

## BELGRAVE COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 25 JULY 2016

Held at: Leicester Sea Cadets, TS Tiger, 140 Ross Walk, Leicester LE4 5HH

### ACTION LOG

Present:  
Councillor Thomas (Chair)  
Councillor Chohan  
Councillor Sood

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
1.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Thomas, Chair for the meeting welcomed those present and led introductions.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas led everyone in a moment of reflection to mark the passing of former Councillor Culdip Singh Bhatti and Alderman Winston Nurse.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>Councillor Chohan declared an Other Disclosable Interest in the business on the agenda as he was a Belgrave resident.</p> <p>Councillor Sood declared an Other Disclosable Interest in the ward community budget, as all of the community meeting budgets fell within her portfolio as Assistant Mayor (Community Involvement).</p> <p>Councillor Thomas declared an Other Disclosable Interest in the ward community budget, as he was a supporter of the Sea Cadets, who's venue was being used for this meeting and which had received funding in the past from the Belgrave Community budget.</p>
2.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<p>Apologies were received from Sgt Leon Gamble.</p>
3.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>The action log of the Belgrave Community Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 was agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p><u>Item 27 Community Meeting Budget</u></p>

		<p>Concerns were expressed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recipients of funding were not providing feedback to the next meeting,</li> <li>• the decision process on bids was not transparent,</li> <li>• the public were not involved at meetings in the funding decisions.</li> </ul> <p>The Community Engagement Officer responded that the process had changed; there was no specific requirement for recipients to attend meetings to feedback although they could be invited to future meetings. The financial process was more robust with audit trails in place.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas confirmed that grants would not be sanctioned for faith group events.</p>
4.	<p><b>TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS SCHEME BRIEFING</b></p>	<p>The Community Engagement Officer informed the meeting that the council was currently reviewing the way it operated local services including community centres.</p> <p>The Council would be working with local people and community organisations to look at the best way to deliver services in the future. Consultation on the options would be starting in August 2016 and residents were encouraged to complete a consultation response form which was available online.</p>
5.	<p><b>BELGRAVE SECURE HOMES SCHEME</b></p>	<p>Daxa Pancholi outlined a presentation on the Belgrave Burglary Reduction Scheme and anti-social behaviour project (as attached).</p> <p>Councillor Chohan referred to the increase in issues on Dorset Street since the removal of the CCTV.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas referred to the safety features in the presentation and reminded those present that it was important to secure their properties to avoid becoming an easy target.</p> <p>It was reported that £5000 for the project had been allocated from last year's community ward budget and the Councillors offered full support to the Community Safety Team and Police with this project.</p> <p>Discussion of the presentation included the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidents that were reported were not being acted upon quickly enough by the police.</li> <li>• Was Vicarage Lane the only hotspot? What</li> </ul>

		<p>was being done about other areas in the ward? <i>Daxa replied that Vicarage Lane had been identified as the <b>main</b> hotspot in the area but that was not to say there were no other hotspot areas. There was also a city wide programme; however the presentation had focused on this particular project which had been identified for the area around Vicarage Lane.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Was funding being spread around? Councillor Thomas responded that there was constant criticism of funding in the City but a considerable amount of funding was being spent in outer areas including Belgrave Ward, e.g. homes being made fit for purpose with new kitchen and bathroom installations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Was the project only for people on benefits and was it means tested? Daxa replied that this project was available to everyone living in the hotspot area and was not just for those on benefits.</i></li> </ul> <p>Action – Residents asked that the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to the next meeting to discuss crime levels in the Belgrave Ward and City.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Daxa for the presentation.</p>
6.	<p><b>REDEVELOPMENT OF BELGRAVE ROAD - UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Barry Pritchard, Group Manager provided an update on progress of the redevelopment of Belgrave Road which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 options had been presented, the first would retain 2 lanes of traffic, improve footways, reduce the number of traffic lights and keep crossing points, and the second would look to reduce Belgrave to one lane of traffic each way, widen pavements and improve the number of traffic lights.</li> <li>• A number of public consultation events had already taken place in the Belgrave Ward.</li> <li>• Plans of the 2 options were currently exhibited at the Cossington Street Library.</li> <li>• Public consultation was ongoing until 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – it was hoped as many responses as possible would be received.</li> <li>• The results of the consultation would be compiled and a report submitted to the City Mayor in October 2016 when it was intended that a final decision would be made on the proposals.</li> </ul> <p>During the course of discussion the following</p>

comments were made:

- Ward councillors had met with the City Mayor and also attended the Economic Development, Transport & Tourism Scrutiny Commission at the invite of that Chair; they had put forward representations for the whole ward including the views of the people and businesses in the area that would be affected by the proposals.
- The purpose of the consultation was to get people's views on the proposals and everyone was urged to put forward their comments on the consultation as there were a lot of things that could be done to improve the Belgrave Road.
- Concerns were raised that there was a concentration on improving Belgrave Road but surrounding areas needed investment to improve them too, e.g. exterior paintwork in St Marks had not been done for many years.
- It was a concern that if a decision was made on the proposals to narrow the road to one lane of traffic each way then the area faced upto 2 years of road works.
- Where would traffic be dispersed during the development works? *The intention was that diverted traffic would use Abbey Lane once improvements had been completed there. Bus routes would continue to operate along Belgrave Road.*
- Had an impact assessment been carried out? *This would be done as part of the development once an option had been decided upon. It was agreed that details of the impact assessment could be brought to a future meeting.*
- Concerns were raised that diverted traffic would impact on Catherine Street and Abbey Lane which both had a number of schools in those areas and extra traffic would increase risks to school children.

Barry Pritchard explained that the decision had not yet been made, this was a genuine consultation to get as wide a range of views as possible and comments made this evening would be taken back.

Councillor Thomas urged everyone to complete a consultation response form; hard copies were circulated at the meeting and could also be completed online at the council's website.

<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Mohammed Patel, City Warden gave an update on issues in the Belgrave Ward and distributed information leaflets to those present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted patrols had taken place around Martin Street/Catherine Street in relation to bird feeding issues, some fixed penalty notices had been issued and there had been some reduction in bird feeding problems.</li> <li>• It had been arranged for the community payback team to tidy the area around the old Sainsbury's site and Peepul Centre – shrubs had been cut back and paths cleared.</li> <li>• Flytipping on Ross Walk – it had been identified where most of the black bags were coming from and steps were in place to address that.</li> <li>• The police had been made aware of anti-social behaviour and street drinking around Ross Walk too.</li> </ul> <p>Action: CW to report issue of bins/litter in Cossington Recreation Ground to Park Wardens service/</p> <p>Action: CEO to invite Park Warden to attend next meeting.</p> <p>Residents raised a number of concerns which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overgrown trees on Dorset Street needed to be cut back – CW agreed to report to relevant team.</li> <li>• Bushes on Surrey Street, one side has been left overgrown and needs cutting back to reduce issues in area – CW agreed to refer to Parks service again.</li> <li>• Festivities on park (Abbey Meadows), large groups gathering with very loud noise, bbq's, loud music and drums. Young cadets and local residents were intimidated walking along the footpath. Rubbish was being dumped attracting rats – CW agreed to conduct some targeted patrols and work with the local police to look at issuing fixed penalty notices.</li> </ul> <p>Residents were encouraged to use the Love Leicester App to report issues or phone the City Warden service on 0116 4541001 as the City Warden service could only prioritise its work based on reports made.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>LOCAL POLICING</b></p>	<p>Sgt Rich Lane gave an update on local police activities in the Ward, it was reported that the police</p>

	<p><b>UPDATE</b></p>	<p>were very visible in the ward and regular patrols were taking place.</p> <p>An information leaflet on parking on pavements was circulated (attached).</p> <p>The public were reminded that crime statistics could be found on the police website at <a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>.</p> <p>Residents were reminded to keep their property secure, lock doors and windows especially at this time of year during hot weather when windows were often left open. The “cover up” campaign was also highlighted and encouraged people not to have high value jewellery on show in the street.</p> <p>Everyone was encouraged to report any incidents using the 101 number or 999 if it was an emergency. Beat office numbers circulated previously still stood.</p> <p>An information leaflet setting out Police events and consultation dates was circulated (as attached).</p> <p>Residents requested that at the next meeting the police provide information on how to form a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET</b></p>	<p>It was explained that decisions relating to the bids were the Councillors and would not be for discussion by the floor. The Councillors dealt with all bids in three tranches spread across the year at Ward Budget meetings outside of this meeting.</p> <p>Residents requested that at the next Community meeting details of how to apply for funding and the criteria to be met be provided.</p> <p>Residents also asked for more information on funding provided to faith groups and whether the funding criteria excluded children events that were part of those groups.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer reminded residents that there was no specific requirement for recipients to attend meetings to give feedback, but she would invite those in receipt of funding to future meetings.</p> <p>Further details of the funding process including the online application form were available at: <a href="http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/decisions-">http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/decisions-</a></p>

		<a href="#">meetings-and-minutes/community-meetings/</a>
<b>10.</b>	<b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	<p>To note future meetings will take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6.30pm at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, Rothley Street, Leicester.</li> <li>• Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed.</li> </ul>
<b>11.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.





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# DAXA PANCHOLI

## HEAD OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

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# BELGRAVE BURGLARY REDUCTION & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROJECT

## FUNDING PROPOSAL

# Introduction:

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In order to target Ward funding effectively, an analysis of Crime Data and Police Intelligence Logs for the whole of the Belgrave Ward over the last 3 years were analysed. This analysis highlighted that Vicarage Lane in the Belgrave ward is a hotspot for;

- Domestic Burglary
- Anti-social behaviour
- Theft From Motor Vehicles

The image (below) is a map of Vicarage Lane. The area comprises a total of 32 private dwellings, together with St. Peter's Vicarage and Shree Darji Gnati Hall. For the purposes of this Funding Proposal, the focus will be on the 32 private dwellings.



# DOMESTIC BURGLARY

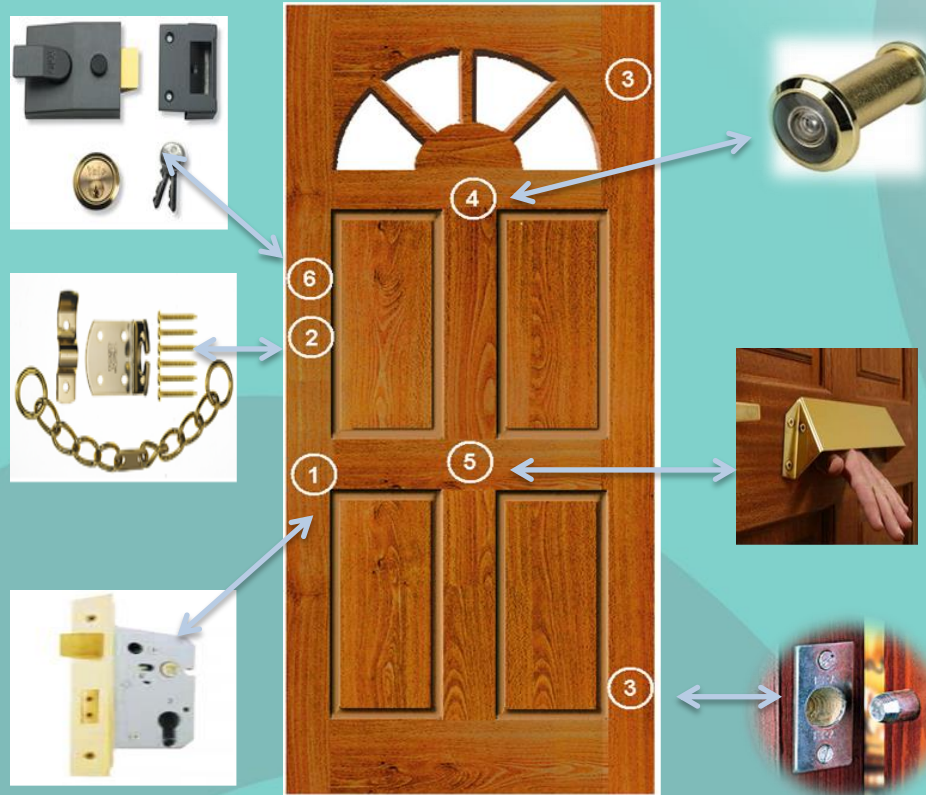
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To reduce the opportunities for burglaries to take place in this area, it is proposed to;

- Provide a Home Security Service run by Leicester City Council's Handy Person's Service.
- A range of home security items such as door locks and window locks will be fitted free of charge.
- It is possible that not all properties will take advantage of this free scheme.
- If there are funds left over, it is proposed to identify other victims of domestic burglary within the Belgrave ward and offer them the same service.

## Examples of Door Security Equipment:

1. 5 Lever Mortice Lock
2. Door Chain
3. Hinge bolt
4. Spy hole
5. Letterbox Guard
6. Night Latch



## Examples of Window Locks:

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Window locks can be fitted to both wooden and UPVC windows. The items illustrated below are for use on UPVC windows. The window alarm can be used on both.



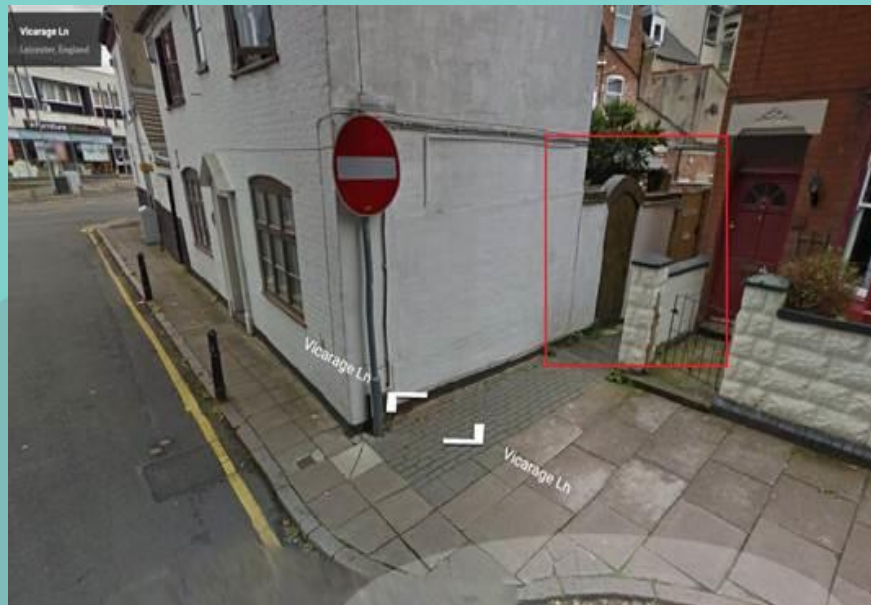
The window alarm (shown above) is an additional security item which can be fitted to each property. The alarm is activated if the window is forced or the glass is broken. Due to budget constraints, only 2 per household can be fitted.

# Anti-Social Behaviour:

Intelligence logs and Police call outs over the last three years indicate that the alleyway (shown below) has a history of;

- Anti-social behaviour
- Trouble with youths
- Drug taking and drug dealing

The alleyway runs parallel with Loughborough Road.





# Anti-social Behaviour:

To reduce the opportunities for these anti-social activities to take place in the alleyway, we will seek to;

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Fit a bespoke, wrought iron, security gate and fence (example below). The gate will:-

- Restrict access to those not entitled to be there
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Reduce burglary



# Theft from Motor Vehicles:

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To reduce this crime, we aim to:

- Raise awareness by;
  - Delivering leaflets to every household in Vicarage Lane
  - Talk to residents and owners of vehicles who are seen parking their vehicles on the street
  - Hold awareness raising events to offer crime prevention advice to local residents.

# Theft From Motor Vehicle:

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- A leaflet, similar to the one shown below, will be given to each household and person seen parking any vehicle in the area.
- This could easily be extended to other streets subject to funding.



# COSTING:

Number of Properties:    Maximum Cost Per Property:

Total:

32

£ 150.00

£

4,800.00

It is possible that not all properties will take advantage of this free service. If there are funds left over, it is proposed to secure other properties in the area that have been burgled:

Preparation & Printing of Vehicle Crime Leaflets:

£

200.00

Supply & Install 1 Wrought Iron Gate & Fence to Alleyway:

The Community Safety Team will endeavour to supply and fit

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this gate from their existing budget. It is anticipated that this

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gate will cost in the region of £800.00:

Total Amount of Funding applied for:

£5,000.00



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# Thank You

## Any Questions?



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# Minute Item 8

## BELGRAVE POLICE OFFICE

BELGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ROTHLEY STREET

BELGRAVE

LEICESTER

LE4 6LF

Tel: 101 x 5957

Email: [first.name.surname@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:first.name.surname@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

 Leicestershire Police: Belgrave

 Leicestershire Police: Rushley Mead

 @LPBelgrave

 @LPRusheyMead

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07881 663508



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## EVENTS & CONSULTATIONS

# BELGRAVE

**AUGUST/SEPT 2016**

## **AUGUST 2016**

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING – 10:00HRS  
TEA & TOAST – CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION, WEYMOUTH STREET

**2ND**

### **BUSM ESTATE SPORTS EVENT**

11:00hrs – in the street

### **CONTACT HANDLER RECRUITMENT SEMINAR**

Could you work as a police Contact handler?

1830hrs – Leicestershire HQ

**3RD**

### **LANESBOROUGH ROAD CONSULTATION**

13:00hrs – In the street

**8TH**

### **RUSHEY MEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND CONSULTATION**

10:00hrs – in the park

**9th**

### **BUSM ESTATE SPORTS EVENT**

12:00hrs – in the street

### **COBDEN STREET CONSULTATION**

10:00hrs – In the street

**15th**

### **TIVERTON AVENUE CONSULTATION**

11:00hrs – in the street

**18th**

### **CATHERINE STREET/BELPER STREET CONSULTATION**

10:00hrs – in the street

**23RD**

### **JEREMY CLOSE CONSULTATION**

12:00hrs – in the street

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

**3RD**

### **RUSHEY MEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND CONSULTATION**

10:00 – In the park

**4TH**

### **GLEN STREET CONSULTATION**

10:00hrs – in the street

**10TH**

### **BUSM ESTATE SPORTS EVENT**

12:00hrs – in the street

**12TH**

### **COBDEN STREET CONSULTATION**

10:00hrs – in the street

**24TH**

### **BUSM SPORTS EVENT**

12:00 – in the street





## **PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT Procedural Guide**

Proceedings for obstructing the highway (including pavements) can be instituted under the following legislation:

### **Willful Obstruction of the Highway**

- Section 137 Highways Act 1980
- Fine Level 3
- Fixed Penalty Summary Offence

### **Unnecessary Obstruction of the Highway**

- Section 42 Road Traffic Act 1988
- Fine Level 3
- Fixed Penalty Summary Offence

### **Leaving Vehicles in a Dangerous Position**

- Section 22 Road Traffic Act 1988
- Fine Level 3
- Fixed Penalty Summary Offence that carries 3 penalty points and requires service of a Notice of Intended Prosecution



## **PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT** **Procedural Guide**

In essence, it is an offence to cause or permit a motor vehicle to willfully obstruct the highway, which also includes the pavement area.

The main point required to prove an offence of unlawful obstruction of the pavement is that the obstruction is actual and not merely perceived. Consequently, somebody must have made a formal complaint in order for the police to take action. Examining Magistrates will also need to prove if the obstruction was, in all the circumstances, unreasonable.

In addition, Section 19 of The Road Traffic Act 1988 creates the offence of unlawfully parking a heavy commercial vehicle (operating weight above 7.5 tonnes) on the pavement. However, a person shall not be guilty of this offence if they can prove their vehicle was:

- **Parking in accordance with a direction given by a Constable in uniform.**
- **Parked for the purpose of saving life or extinguishing fire.**
- **Parked for the purpose of loading and unloading that could not reasonably have occurred elsewhere.**
- **Not left unattended, at any time the obstruction was caused.**

A local authority can make a Traffic Regulation Order under The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which allows them to impose parking restrictions and prohibitions on roads (including pavement areas) provided adequate approved signage is on display at that location detailing the parking restriction or prohibition.

In some urban areas, vehicles parked entirely on the road can in itself cause obstruction and congestion to other road users, not least the emergency services.

Consequently, apart from enforcement of a dropped kerb parking area, Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire City Council have adopted a more tolerant approach to this matter. Leicestershire Police therefore needs to adopt a more pragmatic approach to vehicles parked wholly or partly on the pavement. Unless the vehicle is causing a very real and unnecessary obstruction to other road users and somebody has made formal complaint, then prosecution action should not ordinarily follow.

**Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the Procedural Guide then please contact Traffic Management**