

## South Yardley Housing Liaison Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2020  
at Steel Grove Community Room, 2 Steel Grove, B25 8BA

### Present

John Harrison- Chair  
Carl McCooty - Vice Chair  
Lee Parkinson - HLB  
Sylvia Sadler – HLB  
John McLaren – HLB  
Sandra Hinken – HLB  
Pat Sheridan MBE –HLB  
Yasmin Samaraweera HLB  
Myles Scullion – HLB  
Jenny Poole - Wates  
Zafer Iqbal - Councillor  
Derek Fellows - HO

### 1. Welcome, Introductions

John (JH) welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Cynthia Conway – HLB  
Ray Barrow – HLB  
Barbara Benson – HLB  
Mandy Williams – TPO

### 3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

### 4. Matters Arising

Barbara mentioned that the garage (4&5) Kestrel Avenue and the concrete posts are in a dangerous condition – Derek to look and raise repairs as necessary. **POST MEETING NOTE:** Repair has been raised as the rear

wall to the two garages is bulging outwards but there is no danger of the wall collapsing- Job reported to Wates reference number 7516260/1 and 7516278/1 – Derek explained that this is 30 working day repair – Derek explained that they are awaiting a structural report but it may lead to a number of garages will have to be demolished. No report has been received yet. Derek advised that the garages are to be demolished but there is a sold garage and we need to speak to the owner who is current

Lee mentioned several lamp posts that are not working and have been reported – Derek to chase

**POST MEETING NOTE** : Derek emailed lee and requested column numbers, locations and job numbers and this information has been reported to the relative team

**Lee said that these have not been done and is speaking to someone from Amey – lamppost no.24 has been done. Still having issue with the lamp posts not being repaired – Derek to email**

#### 5. Police Report

No one attendance but Derek read through the report provided by Olly

Since the New Year, there have been 19 burglaries, mainly located in the Kestrel Ave/Berkeley Rd area. Two people have been arrested in connection.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour in South Yardley have taken a massive nose-dive.

The spate of robberies in the area - mainly parkland and open spaces - have been successfully curtailed by Operation Guardian (nearly constant patrols of hotspot areas using officers on overtime.)

#### 6. Local News and Events Update

##### **Councillor Iqbal**

Cllr Iqbal advised that the increased presence of the police has helped reduce crime and a number of tickets have been issued for blocking pavements on Deakins Road, Fastpits Road and Berkeley Road East

	<p>The Oaklands Park is well used and some more gym equipment will be installed on the Coventry Road side.</p> <p>He has split the ward into two ward meeting – Hay Mills with a clean-up booked for 18 March, police and other agencies have been invited and Acocks Green /Tyseley area with a meeting set for 20 February</p> <p>Cllr Iqbal attended the resident meetings at Pemberley Rd and now has the dates for the year and has dates for Steel Grove and Kings Rd resident meetings.</p> <p>Webster and Horsefall exhibition now gone live and is on until 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at the Arts &amp; Museum Gallery and they are celebrating 300 years</p> <p>Regarding the waste collections moving to three weeks is not correct as the government has requested that the Council need to start to collect food items as well as domestic waste and recycling and the Council are investigating this at the moment. A general discussion took place regarding waste collection.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Wates</b></p> <p>Jenny shared a new app called localz is being piloted (in Acocks Green area) at present so operatives can be tracked, and residents can track them to their door – this can hopefully avoid no access visits</p> <p>Personal alarms are being issued to operatives on a pilot scheme due to safety concerns. Jenny and Ronda also piloting an alarm system on their phones.</p> <p>Sandra mentioned a gate to the rear garden and was advised that it needs parts - job number 7696053, given to Jenny to chase</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Housing Report - HLB Walkabout</u></b></p> <p>Walkabout notes from the Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February was distributed around Coventry Road and Broadyates Road</p> <p>Next walkabout is to take place on Tuesday 3<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 11am - meeting junction of Berkeley and Berkley Road East.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Tenant Participation Officer Report</b></p> <p>Derek shared the Great British Spring Clean is being held from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April and if anyone has any suggestions for a clean-up and to be involved to let her know</p> <p>Derek shared that at present we are looking at doing HLB's bi-monthly so we can do more resident engagement and be more productive. The constitution states we only need to have 6 meetings per year. If a meeting is needed for approval of projects or an emergency this can be arranged. Mandy asked the board to think about it as she wanted their opinions and thoughts on this</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b><u>Chairs Report and CHLB Update</u></b></p> <p>Meeting was cancelled for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</p> <p>Next meeting 20th February 2020</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b><u>HLB Projects and Budget</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Agreed Projects</u></b></p> <p>Mandy asked about installing a bollard outside garages at Wheeldon House and they would cost approximately £500 each – the group agreed to purchase these and to get a proper quote – they want the fold down ones with the key to lock them on the top – John (JMc) asked if one of the existing bollards can be pulled up – Derek to arrange a site meeting. – <b>Awaiting start date for installation of bollards. – Derek to email Capital Investment Team for an update. – Bollard cannot be lifted – Derek will email CWO regarding issues. – Following a discussion, it was agreed to arrange a site meeting once the CWO has returned – Derek to arrange – Wait for a date for a visit – Derek to email again. Site meeting has taken place and it has been agreed for the retractable bollard to be installed and the static one to relocated.</b></p> <p><b>Projects Agreed</b></p> <p>New carpet for 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Gosmoor House - vinyl Flooring £530 – Derek advised that the contractors suggested carpet which Derek has agreed to.</p>

## Existing Projects

Lock to garage site rear of 150 Berkeley Road - £150.50

Erect barriers to entrance to service road rear of 141 Berkeley Road and the rear of 121 Berkeley Road – Derek to request quote – Desktop quote is £1800 each barrier with combination padlock welded to chain and barrier

## New Projects

Trip rail to frontage of Kestrel Avenue – Derek to check if open space area and if not, a desktop quote will be requested.

Derek explained that a wooden trip rail for this area would be £33.15 a meter and that 26 meters of trip rail may be required. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed for Derek to provide a photo of the area concerned and to ask Barbara to provide a photo of the issues the cars are causing



## Environmental Projects.

Renewal of trip rail to Kings Road Sheltered Scheme – consultation completed but there is a query with the quote to go to panel.

Fencing to 153 -171 Larch Walk consultation completed with no objections and projects sent through to Capital Investment Panel for approval - this has been issued to the contractors – **Now completed**

Carl requested that the gap in the new fencing could a gate be installed – Derek to email CWO to see what he ordered and advise.

Bin Areas in Longley Crescent – only blocks sent through to Capital Investment Panel for approval following consultation with residents this has been issued to the contractors

## **Projects Agreed**

Fencing to grassed rear 34 Kestrel Avenue – Group agreed

Renew padlock to gate to access way rear of Larch Walk – £231.24 - board agreed

Derek asked Carl to supply a photo of the chain he is requesting, and Derek will request a quote via a project form

## **12. Any Other Business**

Sandra asked if the trees are to cut down in front of her property – Derek to Check with the tree officers

Carl would like to keep you updated about fly tipping in Larch Walk, cul-de-sac Car park.

On Thursday 13th February 2020

A white van reversed into the grove and lowered its tail lift and ejected a 3 - piece settee and quickly drove off at high speed.

Unfortunately, the van was spotted entering the grove, but no one managed to take the registration mark of the offending vehicle. as they thought it was delivering to a customer, (unfortunately once again us)

The incident was reported to the fly tipping team, environmental and was collected on the following morning.

Friday 14th February 2020. 9.00 am

I can only thank the environmental fly tipping team on behalf of the residence of Larch Walk / Kestrel Avenue for their swift response in dealing with this issue.

Well done!

Derek advised that he had forward Carl's email onto the Waste Management Team

13. Date and Time of next meeting:

**1.30 - 3.00pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
at Steel Grove Sheltered Scheme**