

NORTH EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016

Held at: Leicester Railway Men's Club & Institute, Leicester Street, Leicester,
LE5 4FS

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Fonseca
Councillor Khote
Councillor Osman

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
29.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Fonseca, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Martin Fletcher – Head of Highways.</p> <p>Councillor Osman declared an 'other disclosable interest' in application 1725 – 'Greenlane Mother and Toddlers group' as the applicants were known to him.</p> <p>Councillor Khote declared an 'other disclosable interest' in application 5148 – 'Evington in Bloom (Friends of Evington)' as the applicants were known to her.</p>
30.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The action log of the previous meeting held on 28 January 2016 was confirmed as a correct record.</p>
31.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>North Evington Ward Councillors gave feedback on the activities they had been involved in, in the Ward:</p> <p>Councillor Khote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had been resolving constituents housing and benefit issues.• North Evington residents could use the Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) services in the Wycliffe, Spinney Hills or Evington Wards, which was a programme to support 50+ year olds to become less isolated.• Councillor Khote was now on the Board of Directors for the LAT project.

		<p>Councillor Osman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had been visiting schools and dealing with issues such as; school admissions and new arrivals. • It was noted that Shenton Primary School were seeking to expand their kitchen area. Councillor Osman was currently in discussion with the City Mayor in regards to obtaining suitable facilities. • Two petitions were being addressed in relation to traffic & highways, one on Baggrave Street and the other on Copdale Road. <p>Councillor Fonseca:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that all schools in the Ward except for one now had a 'good' OFSTED rating. • Councillor Fonseca did a walk about with Councillor Khote, Laura Burt - Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) and Jethro Swift – City Warden. Substance misuse and littering was noted as an ongoing issue in Sparrow Park. This was highlighted to Assistant City Mayor - Councillor Master, the Director of Neighbourhood & Environmental Services – John Leach, the Police and others. It was noted that despite the Police attempts, more was still required to address this issue. • Councillor Fonseca could now be contacted via his new Facebook page.
32.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Laura Burt – WCEO read the Highways update as attached to this action log.</p> <p>Residents and Councillors concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were various suggestions from residents in relation to addressing concerns on Green Lane Road including; installing parking bays, installing pay & display metres and adding a box at the traffic light.
33.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Andy East, Team Leader for Housing gave an update on the housing improvements currently taking place and proposed improvements for 2016/17. In regards to empty properties in the ward it was advised that residents on the Council property waiting list should bid as much as possible.</p> <p>Current Improvement Works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beatty Avenue – (phase 1) shrubs cleared, turfing next week. • Stonechat Walk – courtyards / communal area

paving – due for completion end of March.

- Fieldfare Walk – Removing old slabs, replace bench.
- Helena Roberts House – paving and bench replacement - due for completion end of March.

Proposed Improvements 2016/17:

- Beatty Avenue – (phase 2) further shrub clearance alongside the footpath through to the medical centre.
- Hasting Road Gym Equipment to be purchased and installed.
- Further courtyard development on Charnwood Estate.
- Charnwood Walk – bulb planting.
- Internal painting at Kingfisher Walk.

Residents' Concerns:

- A resident spoke on behalf of an elderly lady that lived in an upper floor accommodation within a block of flats on Dunlin Road. The lady had access difficulties and required an upgrade to the property. A request was also made to hold the North Evington Ward Community Meetings closer to this ladies habitation. Councillor Khote and Andy East were to speak to the resident after the meeting and Councillor Osman suggested that one of the Councillors 'walk-about's' should include this resident's location.
- The bungalow dwellings on Stonechat Walk – a resident had built at the rear which was reported as 'unsightly' and water was reported to be coming off the structure causing puddles of water on the footpath. Andy to look into this.
- Feeding of pigeons, littering issues and rubbish on the Charnwood Walk main greenery required cleaning.
- Councillor Osman queried if there would be any further external insulation schemes. Andy responded that previous schemes were based on government grants which were no longer available. Simon Nicholls – Head of Service for Housing was advised as the best person to contact for further information.
- Councillor Osman queried if Larch Street was Council owned or Housing Association as there had been several reported Anti-Social

		<p>Behaviour (ASB) issues. Andy East would look into this query.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Fonseca discussed the possibility of displaying surgery leaflets etc on the Charnwood area and Lombardy Rise notice boards. Andy would speak to Tracy McAllistair – Team Leader for Housing and feedback.
34.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Jethro Swift, City Warden for the ward reported the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were currently discussions about placing a bin outside Sparrow Park. • Several fly-tipping issues across the ward, warning letters had been issued and investigations continued. • City Wardens had renewed powers to address issues relating to bins left on the streets after collections. • Alleyway work in the ward was in progress. Baggrave Street alleyway had been cleared of rubbish and a new gate installed. • Attendees were encouraged to use the Love Leicester app, call City Wardens, email or write. <p>Councillors and Residents concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had a concern on Hartington Road. As this was not in the North Evington Ward, the City Warden would speak to the resident after the meeting. • Due to issues of bird feeding, a resident on Ferny Road was willing to distribute bird feeding leaflets when they were available. • Councillor Osman noted that there would be an area clean up/ litter pick up in certain areas including from outside Sparrow Park and Asfordby Street. • Councillor Fonseca had concerns regarding street cleaning. The City Warden would contact the heading of Cleansing to look into this. A resident however had opposing views that the street cleaners did a wonderful job.
35.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>PCSO Lee Williams presented the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a new Sergeant, James Thomas, who covered the North Evington Ward. • Police team members did a consultation with residents near the Sparrow Park area to query

		<p>if improvements had been made. The results stated that there was a reduction in ASB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Osman queried the recent fire arms incident which took place on Pares Street. It was noted that the incident was being investigated. • Attendees were informed that a street crime initiative would take place from 30 March until the end of June, the focus would be in/ out of schools, community centres, protecting self as victims against robbery and knife crime awareness. • Councillor Khote reported that she was present at Sparrow Park several times recently and had witnessed excessive drinking, alcohol can littering etc., which required addressing especially with the new play equipment. • A local resident and former youth & community worker requested the Council to employ outreach workers that work on the ground. • Councillor Khote requested crime figures in the ward for the next meeting. • Councillor Fonseca noted that he had been invited to a meeting in the Spinney Hills ward regarding the Pares Road incident. It was requested that PCSO Williams inform the necessary persons that Councillors Khote and Osman had not been invited. • A resident had concerns of nitrous oxide use on Roseberry Street. The PCSO spoke on the Polices' limited powers to enforce, but however, did educate people on the effects.
36.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Laura Burt, the Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) presented an update on the Ward Community Budget.</p> <p>The following items were considered at the meeting:</p> <p>5148: Evington in Bloom (Friends of Evington) requested £300 to support Evington in Bloom – Consultation Meeting – grant of £300 approved in full.</p> <p>1676: Leicestershire Police applied for £500 for Youth Engagement – grant of £500 approved in full, subject to further information as to which schools the Police would be supporting.</p> <p>5151: Shree Hindu Temple Community Centre requested £1,000 to celebrate the day of Holi – grant of £1,000 approved in full.</p>

		<p>5152: Northfield Play Association requested £500 to replace and buy new outdoor equipment and refurbish existing equipment – grant of £500 approved in full.</p> <p>5153: West Humberstone Gospel Mission applied for £315.91 to support a Charnwood Newsletter – grant of £315.91 approved in full.</p> <p>5154: Shri Guru Ravidas Temple applied for £2,500 to hold Vaisakhi Cultural Celebrations – application not supported.</p> <p>1714: Silver Star requested £5,450 to hold a North Evington Health Fair/ Carnival – grant of £5,798.69 approved in full.</p> <p>1725: Greenlane Mother and Toddlers Group requested £930 in support of a day trip for the local community – grant of £930 approved in full.</p> <p>1745: Leicester Afghan Women’s Forum Ltd applied for £500 to celebrate the Nowrooz festival for women and children in their community – grant of £500 approved in full.</p> <p>1755: Leicester Lions Football Project requested £500 to support the ‘First Touch project’ – grant of £500 approved in full.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillor Khote requested feedback from all successful ward funding applicants.</p> <p>Laura Burt – WCEO, outlined the new online application process which would commence from 1 April 2016.</p>
37.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<p>Councillor Osman requested Merlyn Vaz centre for the next North Evington Ward Community Meeting.</p> <p>It was noted by Councillor Osman that there was a planning issue for several residents with conservation properties on St Saviours Road. It was encouraged for the residents to submit an application together.</p>
38.	CLOSE OF MEETING	<p>The meeting closed at 8.00pm.</p>

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North Evington Ward Meeting – Feedback from meeting 28/1/2016 and other issues raised by ward councillors.

- 1. Footpath from Beatty Avenue to Uppingham Road, side of health centre, is it highway?** Yes it is highway footpath, it has been inspected and no dangerous defects found. It has been suggested for planned maintenance works possibly in next financial year.
- 2. St Saviours Road, footpath opposite bank needs better lighting.** Output from existing LED columns has been increased to improve lighting levels.
- 3. East Park Road, Green Lane Road to St Saviours Road, carriageway condition.** Defects are below intervention level for safety repair, been suggested for future planned maintenance scheme.
- 4. Mount Road / Grove Road area lining needs renewing.** Lining has been checked and is satisfactory.
- 5. Mount Road one way and no entry signs need checking.** Been checked and all okay.
- 6. Asfordby Street opposite Mosque, parking on footway between bollards.** Been checked and two additional bollards will be installed in next financial year.
- 7. Parking issues: Mount Road school parking on yellow zig zag, Spinney Hill Road outside Mosque, Sandpiper Close and Kingfisher Avenue, evening parking issues.** Details sent to Parking Team for monitoring and enforcement.
- 8. Kingfisher Avenue, suggestion for residents parking scheme.** The request has been logged. To take forward residents parking, traffic surveys would need to be carried out to ensure there is a commuter parking issues and, importantly, there is sufficient on-street capacity for all residents who would want a permit. If there are too many residents cars for the on street space available, a resident parking scheme would not be viable. If a scheme would be viable, then an area wide consultation would need to be undertaken. At this time, the current 2 year programme is already established and will be reviewed in 2017/18 to consider which areas would be the next priorities for consulting on residents parking.
- 9. Leicester Street / Nottingham Street suggestion to reverse flow.** One way system requests from all wards are being collated following the recent ward member briefing sessions for prioritisation. The development of a programme of works will then be considered by the Executive and, if approved, funding for works will need to be established. This will take time to evolve given the constraints on both financial and staffing resources.

- 10. Willowbrook Road, suggestion to make one way to junc Forest Road.** One way system requests from all wards are being collated following the recent ward member briefing sessions for prioritisation. The development of a programme of works will then be considered by the Executive and, if approved, funding for works will need to be established. This will take time to evolve given the constraints on both financial and staffing resources.
- 11. Councillors would like timetable for implementing traffic schemes within the ward.** Minor TRO changes will be taken forward over the next 12 months. The 20mph zone for Hastings Road/Overton Rd is currently being consulted on with a view to implementing asap. No timeframes can be provided for one-way system requests until the prioritisation process has been completed and a funded programme established.
- 12. Double yellow lines changes.** St Barnabas Road and Baggrave Street are on the LEW list. The changes will be taken forward over the next financial year subject to LEW funding approval. TRO are legal processes and can take up to six months. We will add the DYL in Prestwold Road to the list for future schemes.
- 13. Asfordby Street, seating area removal of shrubs.** Property and Parks looking at area and carried out removal of some of the shrubs together with cutting back.
- 14. Green Lane Road parking.** From w/c 20th December 2015 to 22nd March 2016 we have made 176 visits to Green Lane Road and issued 35 PCN's.
- 15. Hastings Road (Overton Road to Brighton Road) traffic calming.** Stage 2 consultation ongoing at present, if responses supportive should be constructed during the summer.
- 16. Forest Road / Frisby Road –** Since the introduction of the mini roundabout there has been a rise in the number of accidents. We plan to return it to a 4 arm junction with resurfacing, new lining and tactile crossing points. We will be sending out information to Cllrs shortly. There are no plans to include signal control or a signalised pedestrian crossing.
- 17. Copdale Road area –** not in the current 20mph programme. Cllr Khote requested improvement works at the junction of Crown Hills Road / Copdale Road to encourage drivers to give due regard to the give-way. We have looked at various options. If a refuge is put in, large vehicles will not manage the junction. Building out the wide radius will be costly and create a pavement parking problem. The recommended option is to renew the road markings, perhaps including a SLOW marking.