

## Westcotes Community Action Log As at 26 September 2012

### Meeting held Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at 7.00 pm

Councillors attending –  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Russell (Chair)

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20/12	Introductions	Cllr Russell explained that Westcotes ward was part of pilot review of Community Meetings and drew attention to the new code of conduct.  No interests were declared	Not applicable	Not applicable	None	Item closed
21/12	Apologies for Absence	Ann Murphy from the Westcotes Street Pastors	Not applicable	Not applicable	None	Item closed
22/12	Minutes of Previous Meetings	Agreed as a correct record.	Not applicable	Not applicable	None	Item closed

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		<p>Items requested at the Special Meeting held on 22 August to be reported to the next meeting by Mike Richardson (Acting Head of Planning) and Adrian Edge (Play &amp; Youth Development Officer)</p> <p>All to note that Ward Members had asked West End Community Centre staff to display its opening hours outside the building</p> <p>Noticeboard keys to be given to Councillor Russell by Housing officers</p>	<p>27 November 2012</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>			
23/12	"Hot Lofts" Home Energy Programme	Owner-occupiers, or those in receipt of benefits, in residence at the property concerned encouraged to apply to the City Council's Home Energy Service for funding towards the cost of cavity wall and loft insulation, as this runs out in December 2012.	December 2012			

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		Residents to be encouraged to apply for loans for solid wall insulation under the new Green Deal, expected to be available from April 2013.	Spring 2013			
		Officers from Home Energy services to come to a meeting once the Green Deal is running to explain its operation.	Spring / Summer 2013			
24/12	"Near Neighbours" Project	Small community groups and individuals encouraged to apply for funding from £250 - £3,000 for projects designed to encourage first interactions as part of the work to create vibrant neighbourhoods through interaction and engagement.	Ongoing			
		Groups or individuals interested in the work of the Near Neighbours project welcome to meet with Karter Singh Bring to discuss the project further.	Ongoing			

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25/12	Leicester Fit 4 Business	<p>All to note that employers to be invited to encourage employees to suggest ways in which they travel more sustainability and to apply for grants of up to £5,000 for these schemes.</p> <p>Residents encouraged to attend the free cycle training offered by the Council and in particular the free family cycle training to take place at the Manor House during the school half term holiday.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>			
26/12	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre	<p>Residents encouraged to use the Centre, either taking one of the membership or on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, it being noted that 2-week taster sessions are available free of charge.</p> <p>All to note that the only times the gym is not open to the public is at times of peak use by students (3.00 – 8.00 pm).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			

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		<p>Children encouraged to participate in the swimming lessons starting at the Centre on 4 October 2012.</p> <p>Any schools wishing to use the facilities are encouraged to contact the Centre.</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			
27/12	Planning and Development Matters	<p>As the hostel at 20 Westcotes Drive has been unsuccessful in its appeal to stay open, ward residents to note that the Council could consider enforcement action to force its closure if necessary.</p> <p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An application for development of the former print shop on Harrow Road had been refused, but a new application, to create accommodation for single people, has been made;</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal planning application has been received yet for the redevelopment of the former Kenning's site;</li> <li>• A developer is negotiating with the Council to demolish the arches on Bede Street. If this is agreed, the Council will be responsible for relocating the remaining business; and</li> <li>• An application was approved approximately six months ago for the Total petrol station on Narborough Road to be replaced with a Sainsbury's store.</li> </ul> <p>Residents to note that there is a requirement for planning applications to be advertised on lamp posts, but the number of households contacted for each application is at the discretion of</p>	Ongoing			

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		<p>individual planning officers.</p> <p>Ward Councillors to find out if the planning permission for the Code building development contains a condition relating to the times during which building work can take place.</p> <p>The City Warden to monitor the Jamie Lewis development on Western Road to ensure that mud from the development is being cleared off the road.</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			
28(a) / 12	City Warden Service – Jamie Stubbs	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately 20 alley gates had been installed and the keys handed out to residents;</li> <li>Students at university Freshers Weeks will be encouraged not to leave bins on streets;</li> <li>Over the next few weeks, students from Leicester</li> </ul>	Ongoing			

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		<p>Learning College will be doing litter picks;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a spate of bin fires in the Ward, the front yards of approximately 200 properties have been cleared of debris, especially that left near gas boxes; and</li> <li>Landlords are not eligible to use the free bulky waste collection service, so are encouraged to make sure their tenants are aware of it.</li> </ul> <p>Residents invited to pass suggested locations for litter picks to Jamie Stubbs, City Warden.</p>	As soon as possible			
28(b) / 12	City Warden Service – Richard Sutton	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Sutton is the new warden for parks, especially Bede Park;</li> <li>A volunteer group of De</li> </ul>	Ongoing			



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		<p>Montfort University students is being established to help clear rubbish from Bede Park;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are being addressed during Freshers Week to encourage them to respect the environment;</li> <li>• The nursery by Bede Park will assist in planting bulbs to brighten up the Park;</li> <li>• Work is underway to identify what can be done with voluntary groups to enhance the Park; and</li> <li>• Work to improve access to the Park is being planned in liaison with conservation officers and parks officers.</li> </ul>				
29/12	Police Issues Update	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglaries have increased, which is a concern, as this number may rise further</li> </ul>	Ongoing			

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		<p>when students return;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglaries at premises other than dwellings and robberies have reduced, as has anti-social behaviour in the ward;</li> <li>• Theft from motor vehicles has increased significantly over the last weekend, due to a spate of thefts in the Freemans Meadows area;</li> <li>• De Montfort University has introduced a policy of “one strike and you’re out” for anti-social behaviour; and</li> <li>• The neighbourhood policing team has become the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Beacon Officers are the face of the beat team and PCSOs work for them. Response officers use police cars to respond to incidents.</li> </ul> <p>Residents encouraged to call</p>	Ongoing			

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		<p>the Police when disturbed by noise, (whether from parties or activities such as street drinking), so that the Police are aware of problems in the area. However, residents to be aware that officers may not be available to attend incidents.</p> <p>Residents to note that the Police can issue 24 hour dispersal orders to groups causing problems.</p> <p>Ward Members to look in to whether street drinking in the ward can be controlled in the same way as the City Centre, so that people other than the Police can move on street drinkers.</p> <p>Residents invited to let Ward Members know of situations when people drinking in the street have caused problems.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			

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		<p>Residents encouraged to report incidents at the time they are happening, rather than leave it until later, so that the process for dealing with them can be started as soon as possible.</p> <p>Police requested to provide at the next meeting a breakdown showing the proportion of anti-social behaviour in the Ward relating to Bede Park.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>27 November 2012</p>			
30/12	Ward Community Budget 2012/13	<p>Ward Councillors to co-ordinate a grant application in liaison with the Near Neighbours Project to make contact with people who move in to the Ward.</p> <p>Richard Sutton to bring details of plans to regenerate the end of Bede Park by Western Avenue to the next meeting.</p> <p>Ward Members to obtain costings for key-operated</p>	<p>15 November 2012</p> <p>27 November 2012</p> <p>27 November</p>			

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		barriers that will enable residents living by Bede Park to access their properties, but stop others parking outside them.  Residents and groups encouraged to apply for grants from the Ward Community Budget.	2012  Ongoing			
31(a) / 12	Any Other Business – Improving Windows for Noise Control	Officers to be invited to a future meeting to discuss measures available for noise control, for example whether this can be achieved by improving windows.	To be decided			
31(b) / 12	Any Other Business – Length of Parking Bays	Ward Members to investigate whether the length and / or number of parking bays have been reduced.	27 November 2012			