

Acocks Green Housing Liaison Board	
Minutes of meeting held 16th July 2019 at 6.30pm In the Community Lounge, Needwood House, Acock's Green, Bericote Croft, B27 6DD	
Present	Brian Jones – Vice Chair Pauline Connelly – HLB Gwen Johnstone –HLB Phil Lee – HLB Brenda Hurdman – HLB Leon Bailey – HLB Bob Musticone - HLB Jenny Poole – Wates Roger Harmer – Councillor Faiqa Shahzad - John O'Shea – Councillor Zafar Iqbal – Councillor Mandy Williams - TPO Derek Fellows – HO
Apologises	Derrick Novell – Chair Maggie Novell – HLB Vicky Jones – HLB Joe McKeown – HLB Pauline Farnham – HLB

2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Brian chaired the meeting as Derrick (DN) is not well and he welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes agreed by Phil and Gwen</p> <p>Bob (BM) advised that following the installation of the new lamp post the signs regarding dog fouling have not been put back up – Derek to email to Animal Welfare for new signs. – Derek to Chase Animal Welfare</p> <p>Bob(BM) said he had contacted someone re the signs and they have now been put up but are quite low – POST MEETING NOTE:</p>
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Derek has emailed the Animal Welfare and requested some more signs to be fitted at a higher level

Brenda said that the drain cover was missing on the pathway adjacent to the Common Room - Derek to report to Wates

POST MEETING NOTE : Job Number 7361911/1 – Derek to chase with Wates – Job Done

Councillor Iqbal advised that the yellow block line in Spring Road will be removed. Should read Olton Boulevard West.

Sprinklers have gone live in Pemberley Road blocks and work as there was a fire in kitchen to a flat of the 6th floor and the sprinklers were activated and worked as they are intended to.

3. Invited Guests:

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 Wilfred's community centre by the Bromford, we built planters, cleared garden area for a polytunnel 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.

Phil asked if Jenny 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.

Phil asked if the pipes will be boxed in – Derek advised yes.

Leon asked the life span of a kitchen and how he gets a new kitchen and Jenny explained the process i.e. needs to report as a repair and an operative will attend and repair if economical to do so or request a refurbishment back to the City for a decision

Gwen mentioned 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

Police

No one in attendance but the following report was received from PCSO Kevin Large and read out by Mandy

Acocks Green Crime overall is up 4.7 %, however month to date its down by -11%

Burglary -36% 26 less crimes
Robbery -31% 10 less crimes
Theft of motor vehicles +7.8% 4 more crimes
Shop theft +172% 38 more crimes.

The Neighbourhood Team are still linking in with the Schools and have Street Watch patrolling the village at various times.

They have also been doing a lot of work around the beggars in Acocks Green Village.

4. Councillors Update

Councillor Iqbal

He 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.

Aerial Money for Coppice House and some residents where not happy that all the money wasn't spent – Mandy is collated this information and they mentioned the white goods in the common room should be replaced soon.

Sargent Brown is leaving the Neighbourhood Team but unsure of a replacement

He mentioned that the PCSO in Yardley is using photographic evidence to issue tickets for vehicles causing obstruction.

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

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

A number of trees have been removed from the Oakland Recreation ground due to the Oak Processionary Moth which is a nasty thing – causes allergic reactions in humans and defoliates oak trees.

He explained that he and Councillor Harmer are attending meetings with Connecting Yardley Communities tackling loneliness.

	<p>Councillor O'Shea</p> <p>He said that the 3 depots out 4 are working well with regards the waste collections but there are still some problems.</p> <p>Councillor Harmer</p> <p>The draft ward plan should be going to the next Ward Meeting in September.</p> <p>Amey are to be replaced next year and that the City Council will take the responsibilities until a new contractor is found.</p> <p>He mentioned abandon cars parked in Fenton Road and Denham Road and that the police have removed them.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Chairs Report CHLB Update</p> <p>The June meeting was cancelled not sure if a July meeting is to go ahead CHLB newsletter was distributed</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Walkabout Report</p> <p>Walkabout was to take place on Thursday 4 July 2019 but no-one was in attendance although Phil did give his apologies beforehand.</p> <p>The next Walkabout is on Thursday 5 September 2019 – 1pm and to meet on the corner of Heathcliff Road and Hay Brook Drive</p> <p>HLB Projects Update 2019-20</p> <p>Budget for HLB is £8000 and the Environmental budget is £19000</p> <p>New Projects</p> <p>Pauline mentioned the barrier at Hay Brook Drive and if a fence/gate can be installed - Derek to go out check and obtain a quote.</p>

7. Tenant Participation Officer Report

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

It's your Neighbourhood judging took place at St Marys Close and Warwick Road on 16 July.

Mandy advise of the HLB and Environmental budget see below

	HLB Budget	Project spend	BALANCE
Ward	£		
Acocks Green	8297.61	5178.23	3119.38

	Environmental Budget	Project Spend	BALANCE
Ward	£		
Acocks Green	19,300.00	2,048.63	17251.37

The AGM needs to take place on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at Needwood House at 6.30pm.

Bob (BM) asked Mandy to check the HLB constitution as to whether he can stand as a chair or vice chair – Councillor O’Shea checked whilst at the meeting and he can be chair or vice but an owner occupier can’t.

8. Any Other Business.

Leon asked about the spraying of weeds on the Highways - Derek advised that there is a backlog due a contractual issue but they are get back on track

A discussion took place regarding Acocks Green Carnival that take place on Saturday 6 July 2019 and that the parade needs to return for next year.

Leon asked if someone had checked the roof and CCTV following an unauthorised person had been seen on the roof of Rayleigh House – Derek said yes that the company who have the telecommunications equipment have checked the roof and all was fine and the CCVT had been checked but nothing found.

Leon then stated that the date and time on the camera was wrong – Derek will check

Post Meeting Note: Derek was a bit confused as the residents cannot view the CCTV just the images which are shown on the residents at the time someone enters the block

Brian asked about the trees to the side of the common room at Needwood House – Derek to report to Tree Officer to inspection.

Brian finished the meeting by sending his and the boards 'Best Wishes' to Derrick (DN)

Date and Time of next meeting:
6.30pm Tuesday 17th September 2019 which will be the AGM At Needwood House Common Room.