

WESTCOTES COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2024

Held at: Westcotes Library, 38-40 Narborough Road, Leicester, LE3 0BQ

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Clarke
Councillor Russell

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	AGENDA	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.
2.	ACTION LOG	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

Minute Item 2

ACTION LOG

WARD: Westcotes Ward Community Meeting:

DATE: 11th December 2024

TIME: 6:30pm

VENUE: Westcotes Library, Narborough Road, Leicester



Present

Cllr Adam Clarke
Cllr Sarah Russell
Leicestershire Police – Insp. Ryan Ludlow
Leicestershire Police – Sgt Jonathan Williams
WCEO – Angela Martin

Apologies

City Warden – Nekeisha Catnott

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair, Cllr Russell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Informal Agreed - <u>The meeting would be an informal approach.</u>No declarations were noted.No Actions from previous meeting.	
2.	Councillors Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on ward developments – CouncillorsBradgate house – Previously a care home, empty for numerous years, planning permission obtained to convert into apartments, work started on development, currently in progress.Paving completed on Narborough Road.Western Road to be repaired.Bede Park – Reports of BBQ units to be removed and turfed.Lights to added.CCTV to corner garage / Salvation Army.Alley-gates to front and back completed to Ashleigh Gardens.Fly-Tipping issues ongoing concern.	
3.	Local Policing update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion with Local Police Team –Pro-active policing team – addressing some spikes in crime; car break-ins.Police Prevention – Linkway Gardens Merry Monarch, pavement parking.Reports of gas cannisters around shops.Multiple garages – Advice provided on how to identify the garage numbers to Linkway Gardens / Westcotes Lodge.	

4.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the City Warden – See Appendix A 	

5.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update. ▪ Ward Funding April 2024 – March 2025 - £18000.00 ▪ Number of applications supported to date: 6. ▪ Balance remaining: £13,510. 	

6.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No AOB. 	

The meeting closed at: 8pm.

Appendix A.

Westcotes ward update 10/12/2024.

Fly-tipping -

Fly tips are being investigated in the ward on a regular basis. There has been a decrease in the amount of fly tips that have been found. A substantial amount of fly tips that are being investigated are consisting of bulky items which include sofas, fridges, mattresses, and other household items that could've been booked in via the free bulky waste service, all information regarding this service can be found via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets.

Evidence has been found in numerous fly tips in the ward, investigations have been carried out and residents whose evidence was found in the fly tip have been invited for an interview as well as interview by post, these people have been prosecuted. (they have been issued with a fly tipping fixed Penalty Notice as well as a clean-up cost). At present there is ongoing PACE interview in person or by post.

If residents do witness fly tipping, this can be reported to us along with any other issues via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets or via Love Leicester.

Bins on streets –

I am aware that residential bins on streets is still an on-going issue in the ward. Planned project was meant to be implemented later in the year to tackle the number of bins on the street, however, this has been moved to the new year and will continue throughout the year.

Commercial bins on streets are still an on-going issue but improvements have been made in some areas. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued where necessary as well as S47 notices issued to businesses detailing what needs to be done regarding their waste and bins.

Alleyways -

Alleyways are private land and are not the responsibility of Leicester City Council to clear or maintain, they are the responsibility of all residents who have access to the alleyways to clear and maintain them as well as any landlords and any managing agents.

Signage has been put up on the alley gates to remind residents of this. If there is missing signage, they can inform the City Warden service or report this directly to the handy person service via handypersonsservice@leicester.gov.uk Enquiries can also be made regarding any other issues relating to the alley gates.

Selective Licensing can now investigate alleyways where this property/ies are rented. City Wardens and Selective Licensing have been working together to try and tackle blocked alleyways that we are aware of.

At present I am investigating 2 blocked alleyways.

Untidy gardens –

Complaints are being received for untidy gardens; notices have been issued, where there is noncompliance further enforcement action will and have been taken.

Dog Fouling –

Small amount of complaint surrounding this issue, area where this is an issue, dog fouling signs have been put up.

Flyposting –

Not many in Westcotes but the few that came up have been taken down mainly at the junctions and fines issued.

DOC –

Duty of care checks are being carried out on businesses in the ward to ensure that businesses are disposing of their waste legally. Notices have been issued to business most of which were compliant. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to several businesses who have not provided documentation to show where their waste is going.

Community Protection Warning Notices –

Over 90 Community Protection Warning notices have issued between January and November to clear or remove waste from the public highway, back/front garden, and some shared access land. Very high compliance rate, where there is non-compliance further enforcement action is taken and can result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued and court action may be initiated.

CCTV –

CCTV camera has now been put up on Walton Street, this was paid for by the ward Cllrs from the ward funds and it is now in full operation. Live feed will be monitor by the Enviro Crime Team who will be doing investigation of any fly tips. This camera will move around the ward where necessary. We will also be asking the Enviro Crime Team if they are able to locate their CCTV van on the streets where we have continuous fly tips, mainly Saxon and Celt Street, with the hope of intercepting persons who continuously fly tip on these Streets.