

STONEYGATE COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017

Held at: Sparkenhoe Community Primary School, Saxby Street, Leicester, LE2
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ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Chaplin
Councillor Master
Councillor Thalukdar

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
74.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS	<p>Apologies were received from Alan Fox – South Highfield Neighbours (SHN) and Darren Evans – City Warden.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
75.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held on 10 August 2017 was confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>Update on issues in the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Chaplin gave apologies to residents of St Philips Road and Stoughton Drive North for not yet being able to meet with them as previously noted.• Councillor Chaplin noted that the knife crime petition had been drafted and would be forwarded to the other Ward Councillors and to the main resident in the ward who was dealing with this issue.• Page 2 – Ward Councillor's feedback – Planning application for 208 London Road, hobby garden - It was noted that since the last meeting the conditions for the planning permission had been breached as the boundary wall was reported to now be damaged. Planning officers had now been notified.
76.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Stoneygate Ward Councillors provided an update on the issues they had been dealing with in the ward and activities they had been involved in since the last meeting. The following was discussed.</p> <p>Councillor Thalukdar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informed the meeting of the positive news that

the Glenfield hospital children's heart department would remain open.

- Works which had taken place regarding constituents and their housing issues.
- A fighting incident which had taken place on Seymour Street had now been dealt with.

Councillor Master:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)/ Policing issues on Evington Road and St James Road needed to be addressed with the Police.
- It was noted that another patch walk in the Ward would probably be appropriate.
- The issue concerning the gates on St James Road should now be resolved – resident to forward email received from Officer about this to Ward Councillors.
- Parking concerns in the ward including:
 - The Residents Parking Scheme
 - Ward Councillors with Highways would be looking into a number of potential developments such as Double Yellow Line (DYL) extensions, taking out bays etc.
 - A Highways scheme would include developments on St Stephens Road.
- Section 106 fund – which were developers contributions towards Council schemes – a meeting would be organised to consider what developments in the ward the fund could be used for e.g. improvements around Cedar Park, Upper Tichbourne Street and other plots of empty land.
- Other issues noted by Councillor Master included; litter around Evington Road shops/ takeaways and the recent Eyres Monsell by-election.
- Stanley Road old Leicester university building – there were some issues that some properties located at the front and back had been turned into Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's). Communication with the Planning team was in progress and possible action would be taken.
- Universal Credit (UC) full service would be rolled out in June 2018.

Councillor Chaplin updates (under the various heading below):

- It was noted that Councillor Chaplin's next

advice surgery would take place on 16 December at Dashwood Road. Next year's venues would include Dashwood Road and St Philips – Evington Road Neighbourhood Association (ERNA).

- The various Scrutiny Commissions, of which she was a member and details of reports being presented, were mentioned.

Planning Applications;

- 11 Elmfield Avenue – demolition of building, to build a care home. Councillor Chaplin had raised points to the relevant Officers about the impact on the community and requested a site visit.
- University of Leicester Brookfield Site – Councillor Chaplin met with university staff, The Registrar and Head of Estates all of whom expressed concerns regarding the impact on the community and other aspects of the development. It was anticipated that the applications would soon be considered at the Planning and Development Control Committee (PDC).

Questions from Councillor Chaplin at Full Council;

- Councillor Chaplin queried fire safety in all Council homes, homelessness and investing in specialist facilities for those with complex mental health issues.

In relation to the planned capital programme, Councillor Chaplin requested;

- Eid lights for St Stephens Road
- The development of Cedar Park as a space for local youth activities,
- The Mayfield Road Children's Centre to be developed for community use.
- The Dawn Centre – Councillor Chaplin requested for works to take place with the Council, Police and Health workers to help the situation with rough sleepers and homeless people.
- Evington Road improvements– Stoneygate Ward Councillors had seen some early plans regarding possible improvements for Evington Road. Councillors requested for further work and a meeting with Officers was expected to take place in March.

- Residents were reminded that the Local Plan consultation deadline for comments was 17 December.
- Councillor Chaplin was awaiting further information from Assistant City Mayor for Housing Councillor Connelly, in response to the replacement windows for Council house properties located in conservation areas.

Residents' concerns and Councillors responses:

- Due to residents' concerns regarding housing, buildings, fire risks etc., Councillor Master suggested that an advice session take place in the Ward about housing rights.
- It was also felt that some communication with residents was necessary to inform them of escape routes especially in Council homes. If there were residents that did not feel safe, Councillor Chaplin advised them to contact the housing team or Councillors for advice.
- Robert Bateman, Highways Officer read the number of penalty charge notices issued on certain roads in the ward. Councillors and residents further requested;
 - An overview of penalty notices given across the whole ward and the number of visits.
 - In addition, it was requested that further information be provided on the non-residents parking permit areas and a tally of hours spent on the non-permit roads.
 - Councillor Master noted that further enforcement recruitment was in progress.
- A resident had concerns regarding illegal/inconsiderate parking and bins left out on Devana Road.
- Councillor Chaplin agreed that a patch walk would take place in the New Year with the City Warden which would include other roads not already walked.
- A resident noted that his community group were trying to open up a community centre on Evington Valley Road, but were facing difficulties. The resident requested for a meeting to be held with the Ward Councillors.
- Councillor Chaplin would look into the petition submitted on HMO's and landlords.

77.	THE DAWN CENTRE	There was no officer present to report on this agenda item.
78.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Robert Bateman (Special Projects Manager for Planning, Development and Transportation) discussed works taking place in the ward. The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester Islamic Academy – measures such as bollards were now in place. • Highways had been going into a number of schools to develop techniques to change parking behaviours. Schemes such as living streets, park and ride were being encouraged to children and parents. • Evington Valley School – pencil bollards had been installed. • Evington Valley Gardens opposite Pak foods – bollards had been installed. • Myrtle Road/ Cedar Road – a bollard had been repositioned. <p>Stoughton Drive North;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways had considered that refuge islands would be useful near the two way road and four crossing points. In addition, it was planned for a beacon to be placed on the crossing with the long stretch and be re-aligned. • Robert commented that it was a requirement to do a stage 2 consultation which was the safety order/ report, especially as there were small changes to the initial consultation. • Following this Councillor Master noted that it would be taken to Executive and then moved onto the next stage. • Councillor Master further noted that at some point all local residents would be sent letters with the ideas and potential plans. Following this, residents could respond and a public meeting take place to feedback. • Councillor Chaplin requested a start date prior to the next meeting. Robert informed the meeting that he would try, however it was first necessary to carry out the safety audit (stage 2 consultation). • Residents were thanked by Robert and Councillor Chaplin for their involvement and feedback in this process. <p>Bartholomew Street;</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One resident had concerns that Bartholomew Street was over targeted by traffic enforcement officers due to one resident complaining regularly. Councillor Master felt that the enforcement team did not operate in this way but would look into this. • The resident also requested figures for the number of tickets issued to permit holders on that street. It was further commented that there were difficulties finding spaces to park in residents parking permit zones on this street.
79.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	The City Warden had sent apologies for absence.
80.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PCSO Sam Trantom attended the meeting and provided crime statistics for the ward some of which had reduced since last year except Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) crime which had increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that a new CCTV camera had been installed on St James Road due to calls regarding ASB. • Following concerns about the Police not making instant contact with victims of burglaries - PCSO Trantom explained the priority Police handling system. Councillor Chaplin requested whether this process could be explained to victims when they call up. <p>Crime & ASB Team;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatema Burani (Crime & ASB Officer) was present at the meeting, gave an introduction as the Officer for the East of the City and explained the work her team carried out which was to mainly investigate ASB/ crime complaints. • Anything that could not be dealt with by the team would be forwarded to the correct department or partner organisation such as the Police. • Councillor Chaplin requested the contact numbers for Fatema and her team so that these details could be forwarded to community groups. • A representative from one of the community groups also stated that they could make a flyer with any relevant information provided from the team that could be displayed in community group notice boards.
81.	WARD COMMUNITY	Laura Burt – Ward Community and Engagement Officer gave an update on the Ward Community

	BUDGET	<p>Budget.</p> <p>Since the last meeting it was noted that the below four applications had been supported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highfield Sports - £750 • Jamaica Community Service Group/ West Indian Senior Citizens project - £700 • Evington Valley Primary School - £421 • Community Learning Project - £500 <p>The remaining balance was reported as £12,790.33.</p>
82.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<p>A resident spoke of a potential project/ campaign he was anticipating which would highlight Asian and African Caribbean people in sports professions. Councillor Chaplin noted that when the resident was ready a meeting could possibly be held with the City Mayor and the Executive Member with that portfolio.</p>