

**ACTION LOG**  
**Knighton Ward Community Meeting:**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**6pm – 7.30pm**



**Present**

Cllr Lynne Moore  
 Cllr Geoff Whittle  
 Cllr Melissa March

WCEO: Laura Burt

**Apologies**

PC Mike Archer  
 Philip Thompson (LCC Highways)

Item	Action to note	Who
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1.	<b>Introductions &amp; Apologies, Declarations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair, Cllr Whittle opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</li> <li>No declarations were noted / Declarations noted</li> </ul>	

2.	<b>Councillors Feedback</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting noted an update from Councillors.</li> </ul>	

3.	<b>Local Policing update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting noted an update from Local Police.</li> <li>Residents were invited to provide their e-mail addresses at the end of the meeting where Councillor March will make the necessary arrangement with the Police to raise the concerns made by residents.</li> </ul>	Cllr March

4.	<b>Highways update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting noted an update from Highways – <b>Appendix 1</b></li> </ul>	

5.	<b>Lessons from June 22 flooding</b>	
	The meeting noted an update from Highways Flood risk manager - <b>Appendix 2</b>	

6.	<b>City Warden update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting noted an update from the City Warden – <b>Appendix 3</b></li> <li>Residents were asked to provide their details to WCEO should they wish to report any issues to the City Warden.</li> </ul>	WCEO

7.	<b>Ward Community Budget</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting noted a Ward Funding update            Opening balance: £18,000            Number of applications supported:5</li> </ul>	WCEO

## Appendix 1

### Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 12 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway - 319 orders
- Footway - 623 orders

### Road Safety Schemes

Works to install speed cushions along the length of Carisbrooke Road + 1 Pedestrian refuge (close to Carisbrooke Gardens) started on site yesterday (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October) and is programmed to be finished by the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### School Streets

The road closures on Knighton Drive and Craighill Road and the School Streets on Newhaven Road, Northfold Road and Eastcourt Road have been made legally permanent. Work to design the permanent closures is underway to make the closures more aesthetically pleasing and funding is being sought.

Work to promote the Park and Stride and to encourage parents to switch off their engines when parked continues at the Overdale Schools.

St Thomas Moore won the category for South Schools in Beat the Streets!

### Traffic Regulation Orders

Phase 3 of the Clarendon Park residents parking scheme went live in March 2023. We have had some enquiries from Queens Road over the parking issues that this extension has allegedly caused and met with the ward councillors to discuss. At present there are no plans to extend the scheme.

Craighill Road (section between Stanfell Rd and Gainsborough R) is included in the scheme, but after requests from the residents and supported by Councillors, we are changing the majority of this section to free parking. This will be combined with other LEW traffic regulation works and so will take a little time to implement. We anticipate that it will be next year.

### Flooding and Drainage

You will all be well aware of the severe flood event on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

#### *Background:*

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#### *Lessons learned:*

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*Going forward:*

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- These flooding events are becoming more frequent and more severe.
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### **Appendix 3**

I have been working on patrolling in the area and can report that there has been a decrease in fly-tipping

I will be looking at the bins on streets issues in a few months.

Palmerston way and Allendale road are my main areas of complaints and these are being worked on.

The area is very pleasant and as areas go this is a gem for Leicester I would like to encourage any residents to contact me directly at [Darren.evans@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Darren.evans@leicester.gov.uk) should they have any issues and would like to discuss them