

CHARNWOOD WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014

The Spinney, 119 Frisby Road, Leicester, LE5 0DQ

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Osman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the management of the venue for making it available for the community meeting. The management had offered a tour of the new facilities to everyone after the meeting.
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	An apology for absence was received from Chrissie Field, Housing Area Team Manager, Leicester City Council.
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed. Councillor Osman declared an Other Disclosable Interest in relation to the community ward grant application from the Saracen Archery Society as his son benefited from their activities. Councillor Osman indicated that he would not take part in the discussion on the application.
4.	ACTION LOG	Agreed and Noted.
5.	FOOD PARK UPDATE	<p>Noted that an update would be provided at the next meeting as the Head of Economic Regeneration was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Osman would write to the Chief Operating Officer to request that someone attended next time to provide an update particularly in relation to the tender to supply the food park, the number of job to be created and details of any grants/awards that may be available to local businessmen.</p>
6.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>A representative of the Council's Highways Team was unable to be present at the meeting but had sent an update on outstanding issues. It was noted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No works orders had been issued for pot-hole repairs for the Cottesmore Road area. Pot holes in Duxbury Road were repaired in January 2014.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurlby Road, Woodland Road and Oakley Road had recently had minor patching schemes. • Duxbury Road had a patching scheme some years ago and the areas between the patches had come away and were currently on a Scheme Suggestion List. • There was no planned implementation for traffic improvements to Green Lane Road/Mere Road or the relocation of the bus shelter on Uppingham Road. <p>Councillors had met the City Mayor to discuss the implementation of bollards on Hayward Road. They would be meeting the City Mayor again to look at items for next year's local environmental works schemes. Preparatory work had started in relation to the activated speed signs on Victoria Road East. They would also raise the issue of pot-hole repairs with the City Mayor.</p> <p>Councillor were unhappy with the time taken to move the bus shelter on Uppingham Road and wanted a representative to attend the next meeting to provide further details.</p>
7.	LASBU CONSULTATION	<p>Noted that the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit had recently carried out 9 days of consultation in the area to identify any concerns and evidence of Anti Social Behaviour in the area.</p> <p>Tracie McAlister undertook to see if the ASB Unit had liaised with the Housing Office to report any concerns raised in the survey.</p>
8.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Chirag Ruda, provided an update of issues dealt with in the Ward since the last meeting details of which were contained on leaflet circulated to those present.</p> <p>Chirag to provide details of the issues arising from the recent consultation on ASB in the Ward to the Neighbourhood Development Manager.</p> <p>Wardens using new powers gained in January to remove eyesores and fly-tipping from private land. Before and after pictures of recent sites dealt with under these powers to remove fly-tipping were</p>

		<p>circulated to the meeting. A site at the rear of the railway line would take longer to deal with as there were a number of owners of the land and each had to be served with notices.</p> <p>Action taken on Hoton Road in relation to dog fouling. Public reported dog fouling problem on Hasting Road</p> <p>Noted that Wardens had worked with scrap metal merchants on Overton Road to reduce number of abandoned waste bins in the area.</p> <p>54 permits for skips and scaffolding dealt with since January.</p> <p>Public reminded that the Council's free bulk waste collection service allowed 5 items to be collected every two months.</p> <p>Public thanked Council for work to improve the environment in the area and requested action on the problem of overgrow trees resulting in pigeon droppings on pavements in East Park Road and Woodhill area near surgery. Chirag undertook to investigate.</p> <p>Noted that installation of alley gates has had a positive effect on reducing reports of ASB. Councillor Osman reported that gates on Halstead Street and Woodhill had been reported to the contractors to see if any modifications could be made to reduce noise levels from opening and shutting the gates.</p> <p>Noted that 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued for littering. Councillors recognised the need for Wardens to carry out 'education programmes' in relation environmental nuisances but felt equally that enforcement was also an important deterrent. Also noted that Park Enforcement Officers had issued 7 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering on Green Park Road.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>Update on local policing issues and crime statistics by Sgt Rob Merrall noted, in particular:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceedings taken against 4 people in connection with a fight on Coleman Road – successful prosecution resulting in a sentence of 8 years and a supervision order and 2 further prosecutions pending.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest made following attempted abduction on Wood Hill. • Police carried out programme of visits to young people known to be involved in ASB or subject to ASB orders to promote further education of the issues and to advise of ASB will not be tolerated. • The ward had an extra Beacon Officer and 3 Police Community Support Officers would be based at Victoria Road East Neighbourhood Offices – there should be a higher visibility of officers in the ward as a result. • The ASB patrol car had targeted drug related crime in the ward and no problems reported in the Vulcan Road area recently. • 27 house burglaries reported in the last 3 months compared with 27 in the same period in the previous year. <p>Public asked to report any information on crime to the Police.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE</p>	<p>Tracy McAllistair, Team Leader, Humberstone Neighbourhood Housing Office provided an update on local housing issues. These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charnwood Blocks were going to be jet washed but now looking to undertake a cleaning programme. • High railings to be provided on Tomlin Road to reduce ASB – work to begin in September. • Further programme of door entry system to begin in October. • Lombardy Rise, Oak Street and Ash Street – environmental improvements – remove ivy on flats, re-turf grass, bulb planting. • Programme to start in July of replacing trees where roots causing damage to block paving and replace block paving afterwards.

		<p>Update on Housing Voids as requested at last meeting noted. 12 current Voids in the Ward. 3 voids for 1-2 months, 5 for 2-3 months and 3 for 3 months or over, 1 void was being used as a decant property (occupied on a temporary basis whilst the tenant's property was being renovated.)</p> <p>Public asked to report instances of Council tenants causing ASB to the Housing Office so that they can be investigated.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>BUDGET</p>	<p>The total of grants approved in 2013/14 was £16,694.22 and £1,305.78 was carried over to the current year and the opening balance for 2014/15 was £19,305.78.</p> <p>Noted that no grants had been approved by Councillors under the fast-track procedure (grants of £500 or less) since the last meeting:-</p> <p>The following applications were considered by the meeting:-</p> <p>Application 1002 for £1,166. Little Bird School of Stich Craft for a project 'Knitting Communities Together'. Presentation made by applicants. £1,166 APPROVED.</p> <p>Application 5002 for £472.25. Sahara Women's Group for project to improve overall health and wellbeing of South Asian Muslim Women. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED as it was more appropriate to seek funding from Leicestershire Health Partnership Trust/NHS.</p> <p>Application 1029 for £1,000. Highfields Community Association to support Highfields Festival 2014 to encourage individuals from different wards of all ages, cultures, religions, backgrounds and ethnicity to come together. £1,000 APPROVED on the basis of a one off grant. Applicants to be advised that a future application would not be supported.</p> <p>Application 5012 for £600. Mammias Community Breastfeeding Support Project for mothers in the Highfields, Evington and Humberstone areas of the City. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED as it was more appropriate to seek funding from Leicestershire Health Partnership Trust/NHS.</p>

		<p>Application 5015 for £332.50. Sandcastle Events for Highfields Rangers Community family fun day to promote opportunity for 'fledgling' performers to showcase their talent and skills. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED as it was not in the ward and there was no evidence that it benefited residents from the Charnwood Ward.</p> <p>Application 1896 for £500. Saracen Archery Society for community archery project. Applicant made a presentation. £500 APPROVED – Councillor Osman did not take part in the discussion following his declaration of an Other Disclosable Interest at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Application 1894 for £1,300. Community Safety Team for provision of Wood Hill Alley gate. £1,300 APPROVED</p> <p>Application 0006 for £2,000. Highfields Community Association for Highfields Festival 2013. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN</p> <p>Application 1069 for £400. Leicester City Council Parks Services for seeding flowers on Towers Park and Hastings Road Open Space. £400 APPROVED</p> <p>Application 5020 for £1,400. Leicester Play Fair for Summer Activity Camp in Shropshire. Joint application with Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields and Castle wards asking for £1,400 from each ward. Application deferred as it was not clear what benefits would be received by ward residents.</p>
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Issues raised by the public:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Land at Lombardy Road – member of public advised to see Tracy McAllistair after the meeting to discuss the issues. b) Play Barn Update – Councillors undertook to ask officers for latest position in relation to funding etc. c) Humberstone Park Bonfire – public strongly felt that this should be centrally funded as it benefited a large community in the area from a number of wards. Councillor Newcombe undertook to raise this with the City Mayor.

13.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	Noted that future Community Meetings will be held as follows:- Tuesday 16 September 2014 at 6.00pm Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 6.00pm Monday 9 March 2015 at 6.00pm The Hastings Road Day Centre was suggested as a possible venue for the next meeting.
14.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

