

## KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2017

Knighton Memorial Hall (Holbrook Hall), Holbrook Road, Leicester, LE2 3LF

Present:

Councillor Grant  
Councillor Gugnani  
Councillor Dr. Moore

<b>NO</b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
<b>50.</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Cllr Gugnani, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led the introductions.
<b>51.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Apologies were received from Martin Halse (Emergency Management & Planning, LCC), Graham Seaton (Transport Development Officer, LCC), Chris Bramley-Brown (City Warden), PC Emma Jayne (Police), Andrew Oldershaw, Peter Carr and John Jones.
<b>52.</b>	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	The Action Log from the meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016 was received and noted.
<b>53.</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK</b>	All to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parks Services and Friends of Knighton Park (FoKP) are looking for a suitable company to take over the organisation of the Knighton Park Community Fun Day.</li><li>• FoKP are seeking a treasurer to look after the funding for the event. Parks Services / Events and Festivals Team can provide guidance, health and safety advice, etc.</li><li>• Councillors agreed to make the usual contribution towards the event from Community Ward Funding.</li></ul>
<b>54.</b>	<b>KNIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM - UPDATE</b>	All to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leicester City Council have confirmed official designation of Knighton Neighbourhood Forum as the official forum to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan for Knighton, and mandated the Forum on 29</li></ul>

		<p>November 2016 to form a Community Interest Company to enable the forum to acquire funding from bigger companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two working groups have been set up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transport Working Group – to discuss local transport issues (to include Clarendon Park residents).</li> <li>○ Open Spaces, Sports and Leisure – protection of green spaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Further working groups would be set up to cover local economy and economic development, neighbourhood facilities, planning housing growth, heritage and conservation, climate change and flooding.</li> <li>• It is proposed with planning consultants to establish a comprehensive dataset for Knighton to inform the Neighbourhood Plan, and to assist with community engagement and an application for ward funding.</li> <li>• The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.45pm, Knighton Parish Centre, for the re-election of the Steering Group and approval of an outline action plan. There remained a vacancy for a treasurer.</li> <li>• A talk from Justin Webber, LCC Conservation Team will be present to talk about conserving Knighton’s heritage.</li> <li>• Debs Tull, FoKP, to be added to the list of invitees.</li> <li>• The Forum had around 120 members, but welcomed more contacts from minority communities.</li> </ul>
55.	<b>CITY WARDEN - UPDATE</b>	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints regarding a car mechanic/trader on Knighton Road were investigated and confirmed a nuisance exists. A Community Protection Warning notice was served on the offender giving them a limited period of time to resolve the nuisance – to be monitored over the coming weeks and escalated if necessary.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A complaint regarding builders working on a property on Knighton Drive was received. The builders were advised on correct practice in the disposal of asbestos, and no further complaints were received.</li> <li>• Dog fouling reports on Francis Street – the area would continue to be monitored.</li> <li>• Fly tipping reports on both Stoughton Road and Stoughton Avenue were currently under investigation.</li> <li>• Bins on Street on London Road, Goldhill Road area and Shackerdale Road – the four-stage enforcement process had commenced at offending properties and would take up to two months to complete.</li> </ul> <p>If you have any other complaints that have not been covered that you would like City Wardens to look into then please do report them through Customer Services on 0116 4541001, email <a href="mailto:Customer.Services@Leicester.gov.uk">Customer.Services@Leicester.gov.uk</a>, on the website at <a href="http://www.Leicester.gov.uk">www.Leicester.gov.uk</a>, or via the Love Leicester app which is available on all major app stores.</p>
56.	<b>POLICE - UPDATE</b>	<p>PC Jim Mungovin and PCSO Lynette Steadman were present. Statistics were provided for the previous 60-day period.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary of dwellings – 19 (down on previous period);</li> <li>• Vehicle crime – 24 cars attacked, 2 fuel thefts;</li> <li>• Vans were being targeted. PCSOs and volunteers had been door knocking to inform people to lock their vehicles. CCTV had shown opportunists trying car/van doors;</li> <li>• Assaults – no particular trends or problems. Most school related and fairly minor, with no complaints to follow;</li> <li>• The police continued to spend time outside</li> </ul>

		<p>schools regarding parking. There were some incidences though things had improved slightly. The Council had published a plan to take action;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavilion on Knighton Park – no reports of any problems brought to the attention of Police, and the building was secure;</li> <li>• The Neighbourhood Team visited schools – at senior schools knife crime talks were held;</li> <li>• A student house on Craighill Road was brought to the attention of police, though it was an environmental health problem (noise);</li> <li>• New cold calling signs were installed on Kingsmead Road following a couple of incidences of older people being targeted;</li> <li>• An ongoing parking issue on Knighton Road near to College Court had been resolved, and the area had seen an improvement;</li> <li>• The number of reported crimes included Oadby, Wigston, Saffron, South Wigston. Out of 35 calls – 1 for Knighton. The bulk of issues were not happening in Knighton area;</li> <li>• It was suggested that notice boards be used with police information to raise awareness of ongoing issues in an area, for example, residents be reminded to lock windows in the summer;</li> <li>• Councillors were requesting bollards be installed outside schools. The Council was looking at making Zig-Zag markings legally enforceable for the whole of the city.</li> </ul> <p>The following link will allow Knighton residents to explore the crime map for Knighton and compare statistics with other areas in the City, and similar regions in England and Wales.</p> <p><a href="https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NS49/">https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NS49/</a></p>
57.	<b>KNIGHTON FLOOD ACTION PLAN - FEEDBACK AND UPDATE</b>	<p>Councillor Moore gave feedback on the Hol Brook Flooding Community Response meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, and the notes from the meeting are attached for information.</p> <p>All to note:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council did not own the land where some of the issues that required action occurred.</li> <li>• Councillors would push for a meeting between Severn Trent, City Council, County Council and Council insurance companies.</li> </ul>
<b>58.</b>	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for funding can be submitted on or after 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017, to be determined on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.</li> <li>• A year end summary of funding applications and spend for 2016/17 is attached for information.</li> </ul>
<b>59.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 7.18pm.



# Minute Item 57

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Most attendees were not supportive to the formulation of an emergency community response plan for the following reasons:

- The solution to the flooding experienced was a longer term engineering one and in particular creating water holding areas further upstream and widening the existing culvert pipes
- Residents have a lack of time to respond to a flood, many work and are unlikely to be at home
- Other residents, who are more likely to be at home, are elderly and could not move signs or sandbags
- If it's a heavy rain downpour then the residents have less than 30 minutes before the flooding occurs
- Leicester City Council officers had promised to contract a property level protection surveyor for the residents of houses that have flooded but the deadline for this had passed and nothing had happened. Effective property level protection is the short-term solution rather than an emergency response

Other matters discussed included:

- Met Office "Severe Weather Warnings" might assist residents in judging whether flooding might occur and to take precautions as Environment Agency Flood Warnings do not cover the Hol Brook. Residents could sign up for this service by visiting the Met Office website (Link: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/> )
- Some contributing causes to the flooding were believed to be no attenuation tank built as part of the New Church Close site and yet it was part of the development's planning permission. Large amounts of water coming down the Hol Brook come from Oadby including the Race Course / A6 roundabout and the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens
- There are properties that border the Hol Brook on Shanklin Drive whose residents don't keep their section of the banks clear. Residents in the local area have informed the City Council about this problem. They would like the Council to do more enforce them keeping their section of the banks clear
- The culvert opening near 108 Carisbrooke Road needs either a fixed grill on the opening or the channel section should be entirely piped underground
- A round table meeting including all interested parties and councillors needs to be organised
- The system in Carisbrooke Road and by the shops on Knighton Church Road cannot cope with the volume of water and this forces the manhole covers up

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- Surface water coming down Carisbrooke Road adds to the Hol Brook flooding and threatens other properties. It was believed this was due to lack of drains and capacity of those that exist
- Large vehicles (especially buses) being driven too fast through flood water can cause bow waves that flood into properties that might otherwise be unaffected or less affected and electronic signs or similar combined with close liaison with transport companies can minimise this
- There is a Knighton Forum that could be used to disseminate information or be engaged in this issue (Link: <http://www.knightonforum.org.uk/> )
- Whether Severn Trent Water or Leicester City Council is responsible for Hol Brook needs to be established clearly
- Support and advice is available from the National Flood Forum, a registered charity (Link: <http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/> )
- Although elderly residents could not be expected to carry heavy sandbags from a nearby store it might make the Leicester City Council response better (not having to go to the depot to pick up sandbags) and allow residents who were able to place some across door thresholds as demonstrated by the bags of garden compost placed across the threshold of a garage workshop to divert water



*Knighton Ward Funding Budget – Year End 2016 /217.*

	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Amount Requested:</b>	<b>Supported /Not Supported:</b>	<b>Amount Awarded:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
1.	Art House.	Exhibition of local artist work at residents houses across the wards.	£1,200 total - £400 per ward.	Part Supported.	£200	Part funded to reflect expenditure costs.
2.	Bhangra & Bollywood Dancercise.	Exercise classes based on Asian classical dance.	£1,080.	Not Supported.	£0	Applicants to revise costing, possibly re-apply.
3.	Artbeat.	Annual Community Event – showcasing local dance, poetry, music food & literature.	£2,000	Not Supported.	£0	Cllr's committed to supporting Knighton fun day as ward community event.
<b>Knighton Ward Councillor's Year End – Committed Spend &amp; Carry Over:</b>						
1.	Knighton Neighbourhood Forum	Consultancy fees to complete Neighbourhood Plan.	£2,000	Supported – Committed Spend.	£2,000	Monies to be carried over as committed to spend to enable Forum to recruit a consultancy firm / consultant.
2	63 <sup>rd</sup> Leicester Scot Group / 68 <sup>th</sup> Leicester Scout Group.	Underwrite funding applications to enable the two Knighton scout organisations to continue development.	£2,000 - £1,000 per ward.	Supported – Committed Spend.	£2,000	
3	Refuse Bin – Welford Road.	To purchase and install a bin on Welford Road.	£400	Supported – Committed Spend.	£400	Refuse bin to replace dog Fowling Bin as no longer available.
4	Knighton Ward - Flood Action Plan.	To support the purchase of flood equipment in line with the Flood Action Plan.	£2,000	Supported - Committed Spend.	£2,000	Flood warning and prevention equipment as specified within the plan.

5	Knighton Fun Day.	To support the annual Knighton Ward Event.	£2,000	Supported – Committed Spend.	£2,000	Councillors committed event.
6	Speed Brakes.	To purchase Speed Brakes in line with the Highways and transport action plan for Knighton Ward.	£2,000	Supported Committed Spend	£2,000	Supported as part of the Knighton Highways and traffic Action Plan.

Opening Balance **£18,000.**

Spend Period One **£1,000.**

Spend Period Two **£5,589.**

Spend Period Three **£200**

Total Spend 2016/17 **£6,789.**

**Remaining Balance = £11,211**

**Committed Spend £10,400**

**Balance Remaining / Carried Forward [if no further funding] £811.00**