

## EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2018

Held at: St Paul Polish Parish Centre, Wakerley Road, Leicester, LE5 4WD

### ACTION LOG

Present:  
Councillor Govind (Chair)  
Councillor Bajaj

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
67.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES &amp; DECLARATIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Bajaj, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Hunter and Nicole Powell (City Warden).</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
68.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 20 July 2017 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.</p>
69.	<b>WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK</b>	<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><b>Councillor Bajaj:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was noted that Evington Leisure Centre had secured finance for investment in the building and equipment, one of the features included a new dance studio.</li><li>• Councillor Bajaj had been dealing with casework such as housing, planning and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) issues.</li></ul> <p><b>Councillor Govind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents were reminded that they could attend the patch walks which usually take place for the Evington Ward during either October or November.</li><li>• Residents were encouraged to provide contact details for updates on Ward Meetings and patch walks.</li><li>• Attendees were informed that the 54 bus route had been re-instated on Gamel Road.</li></ul>
70.	<b>PATCH WALK</b>	<p>Councillor Govind provided an update on the recent patch walk which took place in the Evington ward on</p>

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71.	<p><b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b></p>	<p>PC Simon Thompson gave an update on the activity the Police had been involved in, in the Evington Ward. The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regards to the previous minutes, it was noted that the street drinkers on Uppingham Road and Green Lane Road had reduced.</li> <li>• Beggars outside the Tesco Metro Ethel Road had also decreased, it was noted there was now one regular. However, Tesco Metro staff had raised no complaints regarding the beggar who was regularly present outside the shop. Police action would not be taken unless residents had concerns and contacted the Police.</li> <li>• It was noted that there was an increase of burglaries, 40+ in the past three months. A</li> </ul>										

		<p>police operation was now in place to address this issue and had since seen a decrease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Falmouth Road issues – the street lighting was reported as not good, ASB, loud music, alleged drug smoking. PC Thompson noted that if funding for CCTV was available this could assist in the matter. Councillor Govind noted that Leicester East Wards via the ward community funds were proposing to contribute funds for Police CCTV working closely with partnership agencies.</li> <li>• Spencefield Lane concerns – parking, parents blocking driveways and leaving cars.</li> <li>• Residents were encouraged to visit the Police.uk website for further information on crime in the area and to also call 101 with any issues.</li> <li>• Sergeant Jo Harland was also present at the meeting and provided updates regarding her team and how residents could become neighbourhood watch co-ordinators. If anyone was interested they were advised to contact the Police or email Ward Councillors.</li> </ul>
72.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</b>	<p>Mark Govan - Temporary Engineer for Planning, Development &amp; Transportation presented the following information:</p> <p><b><u>Highways Matters:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitehall Road 20mph scheme - The scheme was partly completed during half term, including a raised zebra crossing. There were problems with the speed cushion supplier and would now be possibly installed in summer 2018.</li> <li>• Downing Drive 20mph scheme - 3 objections received, report being prepared, dependent on resolution of objections, possible construction in Summer 2018.</li> <li>• Evington Village 20mph scheme – 1 objection received, report being prepared, dependent on resolution of objection, possible construction in Summer 2018.</li> <li>• Davenport Road 20mph scheme – In programme for 2018/19, zone and possible speed cushions on Davenport Road.</li> </ul>

- Spencefield Lane – Pedestrian refuge proposals due for construction in the summer 2018 holidays.
- Coleman Road Service Road – Various proposals were being considered in this area, including residents parking on the service road and various restrictions and the introduction of Pay & Display machines on Coleman Road near the hospital.
- Consultation about residents' parking on the Coleman Rd/ Service Rd was in place and letters were sent out on 13.2.18, to 252 – 326, Coleman Rd. The consultation would finish on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- Coleman Road o/s hospital – Various proposals were being considered in this area, including statutory consultation to start shortly on introducing new waiting restrictions on Coleman Rd (including pay and display restrictions outside the hospital on Coleman Road), Coleman Close (10m both sides at its junction with Coleman Rd) and Davenport Rd (additional 6 metres at its junction with Spencefield Lane).
- Bollards and Railings – Several bollards and railings had been installed in the ward, with a few more to be carried out.

**Residents' concerns:**

- Some residents had concerns that the Council would be proceeding with the installation of speed cushions and the 20mph programme in the ward.
- Some residents felt that the wrong decision had been made on the Whitehall Road scheme. Councillor Govind noted that the correct processes were followed and consultation carried out before the works took place.
- During the congestion in the morning rush hour on Goodwood Road, vehicles were reported to be using Greenacre Drive as a cut through. Residents requested solutions – Mark would

look into this.

- The CCTV enforcement car was queried – Mark advised that all signs, line and Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) needed to be in place before the markings could be enforced. This was a long process across all schools in Leicester City.
- Two residents residing on Goodwood Road/ Greenacre Drive had an issue with the fence/ railings which had been installed near the property (prevent rat runs). Mark Govan noted the residents address and would visit the site.
- Clovelly Road – was noted as a one way turning right out of the Tesco Metro car park. However, it was reported that some drivers were turning left and going the wrong way. It was requested that improved signage and/ or the installation of railings alongside double yellow lines to prevent parking. Mark agreed to visit the site and Councillor Govind requested the resident to email him.
- The speed sign on Ethel Road was reported to be not working. Mark noted that this would be looked at in the environmental works programme.

**School parking concerns:**

- Spencefield Lane – concerns regarding parents parking on verges and in front of driveways.
- Whitehall Primary School staff were reported to be using Angela Drive and Susan Drive for parking.
- Councillor Bajaj encouraged the benefits of a walking bus.
- Mark informed the meeting of the works which Police and enforcement officers had been carrying out at some schools. The Spencefield Lane resident would provide Mark with her contact details after the meeting, to be passed onto the relevant Officer.
- Residents queried whether the large empty site

		on Spencefield Road was suitable for potential parking use.
73.	<b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b>	<p>Punum Patel – Ward Community Engagement Officer read the update provided by the City Warden which highlighted activities and enforcement that had been taking place in the ward.</p> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b> Susan Avenue and Judith Drive - During the month of January, a large vehicle was reported to be blocking pedestrian access and causing obstruction being parked on double yellow lines. Mark Govan would inform the parking team.</p>
74.	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>Andy East – Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader presented the information attached at the end of this action log regarding 2017-18 works within the environmental budget and grounds maintenance budget. Residents were also informed of planned works for 2018-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy noted that the Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office would be closing on Friday 6 July 2018.</li> <li>• The Housing front line desk would be located at St Barnabas library and would be open from April after the closure of Humberstone Neighbourhood Housing Office.</li> </ul>
75.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>Punum Patel (WCEO) gave the following update on the Ward Community Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that 13 applications had been received – 2 had been supported, 4 had not been supported and 7 were still to be decided.</li> <li>• Further information on the online application process was provided and residents were advised to call the Ward Community Engagement Team contact number on 0116 454 1940 if they had further queries.</li> </ul>
76.	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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## 2018-02-22 Evington Ward Meeting - Housing Update

2017-18

### Environmental Budget:

#### **Gumbrill House:**

Install electrics to outhouse for storage of mobility scooters

#### **Waterfield Close**

knee rail fencing (raised by residents)

#### **Ethel Road flats**

New tree (block 72-90): Maple - Acer Campere Elsrijk

#### **Gisbourne Court:**

To replace the tree we removed close by the flats:

A black birch placed alongside the existing birches towards the roadside

#### **Rowlatts Hill Road:**

Brick up internal bin store door on remaining blocks (13-23, 25-31, 33-39, 41-51)

#### **Illingworth Close (blocks 65-71, 25-31,53-63,)**

Paint staircases

### **Hextall Road Bungalows (72-94)**

Bungalow Lighting - rear PIR lights to improve security

By appointment – to be completed by end of March

### **Harrowden, Iffley, Sandford Courts**

Creation of new bin areas addressing FRA issues.

Work has commenced.

### **Gisbourne Court**

Floor matting in communal entrances. Addressing Zero Tolerance Policy issues and slippy floor – completed blocks 19-30; 31-34; 39-42

### **Grounds Maintenance**

Removal of shrubs and turfing along footpaths to open them up and make routes through the estate safer.

Now completed:

#### **Rowlatts Hill Road:**

Opposite road to Wicklow Drive;

Along the path from 105-111 Rowlatts Hill Road through to shops at the corner of Wicklow Drive and Ambassador Road.

#### **Champion Close:**

Path alongside 56-60 Champion Close leading to Birkenshaw Walk.



## **2018-19 Environmental Budget**

### **Gisbourne Court.Flooring**

Matting at entrances to tackle wet floors; addresses issues raised from Zero Tolerance Policy in relation to no door mats in communal areas.

Continuation of scheme started in 3 blocks in 2017-18

### **Harrowden /Iffley Court**

Brick up old bin stores, once new bin stores are completed in courtyards. Following FRAs.

### **Radstone Walk.**

Fencing to tackle ASB issue to side and rear of Radstone Walk shops. Raised by TARA.

### **Illingworth Close**

Brick up internal bin store doors. As completed on Rowlands Hill Road last year. Increases security and fire safety. The doors would have had to be replaced with fire doors.

