

## Westcotes Community Meeting Action Log: As at 28 November 2012

**Meeting held Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at 7.00 pm**

Councillors attending –  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Russell (Chair)

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22/12	Minutes of Previous Meetings	<p>Items requested at the Special Meeting held on 22 August to be reported to the next meeting by Mike Richardson (Acting Head of Planning) and Adrian Edge (Play &amp; Youth Development Officer)</p> <p>Ward Members had asked West End Community Centre staff to display its opening hours outside the building</p>	<p>27 November 2012</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Considered at the meeting on 27 November 2012</p> <p>Request made</p>	<p>Considered at 27 November 2012 meeting</p> <p><u>27 November 2012</u> – Ward Members would ensure that the hours were displayed</p>	Item closed

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		Noticeboard keys to be given to Councillor Russell by Housing officers	As soon as possible	Keys given to Councillor Russell		Item closed
23/12	"Hot Lofts" Home Energy Programme	<p>The City Council's Home Energy service to continue to refer applicants to the Mark group to undertake the work</p> <p>Residents to be encouraged to apply for loans for solid wall insulation under the new Green Deal, expected to be available from April 2013.</p> <p>Officers from Home Energy services to come to a meeting once the Green Deal is running to explain its operation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2013</p> <p>Spring / Summer 2013</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		
24/12	"Near Neighbours" Project	Small community groups and individuals encouraged to apply for funding from £250 - £3,000 for projects designed to encourage first interactions as part of the work to create vibrant	Ongoing	Ongoing	<u>27 November 2012</u> – Councillor Russell has met some potential applicants	

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		neighbourhoods through interaction and engagement.  Groups or individuals interested in the work of the Near Neighbours project welcome to meet with Karter Singh Bring to discuss the project further.	Ongoing			
25/12	Leicester Fit 4 Business	Employers to be invited encourage employees to suggest ways in which they travel more sustainability and to apply for grants of up to £5,000 for these schemes.  Residents encouraged to attend the free cycle training offered by the Council and in particular the free family cycle training to take place at the Manor House during the school half term holiday.	Ongoing  As soon as possible	Ongoing  Ongoing		
26/12	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond	Residents encouraged to use the Centre, either taking one of the membership or on a "pay-	Ongoing	Ongoing		

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	Jubilee Leisure Centre	<p>as-you-go" basis, it being noted that 2-week taster sessions are available free of charge.</p> <p>All to note that the only times the gym is not open to the public is at times of peak use by students (3.00 – 8.00 pm).</p> <p>Children encouraged to participate in the swimming lessons starting at the Centre on 4 October 2012.</p> <p>Any schools wishing to use the facilities are encouraged to contact the Centre.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		
27/12	Planning and Development Matters	Residents to note that an application for development of the former print shop on Harrow Road had been refused, but a new application, to create accommodation for single people, has been made.	Ongoing	Ongoing		



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		<p>for the Total petrol station on Narborough Road to be replaced with a Sainsbury's store.</p> <p>Ward Councillors to find out if the planning permission for the Code building development contains a condition relating to the times during which building work can take place.</p> <p>The City Warden to monitor the Jamie Lewis development on Western Road to ensure that mud from the development is being cleared off the road.</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Enquiries made</p>	<p><u>27 November 2012</u> – No hours of operation were specified in the planning permission. Officers have been asked to ensure that building work is not done at anti-social hours.</p> <p><u>27 November 2012</u> – Noted that the builders had gone in to administration, so work on this development had stopped.</p>	<p>Item closed</p>

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28(a) / 12	City Warden Service – Jamie Stubbs	Suggested locations for litter picks to be passed to Jamie Stubbs, City Warden.	As soon as possible		Ongoing	
28(b) / 12	City Warden Service – Richard Sutton	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Sutton is the new warden for parks, especially Bede Park;</li> <li>• A volunteer group of De Montfort University students is being established to help clear rubbish from Bede Park;</li> <li>• Students are being addressed during Freshers Week to encourage them to respect the environment;</li> <li>• The nursery by Bede Park will assist in planting bulbs to brighten up the Park;</li> <li>• Work is underway to identify what can be done with</li> </ul>	Ongoing			

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		<p>voluntary groups to enhance the Park; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work to improve access to the Park is being planned in liaison with conservation officers and parks officers.</li> </ul>				
29/12	Police Issues Update	<p>Residents encouraged to call the Police when disturbed by noise, (whether from parties or activities such as street drinking), so that the Police are aware of problems in the area. However, residents to be aware that officers may not be available to attend incidents.</p> <p>Residents to note that the Police can issue 24 hour dispersal orders to groups causing problems.</p> <p>Ward Members to look in to whether street drinking in the ward can be controlled in the same way as the City Centre, so</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>	<p>Request made for street drinking order to be amended so</p>		



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		<p>that people other than the Police can move on street drinkers.</p> <p>Residents invited to let Ward Members know of situations when people drinking in the street have caused problems.</p> <p>Residents encouraged to report incidents at the time they are happening, rather than leave it until later, so that the process for dealing with them can be started as soon as possible.</p> <p>Police requested to provide at the next meeting a breakdown showing the proportion of anti-social behaviour in the Ward relating to Bede Park.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>27 November 2012</p>	<p>that PCSOs could move people on</p>		
30/12	Ward Community Budget 2012/13	Ward Councillors to co-ordinate a grant application in liaison with the Near Neighbours Project to make contact with people who	15 November 2012			

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		<p>move in to the Ward.</p> <p>Richard Sutton to bring details of plans to regenerate the end of Bede Park by Western Avenue to the next meeting.</p> <p>Ward Members to obtain costings for key-operated barriers that will enable residents living by Bede Park to access their properties, but stop others parking outside them.</p> <p>Residents and groups encouraged to apply for grants from the Ward Community Budget.</p>	<p>27 November 2012</p> <p>27 November 2012</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Delayed as discussions are on-going</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		
31(a) / 12	Any Other Business – Improving Windows for Noise Control	Officers to be invited to a future meeting to discuss measures available for noise control, for example whether this can be achieved by improving windows.	To be decided			

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31(b) / 12	Any Other Business – Length of Parking Bays	Ward Members to investigate whether the length and / or number of parking bays have been reduced.	27 November 2012	Enquiries made.		<p>The length of the bays has not been reduced.</p> <p>A request was made for students to be classed as temporary residents and therefore eligible for the residents' parking scheme. This has been refused.</p> <p>Item closed.</p>
The meeting closed at 9.12 pm						

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32/12	Introductions	No interests were declared	Not applicable	Not applicable	None	Item closed
33/12	Apologies for Absence	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	None	Item closed
34/12	Action Log	See item 22/12 above	See items 22/12 – 31(b) above	See items 22/12 – 31(b) above	As indicated for each item	Item closed
35/12	Green Space in the Ward & Section 106 funding – Information Requested at	Those present were invited to consider options for the enhancement of Bede Park and Great Central Way circulated at the meeting. Copies of these are attached for information.	Not applicable			

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	the Special Meeting held on 22 August 2012	<p>Concerns about noise from play areas disturbing residents at night and misuse of areas by drinkers, especially at night, to be taken in to account in discussions on future use(s) of Bede Park and Great Central Way.</p> <p>The possibility of installing a sound barrier to absorb noise from the large building at the northern end of Bede Park to be explored.</p> <p>(Ade Edge, Play &amp; Youth Development Officer)</p> <p>The Council to be asked to approach Everards Brewery to buy back the area of land by Tesco.</p> <p>(Ade Edge, Play &amp; Youth Development Officer)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>19 March 2013</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>			

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		<p>Subject to the area by Tesco being purchased, a detailed design for a mixed use barbecue area and outdoor gym for that area of Bede Park be prepared for the next meeting, including funding options, (for example, through Section 106 funding).</p> <p>(Ade Edge, Play &amp; Youth Development Officer)</p> <p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the above is agreed, no barbecues will be allowed elsewhere in Bede Park;</li> <li>• The type of gym equipment proposed has no seats, to prevent people loitering by the equipment; and</li> <li>• Signs explaining how to use the gym equipment would be put up by each piece.</li> </ul> <p>(Ade Edge, Play &amp; Youth</p>	<p>19 March 2013</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			



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		<p>The application to sell hot drinks from a bike in Bede Park from 6.00 am – 6.00 pm for a three month trial period supported.</p> <p>(Anita Robinson, Parks Officer)</p>	To be agreed			
36/12	Planning and Development Matters	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current scheme for the redevelopment of the CPH Thurmaston buildings on Upperton Road involved a slight enlargement of the student blocks, but kept the same number of bed spaces, along with a retail use at the ground floor. The redevelopment of the CPH Thurmaston building involved a mezzanine floor, drive through, retail units and community uses.</li> <li>• A large 100 year-old tree had been lost in Walton Street during construction work.</li> </ul>	Ongoing			



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		<p>The Ward Members were seeking to have it replaced with a mature tree, but negotiations were ongoing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gated access had been created to a housing development at 372 - 374 Western Road. Retrospective planning permission was being sought, but the Ward Members did not support the creation of a gated community or the precedent this would create.</li> </ul>				
37/12	City Warden	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and children from the nursery adjoining Bede Park would be planting bulbs in the Park from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on 5 December 2012. The western part of the Park also would be tidied;</li> </ul>	Ongoing			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clean up of approximately 1,200 front gardens and adjoining alleyways had been very successful. It was hoped this could be repeated;</li> <li>• The Council operated a free bulky items collection service, which it was hoped would reduce the number of items being dumped;</li> <li>• When there were a number of flats in a block and they did not have storage facilities for orange bags, bins of different colours to normal sometimes were supplied.</li> </ul> <p>Ward Members to look in to what could be done to stop the flooding on Narborough Road (near Jacks Newsagents).</p> <p>Ward Members to liaise with</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as</p>			

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		<p>officers to ensure that leaves in Westcotes Drive are cleared properly.</p> <p>The City Warden to provide a supply of “stubbies” to the Street Pastors.</p>	<p>possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>			
38/12	Police Issues update	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Problem Solving Plan for Bede Park was being closed, due to the weather and low levels of anti-social behaviour;</li> <li>• In the last three months there had been 13 thefts from vehicles (average for the time of year), 3 robberies, 4 businesses had been broken in to and 4 cycles had been stolen (a big reduction, possibly due to the distribution of D locks);</li> <li>• Since the price of Asian gold</li> </ul>	Ongoing			

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		<p>had been high, Asian houses had been targeted by burglars. As a result of this, two people had offered to set up Neighbourhood Watch areas; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barretts had solved student parking problems by placing a barrier across the road.</li> </ul> <p>Residents encouraged to set up Neighbourhood Watch areas.</p> <p>Residents encouraged to report any incidents, noting that the Police did not have to visit their property if they reported something. For example, if contact was needed, it could be by telephone.</p> <p>Ward Members to provide information to retailers on the licence requirements for charitable collections.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>			

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39/12	Ward Community Budget 2012/13	All to note that, at the start of this meeting, £16,613 remained in the Westcotes Ward budget for 2012/13	Not applicable	Noted	Not applicable	Item closed
40/12	Budget – Clean Up of Front Gardens & Alleyways (3249) £400 requested	Application supported	Members Services Officer to process £400 to be paid to applicant			
41/12	Budget – Listening Matters in Westcotes (3250) £7,500 requested	Application supported, subject to acknowledgement being given to the work already being done by the “Near Neighbours” project	Members Services Officer to process £7,500 to be paid to applicant			
42/12	Budget – Christmas Gala Night /	Application supported	Members Services Officer to			

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	Get Together (3251) £250 requested		process £250 to be paid to applicant			
43/12	Budget – Previous Grant to Church of the Martyrs Hall (3240)	Request that money underspent on installing a stair lift be used to improve doors at the Hall agreed	Members Service Officer to process the transfer			
The meeting closed at 9.23 pm						