

ACTION LOG
Spinney Hill Ward Community Meeting:
9th January 2024
6pm – 7:40pm



Present

Cllr Mustafa Malik
 Cllr Misbah Batool
 PCSO Karen Reed
 WCEO Laura Burt

Apologies

No apologies were noted.

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

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

3.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from the City Warden – Appendix 1 Number of fly-tipping notices requested for the Spinney Hill Ward. A request to find out where fly tipping hot spots for the Spinney Hill Ward. Residents were asked to provide their details to WCEO should they wish to report any issues to the City Warden. 	City Warden City Warden City Warden All

4.	Police update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update a Police update from PCSO Karen Reed. Councillors enquired about the CCTV camera outside of Coleman Primary and who installed and who is responsible. Police confirmed they would enquire. 	Police

5.	Highways Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from Highways- Appendix 2 Request for a patch-walk along Evington Valley Road and Gwendolin Road. Large trucks parking on the pavement outside of the Dunlop building on Gwendolen Road- residents raised as a health and safety issue. Concerns over the bus route on Drinkstone Road with the road being too narrow for buses. Requests for cones outside of Madani School to prevent obstructive parking. 	Highways Highways Highways Highways

6.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted a Ward Funding Update. Opening balance: £18,000 Number of applications supported: £10, 945 Balance remaining: £7,055 	WCEO

The meeting closed at 7:40pm

City Warden Update - Appendix 1

Fly-tipping

Fly tipping is still an on-going issue in the area. I am investigating fly tips in the ward on a regular basis, where evidence is found further investigations are carried out and this can result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued to those responsible.

A substantial amount of fly tips that are being investigated are consisting of bulky items which include; sofas, fridges, mattresses and other household items that could've been booked in via the free bulky waste service, all information regarding this service can be found via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets.

If residents do witness fly tipping, this can be reported to us along with any other issues via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets or via love Leicester.

Fly tipping letters have also been sent out to residents in the top fly tipped Streets within the ward.

Duty of Care

Plans for a Duty of care project to start early in the year where all businesses will be visited in the ward, and checks will be carried out to ensure businesses are legally disposing of their waste.

Bins on streets

I am aware that residential bins on streets is still an on-going issue in the ward. I am hoping to start a "bins on streets" project in the coming months.

Several abandoned bins have been removed from around the ward.

Alleyways

Alleyways are private land and are not the responsibility of Leicester City Council to clear or maintain, they are the responsibility of all residents who have access to the alleyways to clear and maintain them as well as any landlords and any managing agents.

Notices have been actioned, where blocked alleyways have caused complaints from concerned occupiers that their access has been limited by waste or overgrowth.

Untidy land

Several pieces of untidy land have now been cleared in the area after the landowners were issued with legal notices to clear their land of all waste.

Where there's evidence, further investigations can be carried out but ultimately it is the responsibility of the landowners to clear their land.

Untidy gardens

Following complaints raised with the City Warden Service, several untidy gardens have now been cleared of all waste and overgrowth from properties after legal notices were issued to the owners of the properties.

Please report any concerns regarding untidy gardens to us via love Leicester or alternatively via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets.

Community protection warning notices

Several community protection warning notices have been issued to residents for leaving waste/bulky items outside of their properties, very high compliance rate, where there is non-compliance further enforcement action is taken and can result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.

Patch walk

If residents would like to arrange a patch walk with myself and the councillors' around the ward to highlight any issues, please let me and the councillors' know, and this is something that can be arranged.

Appendix 2

Highways Update

Highways Maintenance Works

This year we've resurfaced Broad Avenue, approximately a ¼ of this was in the ward. We also have some resurfacing works programmed in for Evington Lane before the end of the financial year.

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

- Carriageway - 235 orders
- Footway - 159 orders

Parking Enforcement

There were a couple of locations that were raised as a problem, with regards to parking, at the last meeting. These were:

St Stephens Road

- 863 Visits
- 655 Observations
- 184 PCN's issued

Evington Valley Road

- 281 Visits
- 321 Observations
- 90 PCN's issued.

As you can see from these figures for the past year, we continue to patrol all streets with parking restrictions. The observations v's PCN's issued show that whilst we catch a lot of people parking illegally, they move on before we are legally allowed to ticket them.

Utility Works

No major utility works upcoming in the next 6 months.

Road Safety Schemes

A scheme to instal speed cushions on St Saviours Rd, either side of the Hillcroft Road junction has recently been approved. This will be delivered during 2024/25. (see plan attached)

School Streets

In February 2024, Mayflower school will relocate to its temporary (for 4+ years) school site on Ethel Road at the Caribbean Cricket club entrance. We are delivering school run parking measures to assist the move (plans attached). Relocation is due to RAAC in the existing school.

We continue to promote walking to school at Spinney Hill Primary through the Living Streets WOW campaign. We have looked for a suitable park and stride site – but nothing suitable – so if anyone has any ideas, please get in touch.

We will also continue to encourage parents to leave their car at home via the national Big Walk and Wheel.

Flooding and Drainage

Flood Event on 22nd June 2023.

Background:

- Intense rainfall event hit the south and east of the city between 5:00pm and 6:30pm
- Moving from southwest to northeast included areas in Oadby and Wigston.
- With a rainfall intensity greater than 32mm per hour
- Over 50mm in total, as much as we can get in one month.
- Sewer systems are generally designed for 12mm to 25mm per hour.
- The hydraulic capacity of the sewers was significantly exceeded leading to overland flow towards the lowest point.
- Flooded roads channelled the flood water.
- Reports were received for over 67 properties across the city that flooded internally.
 - 8 of these were in the Spinney Hills ward (Gwendolen Rd and Evington Drive)
- The force of the flood water lifted inspection covers and damaged road surfaces.

Lessons learned:

- Property owners were not aware of their flood risk and were under insured.
- Property owners were not aware of what they could do to mitigate the impact of flooding on their property.
- There was a lack of understanding of the council's role and responsibilities and those of other flood risk authorities.

Going forward:

- A detailed report is being prepared into the event and the properties effected. This will be published online.
- These flooding events are becoming more frequent and more severe.
- The drainage infrastructure which can date from the Victorian era is under increasing pressure from urban creep, housing extensions, increased areas of impermeable driveways and gardens paved over and built on.
- New developments sites are using sustainable drainage and green spaces and planting trees to address these pressures.
- The public must become more aware of the risks and respond to the demands of climate change.
- Pilot scheme of road closures to aid gully cleaning and maintenance has been trialled in the Spinney Hills area. This will roll out into other wards in the coming year.

Flood Event on 2nd – 4th January 2024

We are aware that 1 property experienced internal flooding on Gwendolen Road. We are in the process of working with the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Canal & River Trust to understand the reasons and impact.

A Section 19 flood report will be drafted and shared.