

Belgrave Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 13 August 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
PLACE: Dining Room (Room2),
Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre,
Rothley Street, Leicester, LE4 6LF

Ward Councillors

Councillor Padmini Chamund
Councillor Nita Solanki
Councillor Mahendra Valand

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- Keep to the Agenda
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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

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 as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING

[Appendix A](#)

The Action Log for the last meeting, held on 19 March 2019, is attached for information and discussion

4. WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK

The Ward Councillors will provide an update on local ward issues

5. LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be at the meeting to provide information and advice

6. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

A Highways officer will be at the meeting to provide an update on highways issues in the Ward

7. CITY WARDEN

The City Warden will be at the meeting to discuss environmental issues in the Ward

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Leicestershire Police will be at the meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Policing in the Ward

9. 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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information, please contact

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Appendix A

BELGRAVE COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019

Held at: Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, Rothley Street, Leicester, LE4 6LF

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Sood (Chair)
Councillor Chamund

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
25.	INTRODUCTIONS	<p>The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, thanking officers from the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre for their hospitality to the Community Meetings and residents for their continued attendance and interest in discussing the issues raised.</p> <p>Councillor Sood declared an Other Disclosable Interest in the applications for funding from the Ward Community Budget, in that she was responsible for giving final approval to those applications in her role as Assistant City Mayor with responsibility for Communities and Equalities. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, this interest was not considered so significant that it was likely to prejudice Councillor Sood's judgement of the public interest. She therefore was not required to withdraw from the meeting.</p>
26.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thomas.</p> <p>Grant Butterworth (Head of Planning) also apologised for not being present to discuss the future of the former Sainsbury's site.</p>
27.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>a) <u>Item 23, "Any Other Business – Role of Ward Councillors in Reporting Ward Issues"</u></p> <p>Ward Councillors asked to ensure that reports on what is happening in the Ward are made to the Community Meeting.</p> <p>b) <u>Item 23, "Any Other Business – Responsibility for Gardens at Council-owned Properties"</u></p> <p>All to note that the trees at the rear of the properties discussed will be cut back after April. Discussions</p>

		<p>are ongoing between Housing and Highways officers to determine what can be done to improve the area of land there about which concerns have been raised.</p>
<p>28.</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING</p>	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Lyndsey Booth has now moved on from the Ward to a new job within the Police. She has been replaced by Sgt Dave Gott; • The number of burglaries of residential properties over the last three months has been half that of the same period last year; • Over the same period, theft from motor vehicles has reduced, but is still high; • Theft of motor vehicles has increased from 6 to 10. This reflects a national trend, where properties are burgled and keys to high-end vehicles taken and used to steal the vehicles; • Information recently has been circulated to alert people about distraction robberies of people using cashpoint machines, where cards and cash are stolen. It is recommended that machines inside a building are used whenever possible; • As the weather gets warmer and lighter clothing is worn, gold jewellery becomes more visible, so all to be aware of the potential of chain (or other jewellery) snatches; • Following recent work with B&M, an undertaking has been given that the car park will be repaired secured, being locked every night. The Police will have a key in case access is needed during the times it is locked. It is hoped this will reduce anti-social behaviour there; • The Police have been working with the Council's Licensing Officers over concerns about the hours of operation of the Bombay Nights dance bar; and • The Police now have various social media accounts and are also considering whether WhatsApp is secure enough to use and if there are enough other users to make using it practical. <p>Due to increasing demands on Police resources, the community asked to help circulate information and remain alert to potential problems, advising the Police of these as appropriate.</p> <p>All invited to:</p>

		<p>a) Join the Community Link scheme for getting messages out to the community by e-mail and/or text; and</p> <p>b) Pass ideas to the Police for where they can meet groups of people to get messages out to the community.</p>
29.	CITY WARDEN	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammed Patel is no longer the City Warden for this Ward, having gained a new job within the Council. Jethro Swift has recently taken over the role of Warden for the Ward; • Work in relation to problems with paan spitting is ongoing; • Some refuse bins are being left out on some streets, so action will be taken on this; • Fly-tipping is a problem across the city, so hotspots in the Ward will be highlighted and work to reduce it undertaken, including where possible using a mobile CCTV camera to gain evidence; and • Problems with rubbish around B&M are being tackled. The owners of the land have been identified and will be asked to clear the rubbish before redevelopment of the land begins. <p>All asked to notify the City Warden of areas in the Ward where fly-tipping is occurring.</p> <p>City Warden to investigate rubbish accumulating outside Bestway on Melton Road and take appropriate action.</p>
30.	PLANNING - FORMER SAINSBURY'S SITE	<p>All to note that, as the Head of Planning was unable to be at the meeting, information on the plans approved for the development of the site was available at the meeting and is attached at the end of this action log for information.</p> <p>City Warden to investigate reports of anti-social behaviour and rubbish being dumped on the site.</p>
31.	LEICESTER ADULT SKILLS AND LEARNING SERVICE	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of the courses to improve employment and computer skills are free to people with a three-year UK/EU/EEA residency; • Many Level 1 courses, and some at Level 2, are free for people on low incomes (under £15,736.50

		<p>gross per year) or those claiming a range of out of work benefits;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital skills sessions are held to help people get on-line, for example to make Universal Credit applications or use the Council's on-line portals; • Access to Higher Education courses are available for mature students wanting to go to university but who do not have the necessary formal qualifications; • A recruitment fair will be held shortly in conjunction with the County Council for course tutors; • Officers from the Adult Learning Skills service are available in the Ward on Mondays, at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre from 12.30 – 1.30 pm and then at the library between 2.00 and 3.30 pm; • If anyone is concerned about leaving a bike in the rack outside the Belvoir Street entrance to the LASALS building, there is a bike storage area at the rear of the building that can be used. The building also has ramp access for the less mobile and a café that is open to the general public to use. <p>LASALS officers asked to try and make classes more visible, for example through making more information available at venues such as libraries.</p>
32.	BELGRAVE WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>All to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 applications for grant funding have been supported since the last Ward Meeting; and • The closing balance for this financial year is £0.
33.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a) <u>Belgrave Hall Conservation Area Society</u></p> <p>All to note that the Society will be holding an evening celebrating bygone Belgrave at 7.30 pm on 21 April 2019 at the Claremont Street Methodist Church.</p> <p>b) <u>Proposed One-Way Traffic System for the Doncaster Road Area</u></p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's Planning and Development Control Committee has been consulted on a proposal to create a one-way traffic system in the Doncaster

		<p>Road area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Chamund was unable to remain at the Planning and Development Control Committee meeting for the discussion on this item as she had to attend another meeting, but was concerned that a Councillor from another Ward had addressed the Committee on the proposal. <p>c) <u>Parking at Religious Worship Centres</u></p> <p>Highways officers and the City Warden asked to look at the problems caused by large numbers of people parking in streets near religious worship centres that only have small car parks.</p> <p>Ward Community and Engagement Officer asked to invite Fire and Rescue Service representatives to a future meeting to discuss problems accessing certain streets due to parking in those streets.</p> <p>Planning officers asked to take these concerns in to consideration when considering future planning applications for establishments that potentially will have large numbers of people attending at any one time.</p> <p>d) <u>Parking in Jermin Street</u></p> <p>All to note that irresponsible parking in Jermin Street, (for example, across corners and vehicles extending beyond corners), is causing problems in Jermin Street.</p> <p>Highways officers asked to look in to the problem and advise what action can be taken.</p> <p>e) <u>Parking in Brandon Street</u></p> <p>All to note the parking problems being experienced in Brandon Street making it difficult for some people living there to park.</p> <p>All to note that a property is obstructed if it is not possible to enter the property, not if it is not possible to leave it.</p> <p>f) <u>Dog Fouling in Munnings Close</u></p> <p>Housing officers to work with City Warden to try and stop dog fouling on the grassed area in the Close and to liaise with Ward Councillors to advise of what, if any, action can be taken.</p> <p>All to note that new conditions of tenancy in Council-owned properties are being developed, which should</p>
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be more robust than previous conditions.

g) Responsibility for Gardens at Council-owned Properties

All to note that four teams work on the maintenance of communal grounds of Council-owned properties, so work on them in rotation. These teams are unable to maintain gardens at individual properties. Other voluntary help may be available from organisations and charities, but cannot not be relied on to maintain all relevant areas.

All to advise neighbourhood housing officers if communal grounds are not being maintained.

Ward Community and Engagement Officer to include an item on garden maintenance on the agenda of the next meeting.

h) Rubbish Clearance by Volunteers from the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

All to note:

- Up to December 2018, volunteers from the Centre had removed 1,997 bags of rubbish (the equivalent of approximately 17 skips) from the River Soar. The success of this has meant that Kingfishers can now be seen along that stretch of the river;
- Ward Community Budget funding has been requested from the Belgrave, Rushey Mead and Abbey Wards towards the rubbish clearance;
- Rubbish clearance was undertaken every month. In the summer, this was often in the evenings, but at this time of year it is usually at weekends; and
- Further information on the clean-up and details of how to volunteer can be obtained from the Centre.

i) Health Event

All to note that a free event is being held between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm at the Brandon Street health unit. Doctors will be available for brief consultations and mini health checks will be available.

j) Holi Event

Highways officers and Festivals officers asked to note concerns that a parking plan and the anticipated

		<p>timescales of the Holi event on 20 March have not been widely advertised, so may lead to a chaotic situation for those living in the area and those arriving for the event.</p> <p>k) <u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>Police and City Warden asked to look in to reports of smoking, drinking and verbal abuse of passers-by in Ascot Road.</p> <p>All asked to pass any evidence of this to the City Warden and/or the Police.</p>
34.	VOTE OF THANKS	<p>All to note that not all the current Ward Councillors will be standing for re-election in the Ward in the May local government elections.</p> <p>The work that Councillor Sood had done for all communities in the Ward over the past 22 years was recognised by those at the meeting and she was thanked for it. In reply, Councillor Sood thanked everyone for their support and good wishes, noting the changes that had taken place in the Ward during her time representing it and stressing the need to avoid barriers between communities. She also thanked the Police for their work in the Ward and all at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre for their help to her, Ward Councillors and service users.</p> <p>Councillor Chamund added her thanks to Councillor Sood to those of the meeting, thanking her for her guidance since Councillor Chamund's election.</p>
35.	CLOSE OF MEETING	<p>The meeting closed at 8.27 pm</p>

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Item 6: Planning- Former Sainsbury's Site

In November a planning application for the following development was granted permission subject to a s106 Agreement to fund completion of the associated public realm works at the applicant's expense:

- Refurbishment of the existing retail store (B&M) (Block A).
- Erection of a 2/3 storey retail and leisure development with 18 apartments above (use class C3). (Blocks B and D). Block B with residential above.
- Stand-alone retail/restaurant unit (use classes A1/A3/A5), car parking and landscaping (full application). (Block D to corner with Belgrave Circle).
- Car parking, landscaping and associated works (Area C).
- Erection of a sub-divisible employment unit (Block E). (this element of the application was submitted in outline)



A full set of the Plans and document can be viewed by following the weblinks below:

<http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/Details.aspx?AppNo=20181372>

or

http://fdweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/fdweb/Search.aspx?CabID=1D251D6A&DocTypeID=8c5b208a&FDX_D73E5959=20181372

Images are attached at Appendix A of this Report.

The applicant (Henry Boot- who are understood to have acquired the site from Sainsburys) has confirmed in January 2019 that “The marketing and discussions with occupiers has now stepped up again following completion of the land deals”

It is understood that the development will be commenced once the developer has secured enough prospective tenants for the new commercial units to support release of the investment funding required.

Grant Butterworth

Head of Planning

18th March 2018

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Visual 2 from Belgrave Road



