

BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016

Held at: Christ Church URC, Dumbleton Avenue, LE3 2EG

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Singh Johal (Chair)
Councillor Corral
Councillor Halford

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
24.	INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Councillor Singh Johal in the Chair. Everyone welcomed and introductions given. No declarations of interest were made.
25.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Received from Braunstone Blues and Nicole Humphreys (Nics Nappy Library)
26.	ACTION LOG OF LAST MEETING	Agreed as a correct record
27.	BRAUNSTONE HALL UPDATE	All to note that building work has now started in the redevelopment of Braunstone Hall.
28.	BUS STOP CLEARWAYS ON WINSTANLEY DRIVE	All to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To remove current problems with vehicles parking too near bus stops, clearways would be created at the seven bus stops in Winstanley Avenue;• It was anticipated that the impact on parking in the road would be small, as lines would be kept to a minimum and local features would be used. There also could be limited times at which the clearways would apply; and• It was not feasible to build-out bus stops to create parking bays, due to cost and loss of parking. Highways officers asked to monitor the effectiveness of the bus stop clearways and provide a full review their operation after six months.
29.	HIGHWAYS FEEDBACK	Further to action item 16 from the meeting held on 25 November 2015, all to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavement parking outside shops in Narborough

		<p>Road was being monitored, but offenders needed to be caught doing it for action to be taken;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a considerable number of bollards would be needed to stop parking at junctions on Winchester Avenue, consideration was being given to whether this should be a separate project, not funded from the general fund for bollards; • It had been advised that double-deck buses were needed on routes along Rowley Fields Avenue, as the buses were heavily used closer to the city; • A traffic survey would be undertaken at St Mary's Infant School during the week beginning 7 March 2016, to identify issues and determine what action could be taken; and • If Ellesmere College was prepared to pay for signing and road markings at the College entrance, these could be put in place immediately. <p>Highways officers asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advise Leicestershire County Council that the potholes on Braunstone Lane East, near Ellesmere College, still need repairing; ○ Liaise with the Leicester City Football Club to see if public transport options for people attending home matches can be highlighted more; and ○ Investigate problems getting large vehicles down Raymond Road due to vehicles parked on the corner of the road and its narrow junction with Compton Road. <p>All invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Let Highways officers know of roads where line markings have been worn away, it being noted that resources were not sufficient for every line to be replaced quickly, so decisions on replacement were taken according to the maintenance programme and safety; and ▪ Advise the City Warden or Highways officers when pavements are damaged by builders.
30.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten environmental projects had been completed at various Council-owned housing sites in the Ward during the last financial year;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average number of days for void properties to be empty in the Ward was 36.8. The target was to reduce this to 25 days, but some properties needed a lot of work before they could be re-let, (eg, re-plastering, rewiring, or fitting new kitchens); • It was not usually difficult to let properties in the Ward; and • There were a lot of three-bedroom properties in the Ward, but a shortage of two-bedroom ones. Therefore, in some three-bedroom houses, downstairs bathrooms were being moved upstairs in to one of the bedrooms and the former bathroom changed to a utility room or cloakroom.
31.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The update from Braunstone Blues attached at the end of this Action Log; • Braunstone Blues had been established in response to the number of 999 calls being made from that area to improve awareness of when to use emergency services and reduce the impact on them; • The allotments had been broken in to a number of times. The Police would attend the society's Annual General Meeting to discuss this further; • Consultation was underway on how the number of vehicles being burnt out could be reduced; • Patrols would be increased to try to prevent or reduce anti-social behaviour at Aylestone Meadows over the summer. Consideration also was being given to other ways this could be addressed; and • The Police would like to attend meetings and events in the community, so always welcomed invitations to these. <p>B-Active asked to focus some activities on the edge of, or on, Aylestone Meadows to help address anti-social behaviour in that area.</p>
32.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The update provided by the City Warden, attached at the end of this Action Log; • One of the main environmental issues in Rowley Fields is rubbish in gardens. However, this can

		<p>take several months to resolve, due to the legal processes involved;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various notices have been served on businesses on Narborough Road for fly-tipping or using non-licensed companies for waste disposal; • The clothes recycling banks at the Brite Centre have been removed, as the company has ceased trading; and • Significant fly-tipping is occurring at “bring” recycling sites, often with non-recyclable material being mixed with items for recycling, so none of it can be used. Waste management services will be asked to undertake education work about these areas. <p>When dog fouling issues are reported, residents asked to note times as well as places if possible.</p> <p>All asked to report incidents of fly-tipping to the City Warden as soon as sites are discovered.</p> <p>City Warden to be advised if people are continually mending vehicles on their property, as change of use needs to be obtained for this to continue.</p>
33.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braunstone Foodshare – Grant of £1,468 to Braunstone Foundation supported, (application ref: 1600) • Nappy Library – Grant of £500 to Nics Nappy Library supported (Application ref: 1655) • Community BBQ – Grant of £476 to Rowley Fields Community Association supported (application ref: 1688) • Running to Win (application ref: 5156) – Forward in Faith Ministry advised to re-apply in the new financial year <p>All to note that £738.02 remains in the Ward Community Grant fund and will be carried forward to the new financial year.</p>
34.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a) <u>Playground in Rowley Fields</u></p> <p>Ward Councillors to investigate whether a children’s playground can be provided in Rowley Fields.</p> <p>b) <u>Church Field Braunstone</u></p> <p>All to note that an archaeological investigation is to be made of Church Field, (next to St Peter’s Church).</p>

		<p>The community will be invited to dig pits under the supervision of members of the Braunstone Heritage Archive Group.</p> <p>If possible, a presentation on this to be made at a future meeting to encourage community interest.</p> <p>B-Inspired to consider how it can support this.</p> <p>c) <u>Anti-Social Behaviour at Foxcroft Close</u></p> <p>As the number of break-ins there was increasing, especially at the garages, and other anti-social behaviour was taking place, the City Warden to liaise with Community Safety officers to see what action can be taken. Police asked to speak to the Estate Warden about the problems being experienced.</p>
The meeting closed at 7.00 pm		

Braunstone Blues Update

We have completed over 300 home visits,

We have various projects with high users of 999 services with the hope of reducing their reliance on 999 services and redirecting them to more appropriate services such as the walk in centres and the pharmacy as well as using the police 101 service and NHS 111 service.

Early reports indicate that we are having a positive effect on reducing the total amount of 999 calls coming from Braunstone.

We are holding first aid courses for parents (for children and infants) based at the Surestart centre.

We have held taster sessions with local clubs and groups to make people more aware of community activities that they may wish to take part in.

We are setting up a line dancing group to be held on a Tuesday afternoon at the Oak Centre starting in April / May

We are holding a health MOT event at the Brite centre in association with Merridale GP surgery and Pharmacy. This will be on the 16th April.

We are arranging a healthy eating / cooking project to begin in May hopefully to teach people how to cook with basic ingredients. (Possibly in conjunction with the foodshare project)

We are working with local groups setting up a push bike passport scheme. We will mark and tag bicycles belonging to children from the local schools.

This is a very brief overview of the work that we have been involved with in the last 3 months.

The winter warmer event had 160 local residents attend and over half have had a home visit. I think all who attended appreciated the event and I hope that we will be able to repeat this event next year.



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How does it work?

- 1.Download it** - Our free app is available for Android, Windows, Blackberry and iPhones. Simply visit your app store and search for Love Leicester.
- 2.Spot it** - Whether it's graffiti, litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or another environmental problem, you can let us know about it.
- 3.Report it** - Take a picture of the problem and upload it using the app. You can tag the location and include other details so we can fix the issue quickly.
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It replaces the old One Clean Leicester app so if you already have this on your phone you'll need to uninstall it and download our new Love Leicester app.

CITY WARDEN SERVICE

These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

Littering

Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders

Bins on the street
(domestic and commercial)

Free distribution of printed material

Fly posting

Small scale fly tipping

Graffiti

Vehicles for sale on the road

Repairing vehicles on the road

Failure to produce waste transfer documents

Street litter control notices

Skips & Scaffolding

Spitting

Rubbish on private land

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CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE

RUBBISH & FLY TIPPING ON PRIVATE LAND

Rubbish on Private Land continues to be an issue in BRF. However, working with residents and other agencies we are trying to get areas cleared. Below is an example of the various fly tips/rubbish on Private/LCC land.



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001

Patrols around the area – includes monitoring of skips, scaffolding and building deposits.

Responding to complaints:

- Skips and Scaffolding
- Warning letters & Notices served on properties with messy gardens x 12
- Fly tipping at Bring Sites Avery Hill/Brite Centre
- Cars For Sale & repair on the Highway
- Dog Fouling
- Notices x 21 & FPNs issued to Business x 13

Investigating fly tips and arranging removal throughout the ward.