

## WESTCOTES WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

21 JANUARY 2014

### ACTION LOG

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
28.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	<p>Councillor Connelly in the Chair. Councillor Russell also present.</p> <p>Everyone welcomed and introductions given.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>
29.	<b>ACTION LOG – 1 OCTOBER 2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21/13 – The experimental residents' parking scheme had been implemented, but would be reviewed at the end of February 2014. Comments on the scheme could be made to the Ward Councillors or the direct to the Parking team at the Council</li><li>• 21/13 – An item on access to the West End Community Centre to be included on the agenda for the next meeting</li><li>• 21/13 – Anita Robinson (Parks Officer) to let the Ward Councillors know if the new CCTV camera had not been installed by 27 January</li><li>• 23/13 – The fifth bullet point should refer to just Braunstone Gate</li><li>• 27/13 – The fence mentioned in the third bullet point was opposite Tesco, not behind it. The trees had been thinned there and people no longer congregated there;</li></ul>
30.	<b>EXPANSION OF ST MARY'S INFANT SCHOOL</b>	<p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to increasing pressure on primary school places and the lack of a naturally aligned junior school to St Mary's Fields Infants School it was proposed that the School would be expanded to become an all-through primary school.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the public could comment on the statutory Notice of this proposal, which had been published.</li> <li>• Planning permission for the additional buildings required would be sought as a separate process.</li> <li>• The target for completion of the building work was September 2015. In the meantime, in September 2014 Year 3 would be located in a temporary mobile classroom;</li> <li>• The expanded school would have four year groups, with two classes per year.</li> <li>• It was possible that some of the Narborough Road playing fields would need to be used for new buildings.</li> <li>• Work was ongoing across the city to try and make school playing fields more accessible to the public.</li> </ul>
31.	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS</b>	<p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary agreement by letting agents to remove “To Let” signs had been obtained;</li> <li>• An application to move the student accommodation proposed for 2A Upperton Road to the rear of the site had been approved;</li> <li>• The winning design from the competition to paint the railway bridge had been chosen and would be painted on both sides of the bridge. Consideration had been given to how people could be prevented from defacing the design;</li> <li>• Attempts had been made to invite the developer for the site in Evesham Road to this meeting, but it had not been possible to contact them;</li> <li>• Ward Councillors had objected to a planning application for 20 Westcotes Drive to become a House in Multiple Occupation. If the officer recommendation was that the application be approved, the Ward Councillors would ask for the application to be considered by the Planning and Development Control Committee;</li> <li>• Ward Councillors had asked for information on the development that had started by Albion House (near the junction of Upperton Road), including what planning permission existed for the site;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A house in Norman Street had been a blight for a number of years, but was now being redeveloped;</li> <li>• Sainsbury's had been asked for compensation for the trees damaged during the recent development of their new store;</li> <li>• Ward Councillors to find out what stage the improvement work at Bradgate Old Peoples Home on Westcotes Drive has reached;</li> <li>• Ward Councillors to investigate reports that consultations are being held on the possible redevelopment of the car park at the Merry Monarch pub.</li> <li>• Jamie Lewis now had permission to increase the size of the extension to the company's building on Great Central Way and had permission to develop the former railway sheds.</li> </ul>
<b>32.</b>	<b>CITY WARDEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents asked to pass any information they have on the dog fouling in the Norfolk Street area to the City Warden.</li> <li>• Graffiti removal kits can be obtained from the City Warden.</li> <li>• Residents to note that the frequency of emptying of rubbish bins at the Upperton Road viaduct has been increased, particularly on days on which football matches were being played.</li> <li>• Ward Councillors to liaise with residents over concerns that CCTV cameras on flats are directed in to their homes.</li> </ul>
<b>33.</b>	<b>POLICE ISSUES UPDATE</b>	<p>Partnership and Strategy Officer to find out why the Police were not present at the meeting</p> <p>All to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ward Councillors had worked successfully with the Police to reduce shoplifting in the Ward. This work was now being used by Local Policing units in other areas.</li> <li>• Funding had been received to install security doors to stop people congregating in the stairwells of flats in Norfolk Street.</li> </ul>
<b>34.</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrating Samba Music (3275) – not supported. The Partnership and Strategy Officer to advise Bepositive Amigos that a project in the</li> </ul>

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		<p>Ward, or working with local residents, could be considered for grant funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Farm (3276) – The Partnership and Strategy Officer to invite Fullhurst Community College to submit an application for a grant for the food growing element of this project</li> <li>• Creative Writing Workshop (3277) – Grant of £500 to Three The Hard Way. Applicant invited to provide advertising material for distribution through Council networks</li> </ul> <p>The Neighbourhood Development Manager to investigate the costs and feasibility of providing bike racks near the Police Station on Hinckley Road.</p> <p>Residents invited to submit suggestions for projects to which the remaining grant funding can be allocated.</p> <p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offers of help between seasons at Upstairs at the Western would be welcome. Front-of-house volunteers are also being sought.</li> <li>○ Funding may be sought for the new Western Park Gazette, which will start publication in February 2014.</li> <li>○ The grant awarded to The Can Man (Adrian Ablett) (£700, 1 October 2013) has helped increase the number of cans and glass bottles being collected from the streets. The meeting noted the improved appearance of local streets and thanked Adrian Ablett for his work.</li> </ul>
35.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Members to investigate the ownership of the section of wall near the end of the former bowstring bridge site that has collapsed, with a view to the rubble being cleared.</li> <li>• Details of how arrangements for a patch walk could be integrated in to the Community Meeting were to be determined by the Ward Councillors and Neighbourhood Development Manager.</li> <li>• All to note that the Castle Classic bike race on 17 August and Sky Ride on 24 August will go through Bede Park.</li> <li>• Council officers to ensure that proper publicity is done for this year's Castle Classic bike race and Sky Ride.</li> <li>• Anyone wanting a stall at the Riverside Festival</li> </ul>

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		<p>(7 and 8 June) invited to apply through the Council website from mid-February. Stalls with a craft or environmental theme were particularly sought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas for themes for the Riverside Festival can be passed to Simon Brow, Festival and Events Officer (tel: 0116 454 3609, e-mail <a href="mailto:Simon.Brown@leicester.gov.uk">Simon.Brown@leicester.gov.uk</a>)</li> <li>• Options for parking for the Riverside Festival and ways of accessing the Festival to be investigated.</li> <li>• Ward Councillors to liaise with refuse collection officers to ensure that refuse bags are collected in such a way that requests for additional bags are not missed.</li> </ul>
<p>The meeting closed at 8.47 pm</p>		