

## KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2017

Overdale Junior School, Eastcourt Road, Knighton, Leicester, LE2 3YA

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
73.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Grant, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led the introductions.</p> <p>The Chair informed all present the order for the agenda would be changed to allow the Police present to leave the meeting.</p>
74.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<p>Apologies were received from Angela Martin (Community Engagement Officer) and Harvey Roberts (City Warden).</p>
75.	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	<p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 29 August 2017 was received and noted.</p>
76.	<b>POLICE UPDATE</b>	<p>Sergeant Julian Lowe introduced himself to the meeting. New to Knighton and Saffron Wards, Sgt. Lowe can be contacted on Ext. 762 or via email (link on the website <a href="https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/knighton/team">https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/knighton/team</a>, along with other members of the Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issues at Lancaster Academy had now settled down, in and out of the school.</li><li>• Burglaries in the area were a problem. Over the last 30 days there were 16 burglaries. There had also been an increase in burglaries in Oadby and Wigston areas. In particular Asian houses had been targeted, but curtailed due to police present and extensive coverage in the media.</li><li>• In the previous 30 days, 17 vehicles were broken into, compared to 25 in September. Vehicle crime was an ongoing problem, with Knighton traditionally being targeted, with expensive cars being left unlocked with items in. CCTV in the area had shown people trying car doors. Two people were arrested in October.</li><li>• Theft of vehicles – thieves were particularly targeting vans with tools.</li><li>• Someone was stealing doorbells, in particular the</li></ul>

		<p>old fashioned brass or metal bells. The Police would look at Ebay to see if any were being sold online.</p> <p>A resident made reference to an accident on Carisbrooke Road / Shanklin Avenue at which a car drove off. The police were not aware of the incident, but any safety issues on the road would be taken up by the Highways section at the Council. If police officers were dealing with an incident which they believed was due to road furniture, would also be fed back to the council.</p> <p>Cllr Grant thanked the police for the update, and invited them to stay, but acknowledged the Police were busy.</p>
77.	<b>COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK</b>	Feedback from Councillors was covered in other agenda items.
78.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE - SHANKLIN DRIVE / WELFORD ROAD</b>	<p>Martin Fletcher (City Highways Director) and Graham Seaton (Transport Development Officer) were present.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During Summer, a programme was undertaken around all the schools in the city, tackling issues around school parking, getting people out of cars, walking and cycling, and road markings, and included works around Overdale School and Ash Close. The Council requested feedback if there were still issues.</li> <li>• Works were undertaken to tackle speeding on Welford Road, in particular at the junction with Chapel Lane where a lot of right turn incidents had happened. It was recognised that some people did not appreciate what had been done, but it had slowed down traffic, and allowed people to cross the road safely. A resident said the works had impacted on traffic leaving the city during rush hour, adding time to journeys, and people using side roads. The meeting was informed that data on any impact of the works on traffic times and pollution was being collected.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action Point</i> – the Chair asked that data be published to show changes in traffic volume if any, and a before and after comparison of data regarding pollution.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works had been undertaken to provide safety refuges in different parts of the ward. Officers were looking at a scheme of improved road markings to highlight the danger of the bend on Chapel Lane.</li> <li>• Hatching highlighting was considered, but might push cars further into the road. As a minimum the anti-skid and road markings would be redone.</li> <li>• A programme of temporary speed signs would be considered.</li> <li>• Shanklin Drive – drawings were being developed on where the refuges might go. It was noted that refuges would not have helped with the incident on Carisbrooke Road. If someone was injured in the incident, council officers would receive information from the police.</li> <li>• A resident stated they did not believe the pavement on Welford Road was wide enough for both pedestrians and cyclists, with no demarcation of walking and cycling lanes, and asked if there was any scope to take back some of the grass for cycling.</li> <li>• Residents stated that if vehicles could park on the pavement, it would allow traffic to flow on roads. It was noted, however, that Knighton Church Road had an issue with pavement parking. A compromise would be to allow a two wheels on / off solution, which would not be an issue on Shanklin Drive which had wider pavements.</li> <li>• Shanklin Drive was a high priority road (red) due to speeding. Humps with bolt down features were easier and cheaper to install, and could be moved if necessary. It was noted though that road humps increased pollution.</li> <li>• The Council was going through the process of introducing a bylaw for parking on zig-zag lines outside of schools. It was hoped it would be in place for the new year.</li> <li>• The Chair asked for feedback on where residents believed there were issues with speeding in Knighton. There was an opportunity to use vehicle activated temporary signs to find out the average speed on roads in the area.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action Point</i> – The Chair asked for an update to be brought to a future meeting.</p>
79.	<b>SPEED SURVEY</b>	Discussed in the previous agenda item.

	<b>2016 - UPDATE</b>	
<b>80.</b>	<b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b>	The City Warden sent apologies for the meeting. A leaflet was circulated at the meeting (attached).
<b>81.</b>	<b>KNIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM</b>	Dennis Foxon, Knighton Neighbourhood Forum, delivered an update (attached for information).  In addition the meeting was informed there would be a Christmas Walk on 28 <sup>th</sup> December, at 1.30pm, which was open to all, starting point Palmerston Way car park, Knighton Park.
<b>82.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors were pushing for speed activated cameras in Knighton (portable ones) so they could be moved round the ward. The cameras could also record speeds.</li> <li>• It was suggested an organised litter pick and clean-up operation be arranged. It was noted the Knighton Wild group organised litter picks, and College Court were prepared to act as a base for litter picking.</li> </ul>
<b>83.</b>	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>A summary of the Ward Community Budget was reported and approved amounts listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leicester Special Olympics Multi-Sport Club – Joint application – Supported with £750</li> <li>• John Jones – application for an additional refuse bin. The request was for £400. Not Supported. The Chair reported that officers had agreed to empty the bin twice a week.</li> </ul> <p>A balance of £15,178 was reported. Residents were encouraged to put in bids to Angela Martin, Community Engagement Officer.</p>
<b>84.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 7.56pm.

## CITY WARDEN SERVICE



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City Wardens

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

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

### ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

- Littering
- Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders
  - 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
  - Spitting
- Rubbish on private land

**KNIGHTON WARD**



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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 by email  
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**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.

# CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE

## **A-BOARDS**

We have received complaints regarding the A-boards being left out from the Co-op on London Road, this has been dealt with and we will continue to monitor.

## **RUBBISH ON PRIVATE LAND**

We recently received complaints in relation to a front garden on Northdene Road. There was a report of loose waste in the front garden that was causing concerns. This has been resolved as it has been cleared up.



## **NUISANCE PARKING**

We have dealt with reports of cars for sale on the public highway on Milford Road, this has been dealt with and will be monitored.

**If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001**



# Minute Item 81

## Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

Update for Knighton Ward Community meeting

21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

Since the last Ward Community Meeting in August:

- In September we held 2 working group meetings, facilitated by Planning Consultant Paul Tebbitt, to draft a response to the City Council Local Plan Consultation.
- Knighton Forum's response to the Local Plan Consultation was discussed and agreed at a public meeting in October and submitted to the City Council. Our response is available on the Forum website:  
<http://www.knightonforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Knighton-Neighbourhood-Forum-Local-Plan-Consultation-Response.pdf>
- In November the Forum's baseline Study of Knighton was presented and discussed at a public meeting. The full report can be downloaded from the Forum website:  
<https://t.co/nyyufTZNr4>
- Knighton Forum has attended a launch and workshop to find out about the Crowdfund Leicester initiative and met with Council officers to ask questions about the land offer for Kenwood Road green space. We have also met with the Council Planning service and have arranged to meet every 2 months.
- Knighton Forum has met the director of College Court and was pleased to accept an offer to hold some meetings at this venue.
- The Transport Working Group has continued to meet and has trialled a local opinion survey. The results are being analysed.
- The Open Spaces Working Group is currently arranging a telephone survey of local sports and social organisations.
- The next Knighton Forum public meeting and AGM will be held at the end of February, the date and venue will be announced when the speaker has been confirmed.
- Knighton Forum now has an email address [info@knightonforum.org.uk](mailto:info@knightonforum.org.uk), a web site <http://www.knightonforum.org.uk/>, a Twitter account @KnightonForum and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KnightonForum/>

Everyone is welcome to our Knighton Park Christmas Walk – Thursday 28th December, meet at 1.30 at the Palmeston Way Car Park – walk off some of that seasonal excess – suitable for all ages, children and dogs welcomed.