

FREEMEN COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2015

The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
37.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	Councillor Cutkelvin took the Chair and welcomed those present, particularly the newly appointed Police Beat Officer, Michael Thomas.
38.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2015 was agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>a) Foodbank It was reported that a meeting had been convened to determine the most appropriate location for the foodbank.</p> <p>b) Pavement Parking Review It was reported that hardstanding areas on verges at Helmsley Road and Elston Fields were to be installed.</p> <p>c) St Marys Allotment Site A meeting had recently been held with interested parties and senior officers, and a consensus on the way forward had been reached.</p> <p>d) Tic-toc Park Play Equipment Play equipment had been ordered following the recent consultation with children from Marriott Primary School.</p> <p>e) Traffic Calming It was reported that overwhelming support for bollards to remain at Heathcott Road had been expressed following consultation with residents. The situation with the one-way arrangement would be consulted on later in the year.</p>
39.	COUNCILLORS REPORT	<p>Councillors reported the following:</p> <p>a) Leisure Equipment Use of gymnasiums at Leisure Centres was</p>

		<p>increasing which had led to support for the installation of outdoor gyms in parks.</p> <p>b) Boulder Lane The support offered to the family of a property that had recently suffered from a fire was explained. The involvement of the Council to provide assistance and the liaison with Jon Ashworth MP was noted.</p> <p>c) Foodbanks A meeting had been held with Councillors from Eyres Monsell Ward to ensure that provision was adequately provided from local community and neighbourhood centres.</p>
40.	WARD BOUNDARY AND POLLING STATION CHANGES	<p>The Democratic Services Officer provided details of the polling stations that were to be used in the forthcoming Parliamentary, City Mayor and City Council elections.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the City Council election would be contested on the new Saffron Ward following the Boundary Commission's review.</p> <p>A map of the new ward boundary was provided, together with forms to register to vote, and applications for postal and proxy votes.</p> <p>The position was noted.</p>
41.	CITY WARDEN - UPDATE	<p>Caroline Walsh updated the meeting with her recent environmental and enforcement activities in the Ward.</p> <p>The recent dog fouling pilot initiative was discussed where significant interest and media coverage had been received.</p> <p>Caroline encouraged use of the Love Leicester app and explained its wider promotion.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Caroline for her work.</p>
42.	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE	<p>PO Michael Thomas updated the meeting with crime statistics for the Ward.</p> <p>It was confirmed that data across separate time periods and on an annual comparison could be provided in future to assess trends.</p>

		In conclusion, it was felt that the current rise in thefts from sheds and other break-ins, including the allotment site, could be due to the forthcoming car-boot sale season.
43.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>The following applications were received and determined as indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1310 Aylestone Park Residents Group Community Involvement £500 SUPPORTED • 1311 Aylestone Park Residents Group Social enterprise £500 NOT SUPPORTED as the Council's protocols on the bids process did not allow for the application to be determined. • 1367 Ndigbo Leicestershire (Nigerian Community Assn.) Children's Outing £400 SUPPORTED Note: that evidence of the benefit to children specifically from the ward would be requested for future similar bids. • 1281 Rugby World Cup Bid Saffron Arts £2000 SUPPORTED in the (remaining) sum of £1,959.09 as determined at the previous meeting.
44.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.