

WESTCOTES WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

17 JUNE 2014

ACTION LOG

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	<p>Councillor Russell in the Chair. Councillor Connelly also present.</p> <p>Everyone welcomed and introductions given.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>
2.	ACTION LOG – 25 March 2014	<p>All to note:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minute 21 – Technical issues regarding the CCTV camera had been resolved and, if it had not already been installed, it would be very soon• Minute 39 – The first patch walk had been held immediately before this meeting. The Neighbourhood Development Manager asked to report to the next meeting on progress with actions identified during this walk and any others held before that meeting. <p>Details of actions arising from the patch walk attached for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minute 45 – The consultation on Transforming Neighbourhood Services has ended. Proposals will be published in July 2014. Residents and community groups encouraged to participate in the consultation that will be held on these
3.	CASTLE CLASSIC AND SKY RIDE CYCLE RACES	<p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Castle Classic is an elite cycle race that will be held on Sunday 17 August 2014, (if this does not clash with a Leicester City Football Club home fixture)• There will be an amateur event on the morning of the Castle Classic, along with a triathlon event• Sky Ride takes place on Sunday 24 August 2014 and will be a family friendly event <p>Officers asked to consider liaising with the boat club to see if a regatta can be held as part of next year's Sky Ride event</p>
4.	WEST END NEIGHBOURHOOD	<p>All to note that:-</p>

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	CENTRE – LEICESTER CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED LIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester Centre for Integrated Living is a charity run by and for disabled people, which has taken over management of the West End Neighbourhood Centre • It is hoped that various improvements can be made to the centre and a greater number of services offered • All previous users of the centre are able to continue to use it • Charges are made to hire rooms at the centre, but community groups are offered preferential rates <p>Representatives of Leicester Centre for Integrated Living asked to liaise with representatives of Upstairs at the Western, to see if the centre could be used for a theatrical performance and / or live streaming of theatre performances at the Western.</p>
5.	BEDE PARK – UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to note that the Council has now bought the land at the rear of Tesco. This will be used to extend Bede Park • A consultation will be held on people's preferences for how this area should be used • Approximately £175,000 is available from Section 106 planning contributions for work in the park <p>Landscape Development Manager asked to submit suggestions to the next meeting for how the newly incorporated area of Bede Park can be used</p>
6.	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS	<p>a) <u>Planning Applications for Freemans Meadow</u></p> <p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planning application has been received to increase the number of properties that can be built on Freemans Meadow before the developer needs to provide a second access to the development • Applications also have been received for 36 houses on Ivanhoe Meadow and to use land near the river as open space • Although the roads in Freemans Meadow were built to an adoptable standard, none had been adopted. This meant it was not possible to apply

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		<p>things such as traffic regulation orders or residents' parking schemes to those roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current bridge in the development was not of an adoptable standard. A second one therefore would need to be built if work was to be done on the first one to bring it up to adoptable standard <p>Planning officers asked to consider concerns raised at the meeting about the proposals, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The proposed additional housing would make the development feel overcrowded ○ The number of houses proposed would make it difficult for emergency vehicles to access the development ○ The development proposed would block the wildlife corridor that currently ran from Birstall in to the city and then out to Oadby and Wigston ○ Several houses would be built between the development and the green space, which would restrict access to the river ○ The developer could continue to submit applications to increase the number of properties that could be built on Freemans Meadow before a second access / bridge needed to be provided <p>Ward Councillors asked to also pass on these concerns</p> <p>b) <u>Other Planning and Development Issues in the Ward</u></p> <p>Ward Councillors asked to look in to the planning application submitted for a health spa next door to Sainsbury's on Narborough Road</p> <p>All to note that approximately £100,000 of Section 106 planning contribution funding is available for improvements to green spaces in the Ward</p>
7.	CITY WARDEN	<p>All to note the update attached</p> <p>Assistant Mayor (Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement) asked to consider whether training can be provided on how to use the One Clean Leicester website when it is re-launched later</p>

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		<p>in the year</p> <p>All to note that Adrian Ablett (“the can man”) collected and recycled over 10,000 cans last month. At the request of local people, Narborough Road and adjoining streets were being targeted</p>
8.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary had been the main issue in the Ward, with a big increase in February, March and April. Several core offenders were now back in custody, so it was anticipated that the situation would improve • The number of thefts from persons was increasing, with mobile phones being the main items stolen. Over the last few weeks youths had been using screwdrivers to threaten people in the Great Central Way / West Bridge area between midnight and approximately 2.00 am. This group also was targeting Asian females for their jewellery • Overall, crime in the Ward was reducing slowly • It was hoped that a Designated Public Place Order could be created for the city, which would give the Police power to take drink off people who the Police believed were behaving, or would behave, anti-socially • The Police were working with ASRA housing to see if a Police office could be established at the ASRA office <p>Police requested to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) take action over large groups of drinkers meeting in Bede Park, as these groups are deterring families from using the Park; and b) liaise with the Police Licensing Officer regarding concerns about people drinking in the vicinity of shops on Narborough Road
9.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Storage (1007) – Grant of £4,600 to Laura Hutton supported, subject to the applicant working with the Leicester Centre for Integrated Living to find a cheaper alternative for storage and using remaining funds for community development work

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 3 Development: LED Lighting and Raised Seating (5017) – Grant of £4,223 To Upstairs at the Western supported • Iri Ja (New Yam) Festival (5025) – Grant of £800 to the Nigeria Community Association supported, this grant to be used for events encouraging communities to come together. The Neighbourhood Development Officer asked to work with the applicant to find ways of making the Festival more sustainable for future years, (for example, through links with the Council's Festivals and Events team) <p>All to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £316 has been carried forward from last year's budget, giving a total grant fund of £18,316 for 2014/15 ○ The following grants have been supported under the Council's fast track procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greenshoots: Polish Translation (1020) – Grant of £90 to Andy Boranman ▪ Under 5 Toddler Time Activities (1006) – Grant of £500 to Rambha Odedra
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Thanks to be extended to all involved in the very successful Riverside Festival held over the weekend of 7 and 8 June 2014. Attendees asked to give feedback on the event (positive or negative) and to let the Council know what they would like to see at next year's event
The meeting closed at 9.07 pm		

Minute Item 3

Westcotes Patch Walk Issues		
Road	House No.	Issue/s
Gaul Street	46	Alley gate
Gaul Street	38	Front wall broken
Gaul Street	32	Rubbish in front garden
Gaul Street	86/88A	Rubbish/ Wheelie bin on street
Gaul Street	Shop	Wheelie bin/ Issues with storage
Norman Street	Shop	Storage issues
Norman Street	13/15	Alley gate
Norman Street	53	Rubbish in front garden
Norman Street	59/61	Alley gate
Norman Street	69	Alley gate
Paton Street	46	Messy Front Garden
Paton Street	48	Front garden messy
Paton Street	24	Overgrown garden
Paton Street	22	Wheelie bin
Paton Street	10	Wheelie bin
Paton Street	8	Wheelie bin
Paton Street	6	Front garden messy
Paton Street	4	Alley gate
Paton Street	Barclays	Tarmac missing
Paton Street	Bargain Store	Storage cupboard
Equity Road	4	Damaged alley gate/ lock/ grill above
Equity Road	6	Garden messy
Equity Road	18	Wheelie bin
Equity Road	22	Rubbish front garden
Whilberforce Road	49	Parking issues
Whilberforce Road	37	Front Garden
Whilberforce Road	27	Rubbish front garden

CITY WARDEN SERVICES

Westcotes Ward



Since the last meeting we have started a Love Where you Live project on Western Road. The project has been designed to work with residents to stop fly tipping on the street, remove the bins from the highway and to work with residents and landlords to get back gardens and alleyways cleared.

We are currently investigating a number of alleyways and gardens in the ward with the aim to have them cleaned and maintained.

Since taken on the powers to deal with rubbish in alleyways and gardens, we have worked with residents and landlords to have 15 alleyways and 29 garden cleared within the ward.



We continue to monitor bins on street between Westcotes Drive and Upperton Road. Only 13 properties have been issued with Legal Notices and only 2 properties have received Fixed Penalty Notices. This has resulted in 84 bins being removed from the street.

Fly Tipping continues to be a problem in the ward and we are carrying out investigations on the individuals responsible for this. The worst hit spots are Walton Street, Stuart Street, Raymond Road and Luther Street. Bulk collection leaflets have been given and collections booked for residents with waste outside the front of their properties.

Below is a table showing the figures for skips, scaffolding and deposits on Highways that have been dealt with since the last ward meeting :

Breach of licence conditions	0
Unlicensed deposits on the highway	3
Unlicensed scaffolding	4
Unlicensed skips	3

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