

EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2017

Held at: St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Bajaj (Chair)
Councillor Govind

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
56.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Bajaj, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Hunter, Nicole Powell (City Warden), Andy East (Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader) and several members of the community.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
57.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 2 March 2017 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.</p>
58.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Councillor Govind confirmed that updates would be provided throughout the meeting on some of the collaborative works Councillors had been involved in with various officers and departments.</p> <p>Councillor Bajaj noted that knee high railings which were funded by the Ward Community Budget had been installed on Angela Drive.</p>
59.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PC Dave McCartney from Leicestershire Police provided the following update at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Problem Solving Plans (PSP) in the Ward included street drinkers on Uppingham Road and Green Lane Road. The Police were looking at ways of dealing with this.• Some homeless people begging - which was reported at the previous meeting was noted as still an issue outside the Tesco Metro on Ethel Road. However, PC McCartney explained that due to old laws this was a difficult situation to deal with.• Ongoing work was taking place with the youth intervention group.• Dave alerted residents to be aware of a recent

scam which had been taking place where scammers had been trying to convince people of winning lottery tickets.

Activities taking place at Coleman Neighbourhood Centre (NC):

- It was noted that PC Jackson had set up a regular drop in session on Friday afternoons called 'Coffee with a copper', whereby residents were encouraged to go along have a beverage and chat to Police regarding any concerns, issues or just for a general conversation.
- A youth group held on Wednesdays, 7-9pm.
- It was noted that over the past 3 months the following crime statistics were recorded in the Ward, all of which the Police were working to reduce:

Type of Crime	Amount
Burglaries	17
Drug offences	4
Robberies	3
Assaults	29
Thefts	46
Criminal Damages	29

Residents' concerns:

- Vehicles being parked on the Gamel Road double yellow lines. Dave did confirm that Police are unable to currently ticket vehicles.
- Tesco Metro – Ethel Road was reported to have a lot of nitrous oxide canisters.

60. FIRST BUS - UPDATE ON 54 BUS ROUTE

Nigel Eggleton – Managing Director of First Midlands was present at the meeting and provided the following update:

- It was noted that a decision was made to remove Gamel Road from the no. 54 First Bus service to improve punctuality elsewhere on the route and also as the number of users was few. Nigel reported that the change proved to be successful in terms of punctuality and increased usage.
- It was also reported by Nigel that the change to the service came as it was felt that Centrebus already provided a similar service to that area.
- Due to residents' concerns of the change of service, First Bus Officers have recently

		<p>considered that it could be worth trialling a restoration of the bus service on weekday evenings from 7pm and all day on Sundays for three months. This would be at the times when Centrebus did not provide a service on that route. After this three month period the service would be reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted as a requirement to inform the legal body eight weeks prior to change of service. Therefore, if the restoration was to go ahead it would take place approximately at the end of October 2017. • Nigel noted that it was important that if the service were to be reinstated that parking and traffic didn't become a problem. • The target would be 15-20 passengers using the service in the evenings and 70-80 passengers using the service on a Sunday. <p>Residents' concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents commented that they would prefer a daytime service rather than evenings. • It was noted that concerns were not only in the Goodwood Rd area but also all the way down to Ethel Road and also outside the church. • A resident reported that Centrebus did provide a service but it had its own issues i.e. the Centrebus service was in the opposite direction and occasional issues with no bus drivers. • There were concerns that not all residents were aware of the change of service. • Difficulties for elderly and people with disabilities due to no bus, especially when going up the hill. It was requested that there should be a service that went up the hill. • Residents felt that East Park Road was the cause of the bus route punctuality issue rather than Gamel Road and it was therefore requested that other parts of the route be looked into where time may be lost. • A petition from residents regarding the bus service and issues surrounding this was handed to Angela Martin – the Ward Community Engagement Officer at the meeting.
61.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	Mark Govan - Officer from the Planning, Development and Transportation Team provided an update on works taking place in the Ward.

It was noted that there was now an ongoing programme for installation of bollards/ railings/ knee high railing schemes to address the parking issues in the Ward.

20 miles per hour (mph) zones:

- The Downing Drive consultation was now complete. It was now at the stage whereby Officers would be analysing the results and communicating with Ward Councillors.
- Speed features for Whitehall Road were being looked at.
- The consultation for proposals to implement a 20mph zone in the Evington village area would commence tomorrow. Consultation leaflets would soon be distributed.

School run Parking scheme:

- Spencefield Lane - Meetings had taken place with Krishna Avanti Primary School and St Paul's Catholic School in regards school run parking – proposals were currently being developed.

Residents' concerns:

- Susan Avenue - It was reported by one of the residents that there were concerns of teachers from Oaklands School parking in nearby streets (and outside his property) although the school apparently had their own car park. The resident approached the school with proposals for parking however, nothing had materialised. The resident was to send details to Mark Govan.
Another resident also mentioned a similar issue on Chatteris Avenue.
- Gamel Road/ Davenport Road/ Harringworth Road – many residents had concerns about inconsiderate/ illegal parking in the streets, parking on double yellow lines, parking across driveways (whereby residents could not enter or exit), damage to walls/ bollards, parking on verges and footpaths which caused issues for wheelchair users and pushchairs from using the footpath. Residents requested the presence of Community Enforcement Officers (CEO's) in the area issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) for offending motorists. Mark Govan would feedback to the team and inform

		<p>the relevant officer to send out CEO's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident requested an update on the previous camera car discussion. Mark responded that there were plans to have the camera vehicle later on in the year to be used at a number of schools. However, schools would need to have the correct documentation in place. In addition, Highways were working on legal documentation, road markings around schools and signage for officers to be able to issue penalty tickets instantly and not get challenged. • Greenacre Drive/ Goodwood Road – Resident had concerns regarding congestion and difficulties exiting the property's drive especially during term times between 8.00am-8.45am. Mark was to discuss this further with the resident after the meeting.
62.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Councillor Bajaj read out the update provided by the City Warden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was advised that residents contact the City Warden for the Ward – Nicole Powell if they had any issues. • Councillor Govind advised attendees to download the Love Leicester application to report issues.
63.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Marlene Blake – Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader was present at the meeting and provided an update on Environmental Improvement Budget Schemes that the Housing team would be implementing during 2017-18. A copy of this has been attached at the end of this action log.</p>
64.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES	<p>Marlene Blake also provided the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) update at the meeting and distributed East and Central area consultation/ questionnaire leaflets.</p> <p>The programme was currently consulting on proposals for 11 neighbourhood buildings in the East and Central area of the city. The consultation included proposals for three buildings in the Evington ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To close the building and move services into the improved St Barnabas Library building. ○ Explore options for disposal of the building.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleman Neighbourhood Centre; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To retain the centre and the ball court. ○ Work with groups to increase use of the building. • Evington Library; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To retain the library. ○ Install key fob access to the library for community groups use out of hours. <p>An online version of the consultation/ questionnaire was available on the Council website at: www.leicester.gov.uk/tns. No decisions had been made as yet – therefore residents were encouraged to fill in the forms and express their opinions on the consultation which would run until 25 July.</p>
65.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Angela Martin – Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) informed the meeting of the following information, in regards to the Ward Community Budget. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven applications had been received, four of which were supported and three were currently awaiting decisions.
66.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office

2017-18 Environmental Improvement Budget Schemes

Gumbrill House

Conversion of a shed at the sheltered unit to a mobility scooter store.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

Waterfield Close

Installation of knee rail fencing around Housing owned green to prevent unlawful crossing by vehicles.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

Cordery Road

Installation of knee rail fencing to prevent unlawful crossing of green by vehicles.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

Ethel Road flats

Planting of a new Acer tree following resident's request.

Scheduled to be completed in November 2017

Gisbourne Court

Planting of a new black birch tree in the gardens to replace another removed as it was too close to the building. *Scheduled to be completed in November 2017*

Installation of new non-slip flooring to internal communal areas in response to reports the floors get slippery from wet feet when it rains outside. This is in response to recurring issues related to Fire Safety with some residents continually leaving door mats in the communal area in contravention of our Zero Tolerance Policy.

Blocks to be fitted with new flooring: 19-22; 23-26; 27-30; 39 – 42.

We hope to extend the scheme to the remaining blocks in 2018-19 funds permitting.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

65-71, 25-31,53-63 Illingworth Road

Repainting of internal staircases.

Completed in May 2017

Harrowden, Iffley & Sandford Courts

The creation of new bin store areas in the courtyards. This is a practical response to the recent Fire Risk Assessments which require the existing bin stores, located in each of the 12 blocks (next to the entrance) to be fitted with expensive fire doors.

Our proposal is more cost effective and removes the potential fire risk of rubbish by moving it away from the blocks. The proposal is currently under consultation with the residents.

If we wait for the doors to be replaced on the Fire Action Programme it will take a number of years as other higher priorities are dealt with first (such as upgrading front doors to flats with new fire doors). We hope to complete the new bin areas this year.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

2017-18 Grounds Maintenance Budget

Following similar schemes from previous years we have secured funding for more schemes this year. The aim of each scheme is a combination of reducing further maintenance costs, improving the look of the area and to make it feel safer for residents.

All the following schemes are currently under consultation with the neighbouring residents:

1) Rowlatts Hill Road

Remove large shrubs and replace with grass along the footpath along Rowlatts Hill Road between Harrowden Rise and The crossing to the link road to Wicklow Drive.

- Create a safer pedestrian route along a stretch of road
- Create a tidier environment and improve the visual impact of Rowlatts Hill Road which surrounds the estate

2) Rowlatts Hill Road

Remove some shrubs along the path from Rowlatts Hill Road to the shops on Wicklow Drive/Ambassador Road:

- Make a safe pedestrian route through to the shops
- Still retaining some shrubs to keep a defensible space in front of Flats 105-111 Rowlatts Hill Road
- Addition of 2 bollards to ensure path is still only accessible by pedestrians, not vehicles from the car park
- Reduce accumulated litter collecting in the bushes.

3) Play area, rear of 50 – 76 Balderstone Close

Remove shrubs replacing with grass around the play area at the rear of 50-76 Balderstone Close.

- Tidy the area around the play area and alongside the footpath that runs through the area
- Remove untidy shrubs where litter collects

4) 56-60 Champion Close

Remove shrubs alongside 56-60 Champion Close and the footpath through to McKenzie Way:

- Tidier footpath
- Create a safer footpath, similar to previous improvements we've made along footpaths on the estate