Councillor Singh Johal and residents remarked on the poor surface of Dumbleton Avenue and asked whether it was proposed for resurfacing. <b>Action:</b> Highways officers to review.</p>
36.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>Since the last Ward Meeting a total number of six applications had been supported by Councillors, applications totalling £5,400.00. There were several applications still to be assessed.</p> <p>Applications supported included:</p> <p>Leicester Dance Academy - Mirror Mirror Project - £1,000  Judith Kemp - Company at Christmas - £500.00  Braunstone History Group - Exhibition - £500.00  Drum and Brass - Mini Music at Manor House - £300.00  Angels &amp; Monsters - Sensory items - £1,500  Braunstone Adventure Playground - Security - £1,600</p> <p>Drop in sessions would be held for Community Engagement Officers to help residents fill in funding applications, including a session at the BRITE Centre from 3-5pm on Wednesday 20 November.</p>
37.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>The 'Vote Leicester' leaflet was circulated and those present were made aware of different ways to vote (i.e. by proxy or by post as well as in person).</p> <p>Those present were made aware of Christmas events at the BRITE centre. (See attached).</p> <p>Those present were made aware of the Community Advice and Law Service offering free initial advice on immigration law. (See attached).</p> <p>Those present were made aware of the 'Women Talking City Listening' initiative aimed at collecting information from women around the city to help the Council better understand how to support women. (See attached).</p> <p>A resident enquired about the possibility of re-installing children's play equipment on the ground by Manor House Lodge. There was discussion about the feasibility of this and who owned the land.  <b>Action:</b> Councillors to find out who owns the land.</p>

		<p><b>Action:</b> Councillors and Community Engagement officer to consider adding issue to the next Ward Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm</p>
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# Up and coming events 2020

**Sparks FREE** Family Weekend at the Brite On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020.  
You have £1,000.00 to spend for the weekend. As Parents with children we need you to come up with ideas, how to spend £1,000.00 on activities - for example, a performance, circus, disco, puppet show, anything ideas welcome.

## Feb half-term

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
FREE arts & crafts workshops  
From 11.00 to 2.00pm

Mothers Day FREE workshops  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Make Cards  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Make flowers  
From 11.00 to 2.00pm

## FREE Easter Arts & Crafts Workshops

From Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April to Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April  
From 11.00 to 2.00pm

## FREE Father's Day Workshop

On Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June  
From 11.00 to 2.00pm

Creative Writing workshops in  
Music Journalismism & Lyric Writing  
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For more information contact Brite  
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## Christmas Lights Switch on

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019  
From 12.00 to 3.00pm

Stalls on the day for you to fill  
up on your stocking fillers.

Light switch on at 1.00pm

Choir  
Mince Pie & Mulled Wine  
Or Warm Black Currant Juice

Santa's Grotto

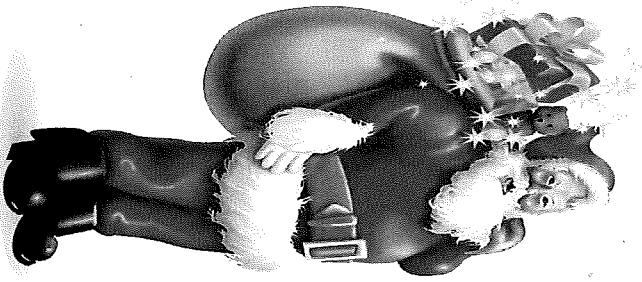
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# Children's End of Year Party

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
4.00pm To 6.00pm

@ Brite Centre  
130 Braunstone Avenue  
Leicester  
LE3 1LE  
Tel: 0116 299 5476



## Tickets:

Children £2.50

Adults £2.50

(Children under 10 must be  
Accompanied by an adult)

Family £8.00

(2 Adults, 2 children)

\*A Visit from Santa

\*Games

\*Food

Ticket only event, get your ticket  
Early to avoid disappointment  
(Must be brought in advance)  
(100 tickets available)

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**FREE Christmas Arts & Crafts workshops on;**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov from 12.00 to 3.00pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 11.00 to 2.00pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec from 11.00 to 2.00pm

Come along and make, stockings, Christmas cards, and decorations.





# Immigration Advice

**Louise Koch**

**(previously of Castle Park Solicitors)**

**Free initial advice at our drop in sessions:**

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# Women Talking, City Listening

The lives of women in this country have changed so much since we got the vote just over 100 years ago.

Women can now get mortgages, hold senior jobs and sit as MPs in Westminster.

But women do not always find it easy to achieve their goals.

A new project in Leicester is going to talk to women aged 18 or above to find out what you need to help you. Tell us your hopes, your ambitions – and your difficulties.



Funded by central government, the Women Talking project will collect information from women across the city in 2019 and 2020. We will then report back to the government to show what they can do to support women.

There will be lots of ways for you to let us have your thoughts: through workshops, forums, fun days, surveys and much more.

To find out more or get involved, go to our web page:  
[leicester.gov.uk/womentalking](https://leicester.gov.uk/womentalking) email [womentalking@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:womentalking@leicester.gov.uk)  
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