

EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 21 JULY 2016

Held at: St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Govind (Chair)

Councillor Bajaj

Councillor Hunter

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
35.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Govind, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Helen Pettman – Evington Echo, Philip Thompson – Flood Risk Manager, Nicole Powell – City Warden, Andrew Dhillon – Parks Officer, Luke Crown – Biffa and Tariq Latif – Handy Persons Team (leaflet attached to this action log).</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
36.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 11 February 2016 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.</p>
37.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Evington Ward Councillors gave feedback on issues they had been dealing with in the ward, since the last meeting. The following was discussed:</p> <p>Both Councillors Hunter & Govind informed the meeting about the patch walks which had taken place in the ward since the last meeting with Ward Councillors and various Officers. It was noted that several highways, traffic and parking issues were highlighted; one of these included parking issues on Freeman Road North & Uppingham Road, and other related issues would be discussed under the Highways update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Hunter gave an insight into her past year as a Councillor, previous and present works/ committees with the Council and stated her dedication to improving several aspects of the Evington Ward including neglected areas such as Rowlatts Hill and Goodwood Estate.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Ward would be having a new outdoor gym in Humberstone Park. • Councillor Hunter had been dealing with constituents and working with some of them to look into areas dedicated for dogs in the ward. • Councillor Bajaj discussed several community events which had taken place in the Ward and also events that Evington Community had taken part in. <p>Upcoming events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleman Evington Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) family fun day which would take place on Saturday 23rd July 2016 at Coleman Neighbourhood Centre from 10am. • Evington Village Fete & Show – Sat 13th August – 12noon until 5pm – held on the Village Green, Church Road. • A meeting had been held regarding the improvement of the skate park in Humberstone Park and a petition was currently in circulation. • Councillor Govind discussed works which had taken place to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Ward. • It was noted that the structure for Evington’s Ward Community Meetings would now be; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Ward Meetings per year and one patch-walk. • The meetings would now be in two parts; 6.30pm – 7.00pm would be a chance to meet the Evington Ward Councillors and discuss issues and concerns. 7.00pm onwards would then be the Ward Community Meeting with presentations and discussions. • It was noted that Councillors were available at their surgeries to discuss other personal issues. Details of surgery times and changes were provided. • Councillor Govind provided information on the Ward budget and application process.
38.	HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT UPDATE	<p>Mike Pears, Team Leader for Highways Asset Management reported on highways works in the Evington Ward since the last meeting. The following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwood Road – Double yellow lines which needed to be repainted – had now been

		<p>completed with white and yellow lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Hunter and Councillor Govind described the several areas of the Ward's roads which had been proposed to Highways for new or repainted yellow / white lines. Some of these areas included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming in from Coleman Road to Greenacre drive - double yellow lines would be painted on both sides. • Going down Coleman Road – there would be new railings to prevent grass verge parking and double yellow lines. • Barnes Heath Road – newly painted lines. • Mike discussed the timescale for the above works, whereby the process would commence with the proposals being advertised in the next few weeks, in total the process would take several months. <p>It was noted that other highways works in the Ward were either taking place or had been proposed, such as the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marydene Drive – remedial works on the road surface were in progress and due to be completed on the day of this meeting. • Newhaven Drive – patching of the carriage way would be carried out. • Linden Drive – surface treatment on the carriageway and footway would be carried out after the drainage works were completed. • Spencefield Lane – renewal of the road lining had been completed. • Downing Drive – resurfacing of the road was now complete. • Wakerley Road/ Falmouth Road – due to parking on grass verges, there was a proposal for bollards to be installed to restrict vehicle access via pedestrian crossing points. • A bench had been installed outside the leisure centre on Downing Drive by the son of a past resident, as a memorial to his mother. • There were some suggestions to install bollards at certain locations in the ward – finalisations as to which suggestions would be carried out was currently in progress, remaining suggestions would be carried forward to next year. • It was noted that three meetings would take
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		<p>place in August with Ward Councillors, the City Mayor and Highways Officers; for feedback and the opportunity to take proposals for consideration into next years or future year's highways programme.</p> <p>Residents' and Councillors concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two residents of Goodwood Road had concerns that due to a gap in between their houses, several motorists often used this as a short cut. Mike would look into this. • Councillor Bajaj reported that a meeting was held with the Police and Community Safety Team with regard to an ASB issue at the back entrance of the shops on Downing Drive. It was reported that Highways had stated that a gate could not be installed there however; other alternative measures were being looked into.
<p>39.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>Sergeant Ady Webb and PC Chris Brown attended the meeting and gave the following update:</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Sergeant called Ady Webb introduced himself to attendees. • Explanations of how Police 'problem solving plans' operate were provided and also details of a system called 'Sentinel' whereby the Police and partners could jointly share and manage cases in relation to ASB or regular reported incidents. • It was noted that there were currently 10 Sentinel reports for the ward. • A problem solving plan was in place for ASB issues around Coleman Neighbourhood Centre, the Police responded by setting up an office in the centre and dealing with the issues using dedicated patrols. Following these implementations, it was reported that the area had seen a reduction in ASB and improved situations. • It was reported that an arrest was made of someone with the intent to supply 'Class A' drugs. • High harm areas in Evington were noted as Uppingham Road, Harwin Road, Ethel Road, Clovelly Road and Freeman Road North. • A resident expressed concern for drug abuse

		<p>in her area. The Police discussed one method they were using to tackle this issue by educating children in schools on the dangers of drugs. The Police would speak to the resident following the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested for residents to report any issues of crime to the Police. <p>PC Chris Brown gave crime figures for the Evington Ward:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="624 600 1394 920"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reported Offences</th> <th>Within last one month</th> <th>Within previous one month</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Assaults</td> <td>10</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglaries</td> <td>11</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal offences</td> <td>9</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drug offences</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public order</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sexual offences</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle crime</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high profile burglar was arrested and had been remanded. • Sergeant Webb explained the various grades in reported issues and Police response times. • It was noted that Police officers would be present at the Coleman NC family fun day on 23 July. 	Reported Offences	Within last one month	Within previous one month	Assaults	10	24	Burglaries	11	10	Criminal offences	9	13	Drug offences	1	1	Public order	1	3	Robbery	1	1	Sexual offences	2	0	Vehicle crime	6	6
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40.	FLOODING MATTERS IN THE EVINGTON WARD	Randeep Singh Mattu, the Evington Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) gave an update on the flooding issues and concerns in the ward. Please see the update attached at the end of this action log.																											
41.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Andy East, Team Leader for Housing gave an update on the housing improvements currently taking place and the proposed improvements.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to ASB in the area, several alley ways in the Rowllatts Hill estate were identified and closed off or in the process of being completed. • It was noted that fly-tipping was a concern on Goodwood Road, Housing and the City Warden would be working together to install bollards. • Andy discussed the proposed play area at Oxon Way – it was noted that Housing were trying to allocate funds and awaiting plans for this. The information would be shared when it became available. 																											

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleman Evington TARA would be having their next quarterly meeting on Wednesday 27th July and Andy East planned on being present. <p>2017-18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unsure as to what funding would be available but there were concerns that it would be vastly reduced. • Nothing had yet been decided in terms of schemes to develop for next year; however ideas, suggestions and costings were currently being compiled. <p>Dependent upon available funding housing would look into the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knee high railing at Waterfield Close working in collaboration with Highways and also at Cordery Road grass verge area. • A parking scheme in parts of the ward, fire safety and security improvements, Hextall Road bungalow lighting and Illingworth Road communal painting. <p>Residents' concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a request from a resident for an additional/ more trees on Ethel Road. • A resident discussed a fire safety issue with door mats in communal areas. Andy explained the procedures that Housing fulfil in regards to carrying out fire safety assessments and removing any hazard risks from communal corridors with the zero tolerance policy. It was noted that the Council had a duty to ensure these corridors were kept clear and would continue to remove them in compliance with the law. • It was requested for the grass to be cut more often. Andy noted the grass was cut by the Parks team who were reported to have had issues/ reasons for not cutting it often.
42.	CITY WARDEN	<p>City Warden leaflets were distributed at the meeting. Councillor Govind informed the meeting of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new bin had been placed by the maternity unit outside the General hospital. • The garages at the end of Goodwood Road had been cleared up.
43.	PARKS UPDATE - HUMBERSTONE	<p>Randeep Singh Mattu, the WCEO gave an update on Humberstone Park. The following was presented:</p>

	<p>PARK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeper style steps had been fitted to allow access to the already established graffiti wall. • The hedge (that sides on to the changing room) had been reduced, as it was repeatedly targeted by graffiti vandals and had not been targeted since. Feedback from park users had been positive. Further reductions of the hedge that borders the sunken garden in the winter months to allow more natural surveillance would be looked into, with increased planting in the garden. • The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) group had a planned schedule of works and had been carrying out working days at the park, the next one would be 25 July 2016 which will include cutting back encroaching vegetation that was over hanging the paths in the nature area and strimming back where needed. • The Parks Team had a day with volunteers planting and weeding in the sunken garden with more planned for the future. • The Probation service had repainted the bowling club exterior doors and wall at the back of the building. • Brook works were now complete as part of the Environment Agency's flood defence scheme (phase 1) and they were now looking at (phase 2) as being a priority to naturalise the main stream. This would depend entirely on funding being available in the coming years. • A local patch walk was booked in for 15th August 10.00am meet at Saltersford Road car park. • Looking at linking with the park warden service for a two hour dog fouling initiative reminding park users of their duties. • New bins had been installed around the cricket pitch area due to regular complaints received regarding littering. • The youth shelter was removed because of complaints received following ASB issues. • A resident requested an update on any new plans for Sedgebrook Park and the Village Green, as the swings/ surface had previously been removed.
<p>44.</p>	<p>WARD COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Randeep Singh Mattu, the WCEO gave an update on the Ward Community Budget. The budget sheet has</p>

	BUDGET	<p>been attached at the end of this action log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident requested for the budget information to be included on future agendas. • Councillor Govind confirmed that information regarding the ward budget including the applicants, the amount applied for and the reasons for granting or not granting the funding would be provided at the next meeting. • In regards to a resident's concern relating to the new Evington meeting structure and budget decision making, Councillor Hunter informed the meeting of the reasons and the procedures went through for adopting this new structure.
45.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

The Handyman Service

Do you need minor repair work carried out on your property?

Have you had problems employing a Builder?

Are you worried about the standard of work and how much it will be charged?

If you answer YES to any of these question and you are one of the following:

- A disabled person
- Over 60 years old
- A Single parent
- Low Income Families

Then our Home Maintenance Officer can help you.

THE HOME MAINTENANCE OFFICERS

Home Maintenance officer are city council employees who work for the Housing department to carry out general maintenance work for Leicester City residents

Originally the services was only available in some areas in the City, but because of its popularity we are now offering it to everyone living in the city of Leicester.

We can offer you a worry-free service.

- We will only carry out the work you ask for
- Will be honest and reliable
- Our staff will always wear ID badges, so you can have a peace of mind when you open your door.

We can handle:

- **Small home maintenance jobs, such as:**
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Glazing
 - Woodwork
 - Unblock and cleaning gutters
 - Windows and door repairs
- **Security work, such as fitting:**
 - Door Chains
 - Spy holes
 - Window and door locks
 - Fences & Gates
- **Minor Adaptation Works:**
 - Keysafe
 - Grab Rails
 - Stair Rails
 - Assistive Technology equipment
- **For victim of crime** we are able to offer a boarding up service until full repairs can be undertaken.

The cost of the service

If you are on means tested benefits (this does not include Working Tax Credit) the labour cost will be:

£15.00 per hour

If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit:

£18.00 per hour

Please note: You will be asked to provide proof of any benefits you receive when we visit your home

If you are NOT on means tested benefits the labour costs will be £30.00 per hour.

In addition to these labour cost you will also pay for the cost of any materials we provide for the jobs to be completed

All the above prices include VAT

What to do if you are interested

IT'S VERY SIMPLE

In the first instance, get in touch with the staff at the Ross Walk office. They will take details of the work you want doing and the Home Maintenance Officer will get in touch to make an appointment to visit you.

**HANDY PERSON SERVICE
IAN MARLOW CENTRE
57 Blackbird Road
Leicester, LE4 0AR.**

You can phone the office on
(0116) 4545120 or you may prefer to call at the
office in person

OPENING TIMES

Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm
Friday from 9:00am to 4:30pm

If you would like to discuss what the work you need doing and how much it is likely to cost, please phone the office. We will be pleased to talk to you



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Evington Ward Meeting

6:30pm Thursday 21st July

St Joseph's Church Hall, Goodwood Road, LE5 6SG.

Notes for information on

Flooding matters in the Evington Ward

Philip Thompson, Flood Risk Manager

Recent Flooding event

- There was 34.3mm of rainfall on Tuesday 14th June, in the eastern and southern regions of the city.
- The storm travelled from the south west, through Aylestone to North Evington.
- 18.8mm of rain fell within 30 minutes, between 14:00 and 14:30 on 14/06/2016.
- Persistent rainfall continued throughout the night into Wednesday 15th
- The Willow Brook (where the Evington brook outfalls to) rose by 1.1m
- 2 Homes in Evington Village experienced internal flooding.
- Surface water sewers and drains overflowed in some areas.

What we're doing now

- Analysing the information we have collected from residents and businesses affected.
- Working with our partners Severn Trent Water Ltd. to fully understand the causes.
- Looking at remediation methods, both long and short term.

How you can help

- If you had a flooding incident which has not been reported, let us know
- If you have not already, report any internal flooding to Severn Trent Water Ltd.

Leicester local flood risk management strategy - view our web site

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/178225/master-lfrms-web-lo-res-mar-2015.pdf>

Actions as part of the strategy

- Improvements to the Ambassador Road Brook in Humberstone Park
- Watercourse and ditch maintenance (Ethel Brook, Thunby Brook, Evington Brook, Bushby Brook)
- Highway drainage and gully maintenance
- Responding to flooding incidents
- Providing flood risk comments on Planning applications

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Evington

Budget Allocation 2016/17

19,600.00

Carry Forward at 11th Nov 17: 29,500.00

Total Funding awarded:

£3,811.00

Total Balance Remaining:

15,789.00

Reference	Date	Application Type	Other Wards	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Total Requested Amount	Funding Amount Agreed from Beaumont Leys Ward
AF6092491	26-Apr-16	Individual		Evington Village Fete and Show	Evington Village Fete & Show	The Evington Village Fete & Show is a fully inclusive annual event providing local people with an opportunity to display their produce, jams and cakes, arts and crafts in the Show which are independently judged for best in class and best in show together with entertainment for all ages on the village green.	£2,461.00	£2,461
AF6124451	04-May-16	Joint	North Evington Spinney Hills	Bridge Junior School	School Council: Young Citizens of Conscience	A visit to the Houses of Commons, (to be arranged through the R. H. K. Vaz) and the National Gallery gives the School Council and the whole school a national perspective.	£600.00	£0.00
AF6131301	05-May-16	Individual		Allmurad CC	Allmurad CC	Bringing youngster from street and keep them busy playing sports so I go and look around when there playing cricket in street or at normal park if there good and take them forward	£500.00	TBC
AF6151821	10-May-16	Individual		Rowlatts Hill 60 + Group	Two trips to the coast and place of interest	Our group would like to visit Skegness and also a place of interest like the west country museum (still to be decided)	£1,000.00	£1,000

