

South Yardley Housing Liaison Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019
at Steel Grove Community Room, 2 Steel Grove, B25 8BA

Present

John Harrison- Chair
Lee Parkinson - HLB
Pat Sheridan MBE –HLB
Yasmin Samaraweera HLB
Sylva Sadler – HLB
John McLaren – HLB
Myles Scullion – HLB
Barbara Benson – HLB
Cynthia Conway – HLB
Sandra Hinken - Observer
Olly Bradley – Police
Alex Read - Police
Jenny Poole - Wates
Zafer Iqbal - Councillor
Mandy Williams – TPO
Derek Fellows - HO

1.	<u>Welcome, Introductions</u> John (JH) welcomed all to the meeting.
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Carl McCooty - Vice Chair Ray Barrow - HLB
3.	<u>Minutes of last meeting</u> Agreed

4. Matters Arising

John (JH) roof fans at Bakeman House need update – Derek to email Jenny – Derek to email Capital Investment – **ON-GOING – Post Meeting Note** : following an email from Derek

Hi All

I have just spoke to the contractor who as confirmed that all the fans were working correctly after the switchgear was replaced back in May 2019. He has also confirmed that he has just received a job to attend 1 x fan not working, through the day -day repairs.

He will contacting the caretaker and will be attending this at his earliest opportunity

All fans will be checked and serviced on the next sundry service August 2019 as specified by BCC

Barbara mentioned the manhole cover on the footpath outside 20 Kestrel Avenue – **Completed**

Barbara said that cars are parking on the grassed area in front of her property in Kestrel Avenue and at the top of Kestrel Ave corner of Hobmoor Rd – John (JH) advised that he has raised this before with Councillor Baz but will contact him again about having double kerbing installed. - A discussion took place regarding the funding and how the councillors spend.

5. Police Report

Olly advised that the team has 9 officers and a sergeant and PC Woolman has retired.

To report issues via the West Midlands Police website and click on neighbourhood team and input your post code and you will see the team and you can report via this website

The new officers are with the team for 5 months.

Cannabis factory in Deakins Road closed due to local intelligence PCSO's are going into junior schools to engage with the school children and a PC is going to senior schools regarding knife crime.

Myles mentioned an incident regarding a car chase and that the car

would not been able to stop which could of killed someone.

Barbara asked for thanks to be given to PC Holt as there have been no more problems.

Yasmin said that a resident has moved out and left the car there – can the police do anything – Alex explained that this is a civil manner.

Cynthia mentioned the speed of the cars that go down Berkley Road – Alex advised he will pass this information and see if a speed watch campaign can be carried out.

6. Local News and Events Update

Councillor Iqbal advised that he has attended a number of meetings with residents in the sheltered schemes and a lot of issues ASB, lack of grass cutting and police presence at Curtis Gardens.

Sargent Brown is leaving from the Neighbourhood Team but is unsure of a replacement and who it may be

He mentioned that Alex is using photographic evidence to issue tickets for vehicles causing obstruction and that cars are being moved if not taxed - i.e. the car in Steel Grove which has now been removed.

A clean-up day to the rear of Webster and Horsfall and River Cole and canal on 25 July – 2pm - 5pm.

The money from Lidl is to be sent on an art project in Hay Mills and is currently out to tender.

There has been an increase in the police patrols at the Oakland Recreation ground.

He advised that he was out with Waste Management today and all the roads were cleared.

Myles asked about a parking issue in Deakins Road – Councillor Iqbal explained that there is little that can be done if the cars are taxed and that the police have moved a number of cars due to not being taxed.

Councillor Iqbal stated that a shop on the Coventry Road had dumped a lot of rubbish and this has been reported and is going through the legal route.

He mentioned the guys in the tent on the Coventry Road has been passed to the Cabinet Minister John Cotton to investigate and see if anything can be done but did say that as long as local resident kept feeding them and giving them money the longer they will stay.

7. Wates

Jenny gave the following presentation

➤ 10 apprenticeships placements on offer

- Trades on offer – 2 electrical, 2 plumbing, 2 plastering and 4 carpentry
- End of July/beginning of August for interviews
- September start
- Various colleges

Anyone that friends or family that wishes to apply can send CV to Ronda, Jenny or TPO and they will forward on to Wates

- 3 work experience from JTL – they have been going out shadowing trades people 2 work
- 2 work experience from Ninestiles school, mainly in the office
- Community and conservation week - 17th June – 21st June – St Wilfreds community centre by the Bromford, we built planters, cleared garden area for a polytonal and refurbished existing garden furniture, – the centre is well used amongst the local community by the local school and local residents
- Building futures starts 15/07/29

- The Wates Customer and Community team Won award at Wates Chairman's awards for – Commitment for the delivery of Safeguarding awareness for the BCC contract – One of our supervisors (Alan Byrne) also won Mentor of the year for his commitment for supporting new supervisors and building futures candidate.

Barbara advised that she received last year gas service certificate and has just had this year's gas service.

John (JM) asked about the sprinklers will be going into Wheeldon House – Jenny explained that she has no date at the moment.

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

POST MEETING: *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.*

8. Housing Report - HLB Walkabout

Walkabout from the 2nd July was distributed and the next one is on Tuesday 3rd September at 11am meeting Coventry and Oldknow Road.

9. Tenant Participation Officer Report

Mandy advised that the closing date for Birmingham in Bloom is 31 July 2019

Judging for It's your Neighbourhood took take place on 15 & 16 July.

John (JH) and Mandy mentioned the 100 Years celebrating council housing on 4 July 2019 at the Council House for HLB's that have received a kite mark for 2 or more years and is open to the chair and vice chair. She asked if any one has any information, photos/stories or memorabilia to let her know.

Mandy advised that the HLB and Environmental budget and passed

the form around.

	HLB Budget	Project spend	BALANCE
Ward	£		
South Yardley	5623.88		5623.88

	Environmental Budget	Project Spend	BALANCE
Ward	£		
South Yardley	6,200.00		6200.00

John (JM) asked when she was going to take some photos – Mandy send that she had already taken photos.

10. Chairs Report and CHLB Update

The meeting in June 2019 has been cancelled.

Mandy distributed the CityHLB newsletter for May

11. HLB Projects and Budget

John (JH) asked for this to put back into the minutes - Need to add non-slip flooring for Bakeman House to project list – Derek to chase for quote. - **Derek to email Capital Investment to arrange site meeting**

Post Meeting Note : Site meeting has taken place and a quote has been requested.

Agreed Projects

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. – **Awaiting start date for installation of bollards.**

New Projects

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

Longley Crescent Bin area for wheelie bins - £1500

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

Rubbers mat runners to ground floor entrance in Bakeman House – Derek has requested a quote

Kings Road Sheltered Scheme painting of trip rail and Community Project with Wates – Derek to email and request desk top quote

Councillor Iqbal mentioned the access way to the rear of 10 Steel Grove – To arrange a site visit

12. Any Other Business

Cynthia asked if the trip rail in front of her property – Derek to raise a repair.

Post Meeting Note: Job raised reference number 7437960/1

Pat asked if Sandra can be voted onto the Board – Lee seconded – Welcome aboard Sandra

Lee mentioned that one of the residents is experiencing ASB/drugs to the rear of Berkeley Road. – Police to investigate.

Lee asked if a gate or fence could be erected at the side of 141 Berkeley Road and the rear of 83 Berkeley Road – Derek to take look to see if anything can be done

**13. Date and Time of next meeting:
1.30 - 3.00pm Wednesday 18th September 2019
at Steel Grove**