## Erdington and Pype Hayes HLB

# Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Community Hall, Elim Church, Tyburn Road B24 0TG

|           | Attendees Trevor Holtom Janet Shakespeare David Shakespeare Ann Holtom Emma Batterham Lee Cheshire Sue Ross  | Member – Chair Member – Vice Chair Member Member - Minutes TPO – BCC Member Member Member    |
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|           | Apologies Judy Roper Sarah Walters Jeanette Cross Mr Robert Burden Mrs Robert Burden Gareth Moore Robert Alden Mr Alex Warsama Angela  | Member Member Member Member Member Councillor Councillor Local Housing Manager –BCC Observer |
| 1 1.1     | Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were given for Judy Roper, Sarah Walters, Jeanette Cross, Mr & Mrs Burden, Councillor Moore, Councillor Alden, Alex Warsama, and Angela. |  |
| 2.<br>2.1 | Notification of Any Other Business Janet Shakespeare and Ann Holtom.   |  |
| 3.<br>3.1 | Guest Speakers. There were no guest speakers.  Members agreed that Emma to invite Justin Hillyer of Waste Management to a future meeting.  |  |
| 4.        | Previous Minutes and Matters Arising – (20th March 2019). (No meeting April)   |  |
| 4.1       | Re- Ismere Road Tree – Emma said that she is getting a new quote for this project.   |  |
| 4.2       | Trevor proposed that the previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Lee seconded the proposal.  |  |
| 5.<br>5.1 | CHLB Feedback<br>None.   |  |
| 6.<br>6.1 | HLB Spend Re- Ismere Road Tree – Emma to get new quote.  |  |

Emma said that the budget is £19,651.60. This amount is for four wards (Erdington, 6.2 Pype Haves, Castle Vale and Gravelly Hill). Emma gave members an updated budget sheet. 6.3 **Re- Jarvis Road Tree –** (Lynn's Tree) – Emma to get date. 6.4 Re- Springthorpe Road Bins area – this project to be £5,431.22. This is an ongoing fly tipping area and a hot spot. The consultation has been done. The price is for the car park to be extended and there will be a separate quote for a security light. A discussion followed on the ongoing problems in this area and the possible use of CCTV signs and data protection issues. Members agreed the project in principle. Details to come to next meeting. Q: Trevor asked if the land belonged to someone else would they be responsible to clear the fly tipping instead of the council and would they clear it each time? A: If the fly tipping was not cleared each time then tenants would still have the ongoing problem. 6.5 Re- Sorrel House, Tyburn Road - Due to several break ins of tenant's vehicles in the rear car park by the garages a security light is needed. Quote /details next meeting. 6.6 Re- Springthorpe Road – 20mph signs – Sue said that these were needed. Emma to ask lan Aitkin. 7. **Walkabouts** 7.1 Emma said that the next walkabout would be in May. The last walkabout on Abbeyfields had included a litter pick. 8. **Tenant Inspector Feedback** 8.1 Sue said that she had done a visit in the Harborne area and had found some issues in the property. i.e., there had been a high back step in the property which could be unsuitable and unsafe for a tenant or children. Sue said that the inspections she had done were very interesting and that the properties were in different stages of repair. Q: Janet asked why some of the properties have had workmen in them when tenants are viewing them? A discussion followed on the letting process and the process before letting properties. Sue said that she would ask if she can be allowed to view/inspect properties before and after work is carried out. Members thanked Sue for her feedback and for sharing her building knowledge that she had built up over many years. 9. Tenant Management Update/Performance Update - Mr Alex Warsama - LHM 9.1 None. 10. **Tower Blocks Issues** 10.1 Emma said that sprinklers and fire doors were being installed in the tower blocks but there was no further news yet. A discussion followed.

### **Constitution and Kite Mark** 11. 11.1 Emma said our HLB had been given its award. A discussion followed. 12. **Any Other Business (AOB)** 12.1 Re- Janet - Bidding for properties - Janet raised issues regarding the bidding for properties and the bidding process. Janet also asked about the position of bidders and the fact that tenants cannot bid on other properties when they have a property on offer. Janet also asked for confirmation of who decided who views a property and is it allocation officers? A discussion followed that raised more questions. Members agreed to invite the Allocations Manager to a future meeting.

Emma to action.

12.2 Re- Ann – No meetings in August or December - Ann suggested that as there is no meeting in August that it could be used to try to encourage new members by holding an 'afternoon tea'. Members agreed. Ann to liaise with Emma about this. Members also agreed to hold the Christmas HLB in November as there is no HLB Meeting in December.

### 12.3 Recap of actions:

- 1. Emma to invite Allocations Manager to a future meeting or get some written criteria for members.
- 2. Traffic management update for Westmead Crescent.
- 3. Traffic management update for Gunter Road/Hadfield Close.
- 4. Walkabout Date.
- 5. August 'open' meeting (Afternoon Tea)

### 13. Date and Time of next meeting

Wednesday 19th June 2019 - 3.00pm