

ACTION LOG
Fosse Ward Community Meeting:
Wednesday 10th July 2024
6pm



Present

Cllr Zaman (Chair)
 Cllr Waddington
 PC Joel Tarpin
 30 members of public
 WCEO Anita Clarke

Apologies

None

Item	Action to note	Who
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1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. ▪ No declarations were noted 	

2.	Councillors Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Councillors Including: ▪ Upgrade of equipment for under 5's on Vernon St pocket park, and land nearby being sold to accommodate up to 2 semi-detached houses. ▪ Proposed improvements to rally park, walkways and tracks, plus better lighting. ▪ Small improvements to be made to Tudor close and Comet close. ▪ ST Clements court, 4 flats being built without planning permission, been told to take down. ▪ Fosse NC trying to increase usage. ▪ TB on the rise in the city 	

3.	Local Policing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Local Police 	

4.	Highways update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Highways – Appendix 1 	

5.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the City Warden – Appendix 2 	

6.	Fosse Neighbourhood centre update - Appendix 3	
	<p>.7. Playground update - Presentation was given by manager stating currently Funding from LCC is withdrawn from 31/3/2025. However, setting will close in September to enable staff to receive redundancy monies. Staff will come back all holidays to provide something for all</p>	

children, fund raising will be put in place for this ,but as it stands right now the service will finish in March 2025	
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8	Ward Community Budget	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update: Opening balance: £18,275.00 Number of applications supported:2, three pending. Balance remaining: £17,559.00.		

Meeting ended 19:45

Appendix 1 – Highways Update

TCF A50 Project Update for Fosse Ward Community Meeting – 13.06.24.

Thomas Bow completed their instructed works on Saturday 4th May 2024 and have now left site. All traffic management has been removed and roads reopened. A Stage 3 Safety Audit for the whole project has been commissioned.

The below info gives an update on each phase of the project:

Phase 1 – Buckminster Road

Some further works are required to consider amending the double yellow lines on the main road outside the post office to limited parking to assist with parking issues in the area.

Thomas Bow will also be returning to fit reflective bands to the bollards and a tapping rail to the cycle stands.

Phase 2 – Stephenson Drive

Concerns have been raised about long delays on Fosse Road North at the Stephenson Drive junction. Observations have shown these are intermittent and at varying times but not constant. ATC are monitoring the signals at the junction to ensure they are working at their optimum.

Phase 3 – Fosse Road North

Further works were carried out at the end of April to install additional drainage gullies which should prevent a reoccurrence of the flooding seen in early January.

Keep Clear markings have been installed at the junction with Bonchurch Street and Central Road. We're in liaison with the contractors working at the Brook Mead school site to ensure their vehicle tyres are cleaned before they leave the site.

Phase 4 – Groby Road, Blackbird Road, FiveWays junction

Officers are continuing to monitor the passage of traffic through the junction, particularly from Blackbird Road to Fosse Road North and from Fosse Road North to Woodgate. Whist road markings are clear, some sections may need additional markings, this can include yellow box markings.

We have heard of reports of people saying that there are accidents. Prior to redesign, this junction had had one of the worst accident rates in the city and in the 3 years before the reconstruction (2020 to 2022), 9 people were injured in accidents. To have certainty about safety improvement data needs to be looked at over time from Police records and we are expecting the new junction to show a significant improvement.

Temporary direction and lane signage has been installed to assist drivers.

The team are still to consider whether a loading bay can be fitted in on the service road as requested by the 'Precious' restaurant.

Phase 5 – Woodgate to Great Central Street

This route is declassified and no longer the A50.

Aldi have been contacted to learn more about any issues they are experiencing with rat-running through their car park.

The mural consultation ended on 26th May and Graffwerk have been informed of the final design which will be installed soon.

Phase 6 – Abbey Gate

This will be constructed by City Highways with utility works being carried out in August in advance of the main works starting in September, it is anticipated works will take 3 months.

The work will involve the installation of a cycle lane on the eastern footway as well as footway and carriageway resurfacing.

Current work includes completing the Stage 2 Road Safety Audit and undertaking a consultation on the removal of some of the trees.

It is hoped the work can be carried out under a lane closure.

Appendix 2 – City Warden update

Fosse ward update 13/06/2024

Fly-tipping

Fly tips are being investigated in the ward on a regular basis. 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 a large fly tip in an alleyway in the ward, investigations are being carried out.

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. There are plans to start a project in the ward in the next couple of months. 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.

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, please let the City Warden service know or report 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.

Untidy gardens

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

Please report any concerns regarding untidy gardens to us via love Leicester or alternatively via www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets.

Community protection warning notices

Several community protection warning notices have been issued to residents for leaving waste/bulky items outside of their properties, very high compliance rate, where there is noncompliance further enforcement action is taken and can result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued and court action may be initiated.

Commercial businesses

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

Patch walk

If residents would like to arrange a patch walk with myself and the councillors around the ward to highlight any issues, please let me and the councillors know, and this is something that can be arranged.

Appendix 3 – Fosse Neighbourhood centre update

Fosse Neighbourhood Centre Update July 2024

An update on progress with development of Fosse Neighbourhood Centre was requested following attendance by Lee Warner at Fosse Ward Meeting on 28th February.

Asset Development Review

We are still awaiting the Asset Development Review (ADR) which the Estates & Building Services team have commissioned for the building. Further information has been requested to ensure the report includes consideration of the widest possible range of options for the centre and covers all suggestions by ward Councillors.

Community Services & Library Needs Assessment

The Community Services & Library Needs Assessment work is being undertaken for Neighbourhood Services as a whole, to include all of our facilities. The Needs Assessment is not as yet complete and will be shared with all Councillors and with the public once the work is complete.

Development programme for Fosse Neighbourhood Centre

Availability of community rooms for hire

As part of an agreed programme of development for the Neighbourhood Centre, the second of the two ground floor community meeting rooms (off of the library) has now been cleared, deep cleaned and reopened for bookings.

Notice boards have been installed in the newly available meeting rooms, and throughout the building.

Two additional rooms on the first floor are also now available for booking with a total of 4 additional community rooms brought back into use since initial discussions with ward councillors. The centre has excellent availability with the following community rooms available for hire:

Ground Floor

- Room 1 (access from public library space)
- Room 2 (access from public library space)
- Room 3 (at rear of public library)

First Floor

- Main Hall
- Room 4 (carpeted multi-function room)
- Room 5 (carpeted multi-function room)
- Room 6 (meeting room)

Promotion of Fosse Neighbourhood Centre

Fosse Centre is routinely promoted in the Western Park Gazette, which is distributed to homes in Fosse, Western Park and Westcotes.

Centre activities are promoted through our social media channels (X and Facebook) and through the monthly Book News e-letter.

The Fosse Centre timetable of regular groups and activities is displayed at the entrance to the building and in the library.

An electronic display screen has been installed to promote local activities (see below).

Library area

Newspapers

Availability of newspapers to be prominently promoted. The newspaper rack has been mounted in the study area and notices are displayed to promote the newspapers.

Display programme

A rolling programme of promotional book and information displays has been set up. Recent displays have included themes around International Women's Day, Stephen Lawrence Day and currently the children's Summer Reading Scheme.

Study Zone

- New "Bring Your Own Device" study desks are currently being installed in the library to accommodate self-study and device charging. The desks have been cabled to provide USB and standard socket charging for all types of devices. Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi printing are available for customers using their own devices.
- The Study Zones are funded through a successful bid to Arts Council England, Libraries Improvement Fund.

Electronic Information Screen

- An electronic display screen has been installed in the library to provide information about the library and the centre including activities and events taking place there. The screens are centrally controlled and can be updated remotely. These are also funded through the Arts Council England Libraries Improvement Fund.

Library Events Programme

The events programme has been ongoing at Fosse Library, promoted locally and through city wide channels. Additional weekly children's craft activities have been arranged at Fosse Centre for the summer holiday period. Events include:

- Chinese New Year crafting event February 2024
- Half term arts and crafts Feb, May & October 2024
- Mother's Day events March 2024
- Easter holiday events March/April 2024
- Summer Reading Challenge Fun Days (July – August)
- Fosse Special Activity for Children: Arts and Crafts Wednesdays, 17th July – 21st August.
- Lego Coding Workshop, 24th July
- Libraries Week – adult taster sessions (7-13 October)

Car Parking

Following complaints from centre users and residents work was undertaken in 2022 to secure the rear car park to prevent the dumping of vehicles there. The work was required to clear up environmental issues caused by oil and petrol spillages and to provide clear access to the building for maintenance works and partners including the Alice Hawkins community foodbank which is based in the rear annex.

Collapsible barriers were installed to provide access for centre users – in particular the community foodbank. However, the foodbank has identified one of the barriers is not fit for purpose as it does not retract sufficiently and may cause damage to the underside of vehicles passing over it. Following the last community meeting work has been costed up to replace the barrier for the benefit of centre users and partners and an instruction will be passed to the estates team to install this over the next period.

With regard to a use of the car park for non-centre car parking, the Highways team have been contacted, and also Sports Services who charge for parking at Saffron Lane stadium. The feedback received indicates that an automated barrier system would be required to operate a paid for car park at the centre. There would be a significant cost to install such a system, including laying of electrical cables and procurement of automated car parking barrier system. In addition, highways have indicated costs with relining and resurfacing the centre car park. This was not cost effective for Sports Services who instead operate a staffed ticketing system during match days only which would not be feasible for 24/7 access required by residents.

Saffron lane stadium – mobile chip and PIN device member of staff with chip and pin. Two members of staff – taking payments and directing traffic. For the Leicester games make £1,000

- New activity planned for centre:
 - Latvian women and children's Saturday group restarted in the ground floor room 3
 - Polish Lego robotics group to start in April Saturdays