

## KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane, Leicester, LE2 3WG

Councillor Dr. Moore (Chair)  
Councillor Grant  
Councillor Gugnani

<b>NO</b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
1.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Everyone was welcomed and introductions were given. Councillor Unsworth was in attendance.
2.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Apologies were received from Peter Shepherd (Minister for Stoneygate Baptist Church) and Richard Cheetham.
3.	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	Received and noted.
4.	<b>UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b>	<p>Mr Hamish Whiteley, Member of the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group, gave an update on progress made towards the formulation of a neighbourhood plan, which would sit alongside the local authority's plan, and could cover issues such as green spaces, housing and transport. The meeting was asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local residents were invited to a meeting via leaflet circulation and posters. 45-50 people attended the meeting and were positive towards the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.</li><li>• Stalls at Overdale School Fete / Knighton Park Fun Day had attracted 155 people who asked to be kept updated. Residents could search Google for contact details for Knighton Forum, or emailed at <a href="mailto:info@knightonforum.org.uk">info@knightonforum.org.uk</a> for information. Letters distributed to residents also gave email and address contact details.</li><li>• The Council were formally consulting the community within or close to the proposed boundary on whether the neighbourhood area submitted was appropriate. The consultation would run from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Supporting documentation and map of the proposed boundary could be found on the Council's website under 'Consultations'.</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two sub-groups would be set up, one to look at developing a constitution for the plan, the other to look at funding.</li> <li>• It was estimated the process would take 18 months to complete.</li> <li>• The next meeting of the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane, Leicester.</li> <li>• A further meeting would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October following closure of the consultation.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>CITY WARDEN</b>	<p>Caroline Walsh, City Warden, informed the meeting it was her final Community Meeting as she had accepted another job offer. Members thanked her for all of her hard work over her period as the Knighton City Warden.</p> <p>Members were asked to note the update (attached).</p> <p>More projects were planned to tackle dog fouling, and residents were asked to provide information to City Wardens, which could also be done through the ‘Love Leicester’ app on smartphones. Descriptions and times where possible were useful evidence. Residents asked for signs to be installed at either end of Dawson Way, to remind pet owners of their duties to clean up after their pets. It was suggested residents contact their local MP Jon Ashworth to include the issue on his publicity leaflets.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about increased overgrowth in Washbrook Nature Reserve in Knighton, between Welford Road and Lancaster Boys school.</p>
6.	<b>POLICE ISSUES UPDATE</b>	<p>PC Jim Mungovin gave the following update on police issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been some staff changes. PC Rachel Franklin had joined the police from Oadby. Sgt. Darren Little had left the force to resume teaching, and was replaced by Sgt. Chris Beech. Part of the team now worked from Wigston Station.</li> <li>• Over the period of 40 days from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015, there were seven dwelling burglaries, and two people had been arrested. Extra patrols of the South Leicester policing area (including Wigston and Oadby) were in place.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle crime continued to be a problem, with 13 thefts from motor vehicles, mainly in the Knighton Church Road area. There were 15 burglaries other than dwellings, mostly bikes from gardens, and one vehicle theft.</li> <li>• One person had been arrested following an offence of robbery when young lads were robbed of their phones.</li> <li>• There were some pockets of drug use in the area, but nothing major.</li> <li>• Police continued to engage with the vulnerable and elderly in the ward. They had also attended events over the summer at Overdale and Thomas Moore schools, and the Knighton Park Fun Day.</li> </ul> <p>Residents were advised to ring the police using 101 for vehicle parking issues.</p> <p>Residents should report issues regarding speeding and road surfaces to the Highways Section at the Council.</p>
7.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>The meeting was informed that Ward Funding of £18,000 had been agreed at the beginning of the Municipal year.</p> <p>The following funding applications had been agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knighton Parochial Church Centre – fire Alarm (submitted by Paul Bonnet): £1,000 part funded (original request £2,997)</li> <li>• Knighton Spinney footpath improvements (submitted by Clive Forty) – £1,070</li> <li>• Knighton Park Community Fun Day (submitted by Gary McMillan) – £1,958</li> <li>• 2 x Dementia Cafes (submitted by Alzheimers Society) – £3,000. The Knighton Memory Café will be held at St Thomas More Community Rooms, and the Holbrook Memory Café will be held at St Guthlac’s Church.</li> </ul> <p>A balance of £10,972 remained after the above funding applications had been approved.</p> <p>The following applications were discussed, and would be considered outside of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of equipment (68<sup>th</sup> Leicester Scout Group) – funding request £2,001.40. A resident</li> </ul>

		<p>present at the meeting said he could provide the group with contact details of supermarkets to assist the scout group in their fundraising activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allandale Road / Francis Street Community Market (Kevin Urquhart) – funding request £3,769.</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Residents raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update had been requested regarding a breach of a planning application at 15 Elms Road. The meeting was informed a new planning application would be submitted.</li> </ul> <p>Councillors Dr. Moore and Unsworth, who sat as Members on the Planning and Development Control Committee, withdrew from the meeting before the next item was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A planning application for the conversion of the previous Gables Hotel building on the corner of London Road / Stoughton Road into a store was discussed. Residents believed the development, if approved, would cause problems on domestic roads, and had insufficient parking on the plan. Residents were urged to place objections as early as possible.</li> </ul> <p>Councillors Dr. Moore and Unsworth, returned to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents reported issues around vehicles parked on the junction of Lamborne Road, Woodcroft Avenue and Cairnsford Road, and were advised to call 101 if vehicles caused an obstruction.</li> <li>• A resident drew to the attention of the meeting an issue faced by Wigston Football Club, who currently leased land from Leicester University at Welford Road Playing Fields. The football club had until December to place a sealed bid for the purchase of the land which the University had decided to sell. A campaign and a petition was underway to stop the University evicting the football club and selling the land for redevelopment.</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	<p>The meeting closed at 8.16pm.</p>

## CITY WARDEN SERVICE

### Update for 8th September 2015 meeting

The majority of the work has consisted of complaints regarding private land.

We can't always take formal action but we will try and speak with parties and pass information onto other teams or agencies.



**BEFORE**  
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**AFTER**



### Dog fouling update.

Door knocking was carried out on Overdale Road and Meadvale Road.

Patrols were done around Kenwood Road open space and Knighton Park. As well as streets where we have had specific complaints but we are still in need of information regarding potential offenders.

**If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Warden or contact the service**

## KNIGHTON WARD

These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes
- Work within schools

Enforcement work on the following issues:

- Littering
- Dog Control – Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dog exclusion zones
- Bins on the Street (Domestic and Commercial)
- Free Distribution of Printed Material
- Fly-Posting
- Small Scale Fly-Tipping
- Graffiti
- Vehicles for Sale on the road
- Repairing Vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents

Street Litter Control Notices

- Skips & Scaffolding
- Untidy Alleys and Gardens



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**LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**

## Love where you live

As a Leicester City resident there are plenty of things you can do to help keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy:

- **Bring your bin in after collection day**
- **Book a Bulky Waste Collection if you need to get rid of large items**
- **Use a bin - don't drop litter**
- **Clear up after your dog**
- **Look after your home and garden**
- **Report problems like littering, fly tipping and graffiti**
- **Join in with local community clean-up events**

For more information contact the City Wardens on  
0116 454 1001 or email [city.warden@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:city.warden@leicester.gov.uk)



**LOVE OUR APP**

With our app you'll be able to let us know about any environmental problems and also access a wealth of council information from your smartphone or tablet.

### How does it work?

- 1.Download it** - Our free app is available for Android, Windows, Blackberry and iPhones. Simply visit your app store and search for Love Leicester.
- 2.Spot it** - Whether it's graffiti, litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or another environmental problem, you can let us know about it.
- 3.Report it** - Take a picture of the problem and upload it using the app. You can tag the location and include other details so we can fix the issue quickly.
- 4.Fix it** - When you submit your report the details and picture will be sent to the right team who can fix the problem. They'll also be able to post a picture of what they've done.

As well as reporting problems, you can tell us what you like about Leicester. You can also find event listings, details of your nearest leisure centre, current consultations and easily get to our mobile friendly website for information on all council services.

The app is part of the Love Clean Streets network which is used by many councils. This means you can use it anywhere to report problems in other cities as well as Leicester, and the app will route your report to the right council.

It replaces the old One Clean Leicester app so if you already have this on your phone you'll need to uninstall it and download our new Love Leicester app.