

BELGRAVE AND LATIMER COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2015

The Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, Rothley Street, Leicester LE4 6LF

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
34.	INTRODUCTION, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>Councillor Joshi was in the chair for the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sood, Councillor V Patel and Councillor Thomas.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone and informed them that as the meeting was not quorate it would continue as an informal meeting and there would be no resolutions or actions. Any recommendations for action could be put to the next meeting.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>The Chair gave a brief report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent patch walk with Martin Fletcher, Head of Highways looked in particular at parking issues in Belgrave; it was intended to put markings on streets to show where cars could park to create a systematic approach to prevent obstructions.• Heritage Villages - Councillor Clarke as Heritage Champion in Leicester had been looking at the Historic Villages in the City. Belgrave was included as one of those historic villages. It was proposed that a small working group be formed and this included Councillor Joshi and a series of photographs would be taken of the area which would be put onto banners and displayed around the ward. Aylestone was done under the pilot scheme and had been very successful. Others to follow would include Knighton and Humberstone. Dipa Tailor, Marketing Officer was present and produced a series of pictures to show the project and residents were invited to make comments. In response to a resident Dipa Tailor, Marketing Officer informed the meeting that there was a special budget for the project.
35.	ACTION LOG OF LAST MEETING	The Action Log of the meeting on 9 th December 2015 was agreed as a true record subject to an

		amendment to Item 26 where reference was made to Charter Street that should read Carter Street.
36.	LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Philip Thompson, Flood Risk Manager, Leicester City Council gave a brief outline of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team were raising awareness of risk in the area. • Each year a surface flood risk management survey was carried out and the council had now consulted on and adopted the strategy and an action plan. • Work would be done on the River Soar to help conveyance and improve flow which would lower water levels and protect the area from flooding. • New developments would be encouraged to have sustainable drainage. • Various leaflets and information about the different types of flooding and what could be done to prevent it was available for residents at the meeting and those in the local area would be leafleted. • There would be an exhibition taking place at Belgrave Library. <p>In response to residents comments Philip Thompson said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The map of the area was taken from Ordnance Survey, most of the older Belgrave area was above the flood risk area and the map showed the areas most at risk within the ward. • There was a surface water management plan and area hotspots had been identified which included Melton Road and those areas would be visited more often to ensure drainage system was working properly. • It was acknowledged there was an issue with parked cars making it difficult to get to gulleys and this was being looked into. • The team worked closely with the Environment Agency and Severn Trent to try and raise awareness of issues, such as people pouring oil down drains and the message was already being promoted with leaflets and display signage on buses etc.
37.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	Mohammed Patel, City Warden gave an update on issues in the Belgrave and Latimer Wards and

		<p>distributed information leaflets to those present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird Feeding – recent increased reports of Bird Feeding on Cossington Recreational Ground and surrounding streets. 1500 information packs had been delivered to properties advising them not to feed birds and highlighting pest control problems. Councillor Joshi said that local places of worship could play a big part in educating residents about not feeding the birds. City warden would look at leaving information leaflets in local temples. • Alleyways – complaints about dumped rubbish were being acted on, Kensington Street had been cleaned up. • Service road parallel to Melton Road had been cleared and there were plans to install gates to minimise access. • Love Leicester Application – the council had launched the new Love Leicester App which made it easier for residents to report issues to the council and allowed people to track the progress of the issue.
<p>38.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chair thanked Inspector Lucy Batchelor for her work in the ward and explained that she had now moved to another area. Inspector Ben Gillard and Sgt Walters were welcomed as new officers to the ward.</p> <p>PS 4048 Sarah Widdowson briefly explained the changes to the police force following the recent restructure. There were now 3 main areas of responsibility: Community Policing, Crime Investigation and Response to Incidents.</p> <p>The changes were positive for the wards and there would be an increased visibility with 11 PC's and 8 PCSO's.</p> <p>PS 4048 Sarah Widdowson gave an update on local policing issues and reported crime statistics since the last meeting were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. school patrols were targeting schools every day to tackle parking issues and checks on child restraints, ii. Thurcaston Bridge 15 tickets issued in February to drivers that shouldn't be using this route, iii. Catherine Street 17 tickets issued in February including seat belt offences,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To raise awareness of public spaces protection order with intention of curbing street drinking ASB. ii. Burglaries – increased patrols and ongoing action to tackle this issue. Residents reminded to keep properties secure and be aware of distraction burglaries with people posing as officials and not to allow unexpected people into the property. iii. Thefts from Motor Vehicles - Residents were reminded to ensure vehicles were locked and items of value not left on display. iv. Chain Snatches – with the lighter nights and better weather approaching residents were reminded not to have expensive jewellery on show. <p>Residents could report any incidents on 101 or if an emergency 999. Neighbourhood Centre police drop in – Mondays 10-11am and Wednesdays 7pm- 8pm.</p>
39.	CLOCKWISE CREDIT UNION	<p>Yasin Macci, Business Development Manager gave details of the Clockwise Credit Union and how it operated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The credit union was a localised finance system, a union of people who decided to save together and lend to each other. • The majority of borrowers were on benefits and the majority of savers were ethical savers. • It was a “not for profit” organisation as shareholders were its members and the board of Directors were all volunteers too. Dividends were paid out to shareholders at the end of each financial year. • Lending rates were kept as low as possible with flexible terms. • The credit union worked with other agencies and gave advice for debt management. • Savings were covered by the FSA guarantee upto £80,000.
40.	COMMUNITY WARD BUDGET	<p>Councillor Joshi reminded everyone that the meeting was not quorate and no decisions could be made in the meeting on budget applications.</p>

		<p><u>Applications Fast Tracked since the last meeting:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1261 Asra Housing Group – Application for £262.46. FAST TRACKED • 1330 David Parkin, Literacy/Language Performance – Application for £250. FAST TRACKED • 5067 (Joint Bid) John Goddard, Belgrave Rugby Football Club – Application for £1000. FAST TRACKED • 1373 Moira Street Fruit and Flower Community Garden – Application for £800. FAST TRACKED • 1354 Belgrave Volunteers Day 2015 – Application for £1000. FAST TRACKED • 1348 Belgrave Community Festival Health Day – Application for £1000. FAST TRACKED
41.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p><u>AOB1</u> A resident from Moira Street informed the meeting that he had taken over the licence for the park on that street and would be developing it as a recreational garden with fruit trees and shrubs for the people of the area to sit and use. The Moira Street Fruit and Flower Community Garden had received some support from the community budget and would be for the benefit of the community. The garden would be locked at night. There would also be signage and consideration was being given to CCTV.</p> <p><u>AOB2</u> A resident raised an issue about a ladies swimming session on Saturday mornings that had been moved. The Cossington Street baths manager explained that he was aware of the complaint and the situation had been explained to her. Councillor Joshi confirmed there had been fair discussion and this meeting was not the platform to take the issue further.</p> <p><u>AOB3</u> Councillor Joshi reminded everyone present of the importance to register to vote ahead of the general, mayoral and local elections in May.</p> <p><u>AOB4</u> Councillor Joshi explained this would be his last Belgrave and Latimer Ward meeting as he would be standing in the Humberstone and Hamilton Ward at the next election. Councillor Joshi thanked everyone for attending the meetings over the last four years,</p>

		<p>including the officers and the different agencies who had contributed to the meetings.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm.</p>
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