Wycliffe Community Meeting

Action Log

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Present

Cllr Mohammed Dawood Cllr Hanif Aqbany Randeep Singh Mattu (WCEO) Police Barbara Whitcombe – City Warden

Apologies

Item	Actions to note	Who
1.	Ward Councillors Feedback	
 Meeting noted the update from Cllrs. 		

2.	Local Policing Update	
	Meeting noted the update from the Police. Hartington Road, Chatsworth Street ASB ongoing.	Police

3. Highways Update

 Meeting noted the update from Highways (see Appendix A). Condition of Vulcan Road Resurfacing. Junction of Berners Street and Melbourne Road the barrier is damaged. Florence Road Lights outside pharmacy, street light bulbs need replacing. Between Grove Road & St Saviours Road the alleyway, residents have requested to have a light installed there as it is used frequently. 	
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4. Housing Updates

•	Meeting noted the	update from	Housing (see Appendix B).
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5.	City Warden Update	
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6.	Ward Community Budget	
• C • V	leeting Noted Ward funding update. Opening Balance £18,000 Vard Funding Application Received 40 Closing Balance £3,722	

Appendix A – Highways Update

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 6 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway 76 orders
- Footway 140 orders

This year we have installed bollards and railings as per the table below. The main work is outside the shops at the junction with Wharf Street North. Melbourne Street was a couple on a speed table closing the gaps between the existing ones to stop pavement parking.

Location	Installation
St Matthews Way	Railings 14; Bollards 1
Melbourne Street	Bollards 2
St Matthews Way	Bollards 1
Wharf Street North	Bollards 2
Florence Road	Removal of arch

We have also removed an arch on Florence Road. When that is done, we will have spent £12k in the ward from a total £40k Local Environmental Works budget.

This summer we delivered highway resurfacing schemes on:

- Kent Street
- Frederick Road

The program for 2025/26 is still being developed.

School Streets

Our Parking Enforcement team continues to visit schools in the ward, at drop off and pick up times to enforce parking restrictions. Latest visits are:

•	Taylor Primary	06/09/2024 + 18/11/2024
•	Charnwood Primary	09/09/2024 +10/12/2024
٠	Moat Community College	11/10/2024 + 27/01/2025
•	Uplands Junior	21/11/2024 + Mar 2025

Uplands Junior
 Highfields Primary
 21/11/2024 + Mar 2025
 23/09/2024 + 07/01/2025

Other schemes

We have listened to Cllrs and residents and are working on pavement parking scheme on Melbourne Road. We have completed a site visit with and are now working on detailed plans. We will share these when drafted.

We have rolled out rounds of FREE 'Learn To Ride' sessions & Women's Confidence Sessions in St Matthews Multi-Use Games Area over the last 6 months. More planned from March 2025 onwards. Funded from local businesses social inclusion network, including St Matthews Big Local, Leicester Riders, DMU, UoL, Samworths, Cricket Club & Brompton UK. FREE 3-month cycle loans are available. Email cycle-city@leicester.gov.uk

City-wide we have FREE 1-month eCycle loans available too. Email <u>eCycles@leicester.gov.uk</u> for info.

<u> Appendix B – Housing</u>

St Matthews - issues with illegal dumping on the estate

There are currently issues on the St Matthews Estate with illegal dumping. We are working closely with the City Wardens to crack down on this. We have seen a surge in people are dumping household items over the estate such as mattress,' beds, sofas, flooring, and other household items. This is not acceptable, and we have very limited resources to clear these items. People are also dumping non-recyclable waste next to the recycling bins in large quantities, which is also classed as illegal dumping.

Where evidence if found, the City Wardens are calling people into interviews under caution and if found guilty, they are being charged a £400 fine plus clear up charges.

Double Yellow Lines

We are now proposing additional double yellow lines in front of the dropped kerbs on St Matthews. That consultation process is being undertaken by the Highways department.

This is necessary to allow for all the large bins in the bin stores in each block on St Matthews to be emptied twice a week.

Currently we get a number of bin rooms blocked by badly parked cars every week. When they are blocked the bins cannot be emptied and it can lead to fire safety issues when the bin chutes get blocked up. It can also lead to issues such as rats and mice.

We have increased the number of parking bays and restricted them just for resident's use. Adding the yellow lines will tackle badly parked vehicles and increase safety for residents.

City Highways are progressing this project which should soon go to Public Consultation.

Improving Re-cycling on St Peters

We plan to work with the Waste Management Team to educate tenants on how to recycle correctly and to ensure that non-recyclable items are disposed of correctly. This will also alleviate pest issues on the estate as there are currently food items being dumped in bags next to the bins.

St Peters Residents Parking Scheme

The scheme was successfully introduced in July 2024. It only applies to those parking spaces owned by the Housing Department, not any parking spaces on the Highway itself, over which we do not have any powers.

All vehicles parked in our parking bays now require a valid permit, issued by GB Parking: https://gbparking.uk/contact.php

Where there are disabled parking spaces, vehicles are also required to display a permit, to ensure the space is being used by a resident.

No caravans, trailers etc are permitted in the parking bays.

There is a £10 annual charge for each permit. This provides excellent value at less than 20 pence per week.

There is just the one permit applicable across the estate, allowing the vehicle to be parked in any of the spaces across the estate included in the scheme. A maximum of 2 permits per household are permitted.

The permits apply to 270 parking spaces for use by residents, with an additional 329 spaces available to all on the highway.

So far approximately 480 permits have been issued to residents.

We have also issued Carers Permits for those with carers visiting.

Together with Cllr Aqbany and the St Peters Tenants and Residents Association we have reviewed the criteria for Carers Permits to ensure applicants provide evidence the resident is receiving care. Our aim is to be fair but also ensure permits do not get abused. In future a Carers Permit will only be issued if one of the following criteria are met:

1) Applicant receives a Care Package via adult Social Care – This will be verified by LCC

2) The carers are officially recorded with Adult Social Care – This will be verified by LCC

3) The nominated carer is in receipt of Carers Allowance – Evidence must be provided (e.g. the award letter)

4) The resident is in receipt of a Personal Independent Payment (PIP) Daily Living at Standard or Enhanced rate – Evidence must be provided (e.g. the award letter)

5) The resident is in receipt of Attendance Allowance, Standard or Enhanced – Evidence must be provided (e.g. the award letter)

More parking bays on Vostock Close

Plans are progressing to demolish 10 more garages on Vostock Close to create even more residents only parking spaces. Most of the 10 garages have now been vacated and licensees relocated.

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We are now proposing additional double yellow lines in front of the dropped kerbs on St Peters. That consultation process is being undertaken by the Highways department.

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Appendix C – City Warden

Community protection warning notices

Several community protections warning notices have been issued to residents for leaving waste/bulky items outside of their properties. These have a very high compliance rate, where there is non-compliance further enforcement action is taken and can result in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.

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, as this is something that can be arranged.