

<b>Acocks Green Housing Liaison Board</b>	
<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at 6.30pm In the Community Lounge, Needwood House, Acock's Green, Bericote Croft, B27 6DD</b></p>	
<b>Present</b>	<p>Derrick Novell – Chair Maggie Novell – HLB Brian Jones – Vice Chair Pauline Connelly – HLB Phil Lee – HLB Brenda Hurdman – HLB Leon Bailey – HLB Alan Byrne – Wates John O'Shea – Councillor Zafar Iqbal – Councillor Mandy Williams - TPO</p>
<b>Apologises</b>	<p>Joe McKeown – HLB Gwen Johnstone – HLB Bob Musticone – HLB Roger Harmer – Councillor Derek Fellows – HO</p>

<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>Derrick welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes agreed by Phil and Brenda</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 Bob(BM) said he had contacted someone re the signs and they have now been put up but are quite low – <b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b> Derek has emailed the Animal Welfare and requested some more signs to be fitted at a</p>
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3.	<p><b>Invited Guests:</b></p> <p><b>Wates</b></p> <p>Alan gave the following presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 apprentices started on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019</li> <li>- We are down to 9 through mutual agreement</li> <li>- We had over 230 applicants</li> </ul> <p>Alan shared that apprentices are going to be our future</p> <p><b>McMillan Coffee Morning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We took part in McMillan big coffee morning which took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and raised £323.60 in total</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward End House – mini makeover</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This was a project in which we cut back overgrowth and painted the fence. We put down gravel to tidy up the communal area as this used to be maintained by one of the residents but unfortunately she is now in a home and the area was very neglected. All of the residents were pleased with the outcome.</li> </ul> <p><b>HLB Chairs Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is planned for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and invites will be sent out the first week of November</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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</p> <p><b>Police</b></p> <p>No one in attendance</p> <p>Derrick said he had spoken to Superintendent Sarah Burton from Stechford Police Station and she was going to see if a Police Officer could attend one of our HLB meetings</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors Update</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Iqbal</b></p> <p>Cllr I carried out a walkabout around Haybrook Drive with Bob Musticone and the dog warden as Bob said there was a lot of dog mess around the drive. The dog warden didn't actually see any mess and had visited the area before. Bob asked for Posters to put up higher</p> <p>Cllr I shared he was walking through the Oaklands around 7am one morning when a person had been bitten by a dog and the dog walker had disappeared. An ambulance was called and dealt with the incident. Cllr I informed the dog warden and he visited the Oaklands and was checking all dogs were microchipped. The dog walker has not been seen since but the dog warden said he will visit at different times.</p> <p>Cllr I shared there is to be a Workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> October at the School House by St Cyprians and this is for all residents and stakeholders. This is to gather views from everyone and prepare a plan to clear up the land behind the School House</p> <p>Arts in the Yard had their AGM and about 60-70 residents attended</p>

The 106 money is now commissioned and the project starts on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cllr I has been working with the Well Being group and had street parties arranged – where games, food etc has been provided

Cllr I shared that a small project is to be carried out on 31<sup>st</sup> October in George Rd. He is working with Waste Enforcement to see how much rubbish is collected and how most of the issues are from businesses.

Cllr I shared the tents from Coventry Rd have gone but there are still beggars at the traffic lights of Kings Rd which he is trying to deal with.

Leon shared that he has told a couple that were beggars to get their benefit money directed back to the benefit office but they were told this cannot be done

Cllr I has worked with John Cotton to try and help beggars and the homeless

Phil shared that if a shop lifter is caught in the shops in the Green they are automatically banned from the shop, if they are caught a 2<sup>nd</sup> time they are then arrested for burglary from the shop.

Cllr I shared he has put in a bid for Insteps to do consultation work with the community. A bid has been put in for £40,000 to do some work on the East Corridor

Grass Verges – Cllr I shared he had had a meeting with the Parks Manager regarding Curtis Gardens and it has now all been cut back and needs increased cuttings

Sargent Craig Woolaway from Acocks Green Station has had 2 meetings with Cllr I at Curtis Gardens and at the last meeting he was going to bring an officer in deduction of crime. Residents are saying there is more police presence and police are working with Bernie the Support Worker.

Cllr I has been working with PCSO Alex in Hay Mills and he sends him pictures of bad parking – there has been a couple of issues in Kings Rd Scheme car park and the culprits have received fines and penalty points

Leon mentioned the 2 cars that are parking outside Rayleigh House and live opposite can anything be done with them.

Cllr I shared this can only be done if the cars are blocking pathways or preventing someone especially disabled getting out.

Cllr J shared you can also complete a form off the website

Derrick shared there has been a lot more police patrols around Pemberley Rd especially at night

Phil shared usually of a Saturday night there is a car that comes around with girls in the car, drinking and smoking drugs and they park up the alley – they dispose of their rubbish in the alley and make a lot of noise.

Cllr J said he would bring this up with the Police

### **Councillor O'Shea**

He said that an order has been put in for new waste vehicles and should get 20 per month for the next 12 months. This will cost Waste around £30m.

Amey will be removed by the end of March 2020

Amey are going to resurface Gospel Farm Rd and Broomhall Close

Phil asked if a sleeping policeman could be put in Woodcock Lane

Cllr J said they cannot install these anymore and only install sleeping cushions

Bin services are gradually improving

	<p>Maggie asked what is the lifespan of the new waste vehicles</p> <p>Cllr J said it's about 6-7 years. He said the old vehicles are either sold or scrapped as they do empty about 2.5 million bins per week. Waste are also hiring more staff</p> <p>Acocks Green lights are being switched on – 24<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Acocks Green Christmas Event – 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Chairs Report CHLB Update</b></p> <p>Brian attended the CHLB in September.</p> <p>He shared that Birmingham have lots of problems with housing – there are not enough houses</p> <p>Tenants in B&amp;B's have halved to what they used to be</p> <p>Flytipping is getting worse</p> <p>Commonwealth games – there are to be 1400 houses to be built but only 60 to be used for social housing</p> <p>Perry Barr flyover is going ahead and to be demolished</p> <p>BCC are doing their best with homeless people but some do not want the help</p> <p>Brenda asked if brown sites can be used for building new homes</p> <p>Cllr J shared this cannot be done as they are to be used for businesses</p> <p>Brian shared that Wates are trying to improve repairs</p> <p>Phil said when he phones repairs it costs a fortune – the group said it was his mobile as it is usually a standard call cost</p> <p>CHLB newsletter was distributed to all at meeting</p>

<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Walkabout Report</b></p> <p>The last Walkabout took place on Thursday 5 September 2019 – 1pm and to meet on the corner of Heathcliff Road and Hay Brook Drive – MW to post walkabout with minutes</p> <p>Next walkabout is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and to meet outside Needwood House</p> <p><b>HLB Projects Update 2019-20</b></p> <p>Budget for HLB is £8000 and the Environmental budget is £19000</p> <p><b>New Projects</b></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. – MW asked the HLB if it was okay to get a quote for this project and all agreed</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Tenant Participation Officer Report</b></p> <p>Budget sheets were distributed to the group</p> <p>Birmingham in Bloom ceremony award to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and will be held at the Council House</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business.</b></p> <p>Phil shared that there are 3-4 allotments free at present. He asked if a notice board could be bought by the HLB so notices can be put up without them being taken away. The cost of an allotment is £90 per year, if you are a pensioner it cost £45 per year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year is free and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> year it is to be paid again.</p>

	<p><b>Post Meeting Note : Unfortunately the HLB budget could not be used to fund a noticeboard within the allotment. Maybe Phil could contact the allotments committee or <a href="mailto:allotments@birmingham.gov.uk">allotments@birmingham.gov.uk</a> directly to see if there is any funding available to fit a noticeboard.</b></p> <p>Leon asked if fires can be done in the allotments late at night as someone is lighting a fire when it is dark. Brian shared that Bericote close is a nightmare with parking and asked if any parking could be done. It was explained that it would be very expensive and no funding to do it. <b>Post Meeting Note: Please report any concerns to <a href="mailto:allotments@birmingham.gov.uk">allotments@birmingham.gov.uk</a> regrading fires on the site</b></p> <p>Pauline said that there are mattresses, fridges etc flytipped in Haybrook Drive – MW said she would let Derek Fellows know – <b>POST MEETING: rubbish has been removed on 25<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p>Leon said a chair has been dumped at the back of Rayleigh House</p> <p>Derrick thanked Brian for attending CHLB in September</p>
	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 which will be the AGM At Needwood House Common Room.</b></p>