

STONEYGATE COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2018

Sparkenhoe Community Primary School, Saxby Street, Leicester, LE2 0TD

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
83.	ELECTION OF CHAIR	Councillor Master was elected as Chair for the meeting.	
84.	INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Chaplin declared an 'other disclosable interest' as a family member worked for a taxi company; • Councillor Thalukdar declared an 'other disclosable interest' in the business of the meeting, and that he could not comment on planning applications in the Ward, as he sat on the Council's Planning and Development Control Committee; • Councillor Chaplin declared an 'other disclosable interest' for her involvement in the Art House application. It was noted that Councillor Chaplin had not taken part in the discussion on the application; • Councillor Thalukdar declared an 'other disclosable interest' for his involvement in the Leicester Welfare Society application. It was noted that Councillor Thalukdar had not taken part in the discussion on the application; • Councillor Master declared an 'other disclosable interest' for his involvement in the Leicester Nirvana application. It was noted that Councillor Master had not taken part in the discussion on the application. 	
85.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Joel Friedman, Evington Road Neighbourhood Association.	
86.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The Chair requested the action log be amended to show actions required. The document would be amended to table format to accommodate the request.</p> <p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2017 was confirmed as a correct record.</p>	DSO - amended
87.	WARD COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK	<p>Stoneygate Ward Councillors provided an update on the issues they had been dealing with in the ward and activities they had been involved in since the last meeting. The following was discussed:</p> <p>Councillor Chaplin:</p>	All to note

- At advice surgeries, welfare rights and major housing issues were being received;
- Leicester College have leased the MKA building on Conduit Street, but would not affect the building on Dashwood Road;
- The University of Leicester's Brookfield site planning application had been approved, though more detail had been requested on the transport plan, opening times, student numbers and the view for Holmfield Road residents;
- 11 Elmfield Road planning application for a care home was approved, though opposition had been made by residents, and Elderly Persons Homes (EPHs) had been closed by the Council due to reduced demand;
- 22 Staveley Road, block of flats planning application was currently on hold due to further submitted amendments;
- 19 St Johns Road planning application had received more than five objections and would go to planning, as it was felt by resident the application did not fit with the conservation area;
- 9 St James Road planning application had received objections from several residents and local conservation groups. The Planning Committee was evenly split, with the Chair having the casting vote, the application was approved. Residents have complained about a procedural issue at the meeting;
- A planning application for a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) at 44 Highfield Street was taken to Planning Committee at the request Councillor Chaplin. Residents had concerns over the number of HMOs in the area, and the need for family homes in the ward. Also raised was the need for two screenings for HMP applications: (i) landlords; (ii) maintained properties;
- Councillors could be contacted for questions to be raised on behalf of residents at the meeting of Full Council was Thursday 22nd March;
- Council January – a petition was presented requesting residents parking on Herschell Street;
- Council February – sought to prioritise adult social care in the budget, and made the point staff have to make difficult decisions every day;
- An application had been submitted to move the sexual health clinic into the Haymarket Shopping Centre. A public meeting was arranged and information about the decision requested, as there were concerns regarding the confidentiality of the entrance;
- Homelessness, following two deaths in the ward the issue will continue to be raised;
- There is likely to be a review of the services

		<p>Group to articulate to planning that they were not against development in the area, but wanted family housing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to conservation areas, it was asked if it was time to push to change the Article 4 Direction to prevent the development of HMOs, as developers were not taking past history into account. • It was further queried that if students were not put in the purpose built flats, could private tenants use them. It was noted that purpose built student accommodation size was smaller in comparison to private tenant developments; • The revised planning application for St Albans Road was improved, but still not good, and residents should be vigilant of the proposed development. The University was due to organise a community liaison meeting, date to be confirmed; • The development on Conduit Street should be a landmark building due to its proximity to the train station; • Concerns were raised over what would happen when Stephen George left, as they owned a large plot of land. Residents were asked to raise any concerns over planning applications to the Planning Team. 	All
88.	HOMELESSNES S	<p>Gary Freestone, Homelessness Services Manager, was present at the meeting, and provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dawn Centre was built 10 years ago specifically for the homeless population, and had 44 en-suite bedrooms for adults; • The Centre was designed as a one stop shop – anyone on site can access health / mental health services – CPNs same day; • Anyone that presents themselves to the Dawn Centre is asked to register as a new person for Inclusion Health Care. The Centre also liaised with Action Homeless; • There were dormitory facilities, which allowed the Centre to put up a further 10 people – it was not ideal, but with the rising issue of homelessness and cold weather was essential; • The Outreach Team operated between 6.00am to 9.30pm, and received phone calls or people were referred to them; • Not everyone who slept outside was homeless. There were people that did not want to help themselves, come into the centre or take help offered. A different model was needed, and hopefully work on the Homelessness Strategy 	All to note

		The meeting was asked to note consultation on the proposed cycle lane on Victoria Park would include a briefing on 19 March, and three public exhibitions. Comments would be sought from Councillors then go out to public consultation.	
90.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Darren Evans, City Warden for the Ward, presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping had gone down; • For bigger problems, Community Protection Notices were now used; • Leaflets had been circulated on Devana Road regarding recycling. The City Warden ensured everyone had orange bags as there had been problems ordering further bags; • Side waste was still a big problem; • A blanket notice on the whole of Tichbourne Street and Herschell Street had been circulated due to the amount of complaints received regarding bins left out and parking problems; • Work was continuing on problems around fly tipping on St Albans Road. Officers were working to ensure businesses were recycling properly; • Fly tipping on Skipworth Street had been resolved; • Grade 4 Roaming Officers had been appointed. They did not have a set ward, but were allocated around the city covering 12 wards each, and would assist CWs to pick up follow-on work, for example, second visits; • Helium canisters seen in the street should be reported. 	All to note
91.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>PC Charlotte Barber was present at the meeting and provide the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were four 4 ASB jobs on the beat currently, which was low; • One priority was Prebend Gardens, which was receiving attention on walks for the removal of alcohol; • The whole of the east section was hit badly with burglary – Stoneygate had fared worse. A police operation to reduce burglary in the area had seen numbers reduced; • There were no real concerns to report on other crime; • Zero tolerance on street drinking needed to be linked to ASB, for example, shouting, fighting; • The police had a good relationship with the Dawn Centre, Heathfield House (London Road), and Mayfield House. At all three hostels, the staff were considered to be outstanding; 	All to note

