

## South Yardley Housing Liaison Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
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  
Myles Scullion – HLB  
Barbara Benson – HLB  
Sandra Hinken – HLB  
Ray Barrow – HLB  
Yasmin Samaraweera HLB  
Jenny Poole - Wates  
Alex Read - Police  
Zafer Iqbal - Councillor  
Zakar Choudhry – Councillor  
Mandy Williams – TPO  
Derek Fellows - HO

### 1. Welcome, Introductions

John (JH) welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Pat Sheridan MBE –HLB  
Cynthia Conway – HLB

### 3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

### 4. Matters Arising

Myles - Red Hill Memorial Park overhanging branched path obstructed –

	<p>Derek has reported to Parks to cut back. Myles said that it is Hay Mills Pocket Park but has not been cut back – Derek to report again.</p> <p>Barbara mentioned that the garage (4&amp;5) Kestrel Avenue and the concrete posts are in a dangerous condition – Derek to take a look and raise repairs as necessary. <b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b> 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</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b></p> <p>Alex explained about an incident in Vine Lane led to a drug den being discovered and some arrests were made and another drug den in Deakins Road.</p> <p>He explained that there was a large police presence in Oaklands Recreation ground and Small Heath park due to increase in robberies.</p> <p>Ray explained that someone is trying the doors at Kings Road Sheltered Scheme – Alex said that he would investigate.</p> <p>Alex explained if anyone has any issues with parking/obstruction then take a photo which clearly shows the registration number to his email address <a href="mailto:a.read@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk">a.read@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk</a> and £200 fine will be issued with penalty points.</p> <p>Sylvia asked if it was an offence to park to the side of a junction – Alex will take a look.</p> <p>Alex explained that anyone on twitter then they can follow what the neighbourhood police team are doing.</p> <p>Councillor Choudhury asked what can be done with the beggars at the Swan – Alex said they can ask them to move on but a longer term issues is needed.</p> <p>John (JH) said that Tesco security are aware and deal with them as required.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Local News and Events Update</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Iqbal advised that they have started working with Well being and</p>

there have been three parties which is from the 118 money and will be speaking to residents about cleaning up Francis Road , Deakins Road

He is due to meet with the police regarding ASB in Curtis Gardens

He mentioned an incident of a dog biting someone in Oaklands Recreation ground and that he and the dog warden have patrolled the recreation ground but have been unable to identify the dog.

Arts in Yard had their AGM on 18 October at the school house

A workshop is to be held at the school house on 24 October regarding the river Cole.

The community is looking at better use of the St Cyprians church hall

New bus shelter on Coventry Road (by Kings Road) and it is leaking and has been reported to Centro.

Councillor Iqbal mentioned the issues of the recycling bins at Sheltered Scheme and Ray explained the problems he is having.

Myles mentioned the water hygiene test and they he cannot leave a message and that it's between 8am-5pm and could a more specific appointment be made.

Barbara said that they didn't attend her property on Thursday but went next door.

Councillor Choudhry mentioned that most of his issues have been dealt with by the police and 3 people were arrested and the occupier has been evicted.

He is received complaints that people are parking on grassed verges and that the police are involved.

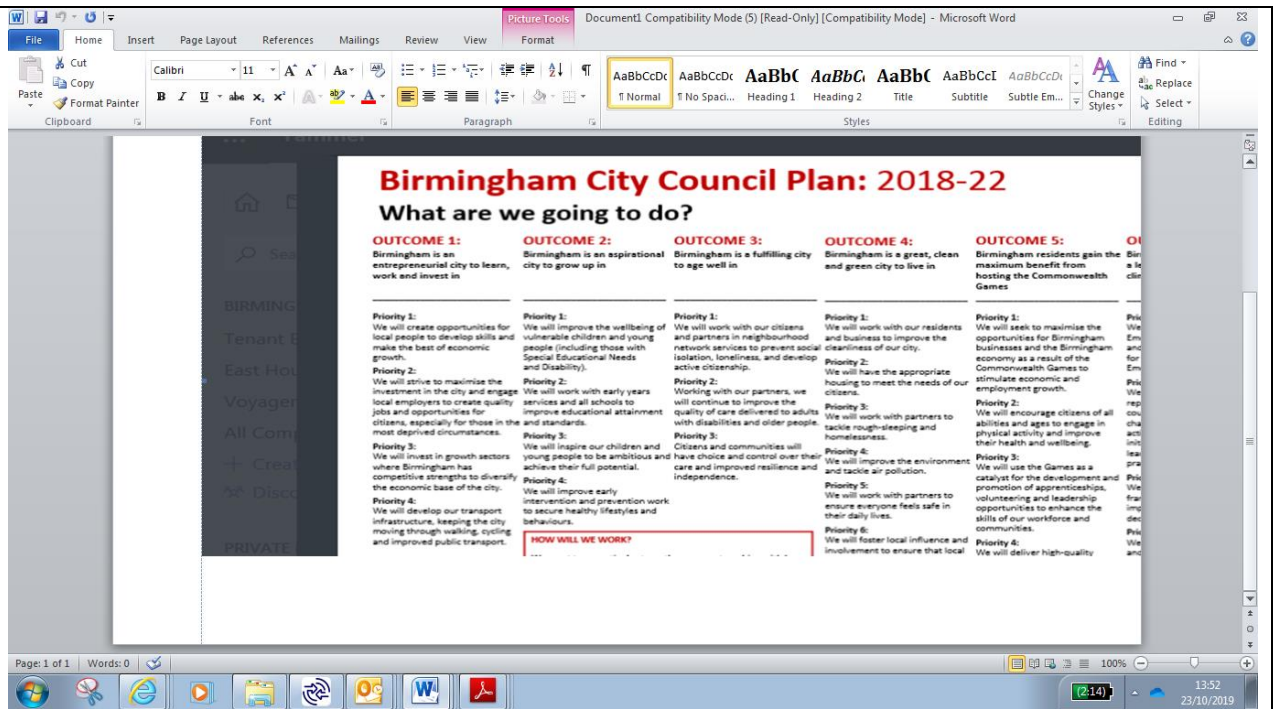
He mentioned the issues with problem with bin collections and he has raised this with Waste Management.

18 November will be changing his venue of his advice surgery

**7. Wates**

Jenny advised on the following:

	<p><b>Apprenticeships</b></p> <p>We will be starting 10 apprentices on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We had over 230 applicants</p> <p><b>MacMillan Big Coffee morning</b></p> <p>We will be taking part in MacMillan big coffee morning (taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October). They raised over £300</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ray asked why there were no painter and decorator apprentices - Jenny explained there policy on this issue and they up skill their current workforce.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Housing Report - HLB Walkabout</u></b></p> <p>Walkabout notes from the 9<sup>th</sup> October was distributed and the next one is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am meeting junction Clay Lane and Longley Crescent</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Tenant Participation Officer Report</u></b></p> <p>Mandy read through a document regarding how we work with residents and the will be included in the minutes.</p>



East Quadrant Awards ceremony is on 13 November at Hall Green United Community Church Reddings Lane

Birmingham in Bloom award ceremony is to be held at the Council House on 6 November.

**10. Chairs Report and CHLB Update**

Carl reading through the CITYHLB newsletter from the meeting held on 26 September

John (JH) went through the kite mark report.

Next CityHLB meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**11. HLB Projects and Budget**

**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. – Derek to email Capital Investment Team for an update. – Bollard cannot be lifted – Derek will email CWO regarding issues.**

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

### **Existing Projects**

New carpet for 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### **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.

Renew padlock to gate to access way rear of Larch Walk – £150approx.

### **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

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

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

**12. Any Other Business**

Ray mentioned the recycling bins had not been emptied - Mandy to email Waste Management again.

John (JM) asked about gas engineers working over the weekend –Jenny advise that they are on call over the weekend,

Myles mentioned some fly tipping in Kestrel Avenue – Derek to take a look and arrange removal.

Yasmin asked about a date for the Christmas meal – Mandy advised that nothing has been mentioned as yet. **Post Meeting: Christmas Meal has now been agreed to go ahead and needs arranging asap**

Carl gave an update on his part of Larch Walk and there is an issue with a security gate to the rear of his block and that the padlock has been cut off. (see project list)

Lee mentioned a lamp post (23)  
Derek to report

**13. Date and Time of next meeting:**

**1.30 - 3.00pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
at Steel Grove Sheltered Scheme**