

South Yardley Housing Liaison Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019
at Steel Grove Community Room, 2 Steel Grove, B25 8BA

Present

John Harrison- Chair
Carl McCooty - Vice Chair
Lee Parkinson - HLB
Pat Sheridan MBE –HLB
Sylva Sadler – HLB
John McLaren – HLB
Myles Scullion – HLB
Barbara Benson – HLB
Cynthia Conway – HLB
Sandra Hinken - HLB
Jenny Poole - Wates
Zafer Iqbal - Councillor
Zakar Choudhry – Councillor
Mandy Williams – TPO
Derek Fellows - HO

1. Welcome, Introductions

John (JH) welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Ray Barrow – HLB
Yasmin Samaraweera HLB

3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

4. Matters Arising

Yasmin asked about the fence at Lowden Croft Drying area – Derek email Jenny with job number.

	<p>POST MEETING: <i>email received from Wates - have checked the system and can advise that this was attended 31/05/19 and the operative has advised that this requires 2 x operatives for a day and the follow on has been booked in for 01/08/19 - Jenny advised</i></p> <p>The work has been passed to a contractor and just waiting for a date</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No one in attendance.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Local News and Events Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Iqbal advised that he has attended a number of meetings with residents in the sheltered schemes and a lot of issues have been raised regarding ASB, lack of grass cutting and police presence at Curtis Gardens.</p> <p>New Sargent Woolman is in place and has had a meeting with him and agreements and actions have been put in place to deal with certain issues but unfortunately the residents do not see what is being done and think that nothing is happening</p> <p>The police have increased their patrols in Oakland's park</p> <p>The clean-up at Webster and Horsfall on 25 July was a great success</p> <p>Councillor Iqbal thanked Derek and his team for installing a fence in Steel Grove</p> <p>Section 112 money from Lidl – the contract for improvements has been allocated to</p> <p>New bus stop has been installed on Coventry Road.</p> <p>Recycling is still an issue on Kings Road Sheltered Scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Iqbal mentioned a gentleman at a block in Berkeley Road where someone has put petrol through a letter box to a flat above him – police are involved and the residents would like the trade button suspended – Derrek to do consultation with residents and</p>

check with ASB team and police to what is happening

Councillor Iqbal continues his walkabouts with PCSO Alex.

Councillor Choudhry mentioned the bin areas - consultation has taken place and a request has gone to panel to agree for the project to go ahead.

He also mentioned the bins are not being emptied – Derek advised him to contact the Waste Management Service.

A general discussion took place regarding the bins not being emptied.

Lee asked if a member of Waste Management could be invited to the next meeting – John (JH) will raise at the Stakeholders Meeting

Councillor Choudhry mentioned the beggars at the Swan underpass

7. Wates

Jenny advised on the following:

Apprenticeships

We will be starting 10 apprentices on Monday 16th September.
We had over 230 applicants

MacMillan Big Coffee morning

We will be taking part in MacMillan big coffee morning (taking place on Friday 4th October).

John (JM) asked that over the weekend there is no one available to attend to deal with a central heating issue – Jenny advised that someone should be attending and depended on how the job was raised – Jenny asked for the job number and she will investigate if a job numbers provided.

Myles mentioned his gas service and that he had to rearrange but is still receiving letters – Jenny explained that the letters are automatically generated.

John (JH) asked if the HLB are not happy with work and Jenny explained that as if it is Capital work then they should go back to Derek to report.

	<p>Lee asked about a trip rail outside 153 Berkeley Road 7437960/1 – Jenny to chase and Derek to email job reference</p>
8.	<p><u>Housing Report - HLB Walkabout</u></p> <p>Walkabout from the 3rd September was distributed and the next one is on Tuesday 1st October at 11am meeting Hob Moor Road and Kestrel Avenue</p>
9.	<p><u>Tenant Participation Officer Report</u></p> <p>Mandy shared that Block Inspectors are being recruited for high rise and low rise blocks and if anyone is interested to let her know</p> <p>It's Your Neighbourhood – the award ceremony took place on 12th September at Tally Ho</p> <p>Wheeldon House achieved Level 4 St Mary's achieved Level 5 Radley Court achieved Level 4 Warwick rd Wildflowers achieved Level 3</p>
10.	<p><u>Chairs Report and CHLB Update</u></p> <p>There was no meeting in August</p> <p>John (JH) mentioned the kite mark results and has asked Mandy to print off the documents for the next meeting but did advise that they have been awarded a 2 year kite mark.</p> <p>Next CityHLB meeting is 26 September 2019</p>
11.	<p><u>HLB Projects and Budget</u></p> <p><u>Agreed Projects</u></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 –</p>

Derek to arrange a site meeting. – **Awaiting start date for installation of bollards. – Derek to email Capital Investment Team for an update.**

Existing Projects

New carpet for 1st floor of Gosmoor House - Carpet £ 640 or Flooring £530

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

Non slip flooring to front entrance to Bakeman House

Rubbers mat runners to ground floor entrance in Bakeman House – waiting quote for project in Bakeman House

New Projects

Erect barriers to entrance to service road rear of 141 Berkeley Road and the rear of 121 Berkeley Road – Derek to request quote

Environmental Projects.

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

Fencing to 153 -171 Larch Walk consultation completed with no objections and projects sent through to Capital Investment Panel for approval

Bin Areas in Longley Crescent – only blocks sent through to Capital Investment Panel for approval following consultation with residents

John (JM) mentioned the non-slip at the entrance Wheeldon House – Derek to email CWO and Wates to inspect

12. Any Other Business

Sylvia mentioned the cleaning of block and asked if the path is part of the cleaning service – Derek to check contract with Hi-Spec
POST MEETING NOTE: Hi-Spec should be sweeping this path
Derek has emailed them advising of this and the ANC will monitor.

Barbara mentioned that the garage (4&5) Kestrel Avenue and the concrete posts are in a dangerous condition – Derek to take a 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

Barbara said that the when the grass was cut that they did not blow back the grass on to the bank and the last time they cut the grass they have not cut back totally – John (JH) explained that the grass cutting service is in house now and Derek added that if there is an issue with the grass cutting then to contact Derek on the actual day it has been done to check and refer back to Parks

Barbara mentioned the fly tipping (clothes) in Kestrel Avenue – Derek has reported to Waste Management

Myles - Red Hill Memorial Park overhanging branched path obstructed – Derek has reported to Parks to cut back.

Carl mentioned a number of excess wheelie bins in Larch Walk – Derek advised to call 303 1111 and asked for them to be collected.

Lee mentioned a lamp post (23)
Derek to report

He mentioned the fence outside 71 – 81 Berkeley Road – Derek to send job number and Jenny will chase.

POST MEETING NOTE: The job was attended 23/08/19 and deemed that it needs 2 operatives for the day; this has now been booked in for 04/10/19.

He also said that the trip rail outside 101 Berkeley Road trip rail - may need reporting – Derek to check and report if required

POST MEETING NOTE: Job reported to Wates reference number 7519266/1

Lee said that following the installation of the door entry system and security light at the rear of Block 120 -126 Berkeley Road which he says is too bright and shining into his and other neighbours properties - Derek to email contractor to see if lower wattage bulb could be fitted.

POST MEETING NOTE: The contractors have advised that the wattage of the bulb cannot be lowered as they have worked to the specification provided by the City for this time of work.

Sandra mentioned the uneven path leading to the front – Derek to report – **POST MEETING NOTE:** Job reported to Wates reference number 7514492/1

13. Date and Time of next meeting:

**1.30 - 3.00pm Wednesday 16th October 2019
at Steel Grove Sheltered Scheme**