

Acocks Green Housing Liaison Board

**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 6.30pm
In the Community Lounge, Needwood House, Acock's Green,
Bericote Croft, B27 6DD**

Present

Derrick Novell – Chair
Phil Lee – HLB
Brenda Hurdman – HLB
Leon Bailey – HLB
Bob Musticone – HLB
Tina Ward – Observer
Pat Bruce - Observer
Zafar Iqbal – Councillor
John O'Shea – Councillor
Jenny Poole – Wates
Mandy Williams - TPO

Apologises

Joe McKeown – HLB
Maggie Novell – HLB
Gwen Johnstone – HLB
Brian Jones – Vice Chair
Pauline Connelly – HLB
Roger Harmer – Councillor
Derek Fellows – HO

2. Minutes of last meeting

Derrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the 2 observes and said he wanted no animosity

Minutes agreed by Phil and Brenda

Phil shared that all allotments had now been filled.

Phis asked if the front path to Needwood House – Derek explained that they will only repair not renewing the whole path – Derek will arrange a site meeting with Wates.

Post meeting Note: Site meeting has taken place with Dennis Painter from Wates and a new job has been raised for the necessary repairs to be done. – Derek has met Dennis and the work is booked for 23/1/20 **Post Meeting Note :** Wates have advised that due to the weather that a new date has had to be arranged for 25th March 2020.

Derrick mentioned the guttering to 31 Pemberley Road is leaking – Jenny to investigate – There are no jobs on the system – Derek to check the area and report necessary repairs

Post Meeting Note: Job raised with Wates Job No. 7762469/1

Leon ask if we knew when the sprinklers will be 'live' at Rayleigh and she advised that the letters will be sent, and a launch meeting will be held. – no date at the moment. – Derek will check

Post Meeting Note : Jenny to check if Sprinklers have gone live and reason for residents not being invited to launch meeting

Response from Wates :

Yes, both blocks are both live and handed over to BCC/Fire Service at least a couple of months ago

The 'drop in' Information event for residents to attend was held on 10th January 2019 from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Common Room at the rear of both buildings. Communication went out 7 days prior and this was attended by 13 residents from Needwood and 7 residents from Rayleigh.

When the sprinkler works was delivered on site, we used the common room as part of our welfare facility and held regular monthly meetings between us and our contractors, residents are not invited or included in these.

Dudley Park Medical Centre are moving and are hoping to move to Acocks Green Care home – this has been put on hold

Bob mentioned Shelia Devaney - Mandy advised that a meeting has taken place and that Shelia does not want to attend but it has been agreed that two representatives from St Marys Close can attend the meeting. Mandy asked if anyone had any objections to attend as observers – Board agreed. **Mandy shared that Sheila did not say she did not want to attend the HLB and apologised for this wrong comment**

Bob mentioned there is graffiti in the access way leading to the allotments to the rear of Halbrook Drive – Derek to report

	<p>Post Meeting Note: Reported to Waste Management to remove</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Invited Guests:</p> <p>Wates</p> <p>Jenny shared a new app called localz is being piloted 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>Brenda said the lights on the 1st floor of Needwood House were not working – Jenny said it needs to be reported to repairs – Mandy said she would email Derek Fellows</p> <p>Mandy asked about some community works at 998 -1002 Warwick Road i.e. gravel – Jenny to check</p> <p>Police</p> <p>No one in attendance</p> <p>PCSO's are John Ludford and Kevin Large.</p> <p>Mandy asked if the police could send a report to her - Derrick to try and get an email address and send it to Mandy</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Councillors Update</p> <p>Councillor O' Shea</p> <p>Government are changing rules on collecting separate food waste – options on how to introduce this are over a 3-week period and are looking to see if and how this can be done:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food waste / residual waste 2. Recycling / residual waste 3. Gardening / residual waste 4.

Cllr O'Shea shared that there is about 300 tonnes of food wasted per day

Cllr O'Shea shared good news:

Fox Hollies Park have received £750,000 which has come from Section 106 money and can only be spent on Fox Hollies Park. Consultations will go ahead in March.

Fencing has already been completed around the Park and they are looking at maybe moving and replacing both play areas, building an outside Gym and dealing with the drainage in the Park

Leon asked if Street lighting could be put in the Park areas and Cllr O'Shea shared that this will not be an option as they do not want to encourage anyone in the Park after dark.

Cllr Iqbal

Oaklands have received £600,000 and they maybe looking at putting another outside Gym in the Park as the one they already have is used all the time and people are waiting to use the Gym

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.

Webster and Horsefall exhibition have now gone live and is on until 4th October 2020 at the Arts & Museum Gallery and they are celebrating 300 years

Cllr Iqbal carried out a site visit with Mike Chipman along the Warwick Rd as he had received complaints regarding it not being cleaned for months – Mike Chipman to carry out some work along Warwick Rd as road sweepers cannot be used due to car parking.

Opposite Cousin's there are flats above the shops and rubbish is building up – a bin has now been provided but not being picked up

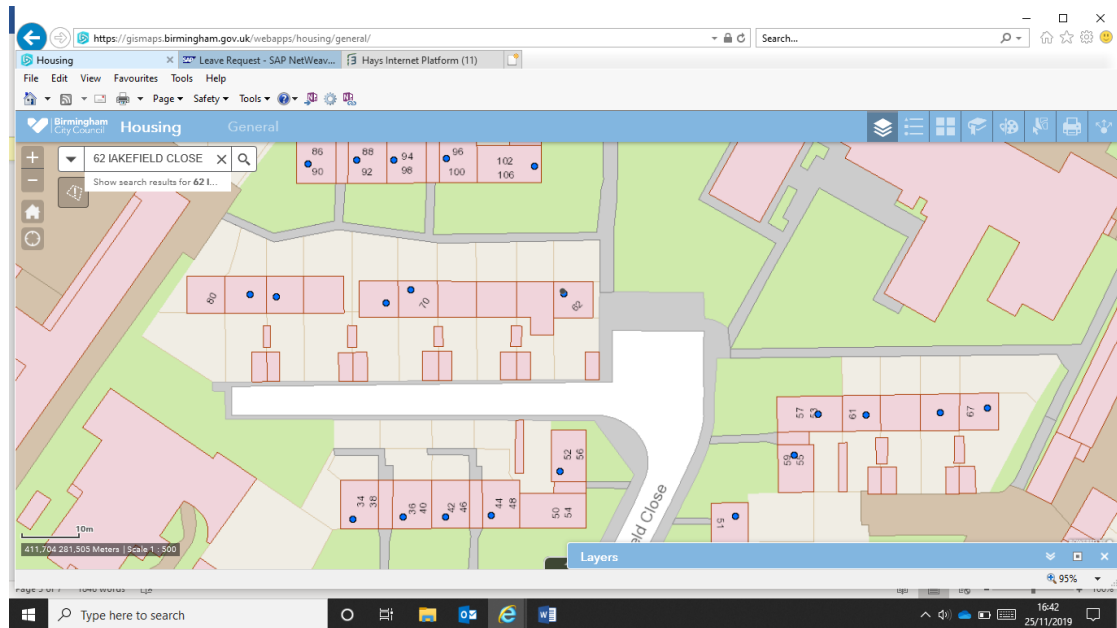
Fridges are a big problem with being dumped

Phil shared that a car has been dumped in Woodberry Walk and this is an unclaimed road and the car park belongs to the flats – Cllr O'Shea said he is currently doing some work on this issue and that anyone can check online if a car is taxed and MOT'd and only

	<p>local authority or Police can remove them</p> <p>Thursday 20th February a Ward Form for TYHM will be held at 6.30pm at the Scouts Hut on Spring Rd. Police and Highways will be attending. Issues have been raised around the Zebra crossings on Shaftmoor Lane and Olton Boulevard East as they are at the end of a junction.</p> <p>18th March Hay Mills Ward Forum are having a community day and clean up at Heybarnes Retail Park and other agencies will be attending – this is from 10am – 3pm</p> <p>Cllr Iqbal attends the East Birmingham Community Safety Partnership meetings where all Cllrs from East are invited</p> <p>Leon asked why Police attend his meetings but not our HLB and Cllr Iqbal said they do not have the resources to attend all meetings</p> <p>Pat said that Andy Collis is the AG Police Officer</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Chairs Report CHLB Update</p> <p>CHLB meeting for 23rd January 2020 was cancelled next one is Thursday 20th February 2020.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Walkabout Report</p> <p>Last walkabout was on 7th February 2020 no-one attended – Phil did apologise and said he had forgot.</p> <p>Next Walkabout is on at Weds 4th March at 11.00am meeting outside Needwood House</p> <p>HLB Projects Update 2019-20</p> <p>Budget for HLB is £8000 and the Environmental budget is £19000</p>

New Projects

Derek advised that a resident in Lakefield Close had requested a barrier to the entrance of the access way rear of 62 Lakefield Close and asked if the HLB would fund this project. – Derek to get desktop quote – See plan of location and the blue dots show council properties.



Brenda asked if heating could be fitted to the ground floor foyer of Needwood and Rayleigh House – Derek to check

Post Meeting Note: Due to Health and Safety issues i.e. no fire fighting equipment in the foyer the City would not consider this request.

The board agreed to donate £100 to AG VIB – Mandy to raise a cheque

The board agreed to donate £100 for plants for St Mary's – Mandy has committed this money

Bob asked about the fencing at Haybrook Drive by the brook where the barbed wire has been taken down and youth are climbing over into the brook – **POST MEETING** - Mandy has emailed Derek to see what can be done. The Gate can have slates added at the top to make it higher but would have to be done as a project. The main issue is that the youths can climb over any part of the fence so the fencing would need to be higher or renewing which could prove very costly and would have to be done as a

	project.
7.	<p>Tenant Participation Officer Report</p> <p>Mandy shared the Great British Spring Clean is being held from 20th March to 13th April and if anyone has any suggestions for a clean-up and to be involved to let her know</p> <p>Mandy 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 an emergency meeting can be arranged. Mandy asked the board to think about it as she wanted their opinions and thoughts on this</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Phil said as he walked through Acocks Green the paving is full of chewing gum and is there a programme for cleaning it up. Cllr O'Shea said there is no programme</p> <p>Leon asked if Acocks Green was becoming a gaming area. Cllr O'Shea said it is nothing he can control</p> <p>Leon shared that about 2-3 weeks ago a set up was arranged to catch a paedophile in Dolphin Lane – this was successful and has been removed from the area</p> <p>Phil said that the lift in Rayleigh House has now had 2 new handles and they are a little higher in the lift and everyone is happy with them.</p> <p>Mandy handed out the HLB Performance Report to everyone and to discuss at the next meeting</p>
	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 17th March 2020 At Needwood House Common Room.</p>