

# Hall Green District Housing Liaison Board Meeting

**Minutes of meeting held on  
Monday 20 January 2020  
At Common Room, Fleetwood House, B13 8BL  
6.00 PM – 7.30 PM**

<b>Present</b>	Jeff Horton (JH) Peter Weston (PW) Arshad Butt (AB) Norma O'Regan (NO) Wendy Kimpson (WK) Giovanni Esposito	Chair Member Member Member Member Police
<b>In attendance</b>	Derek Fellows (DF) Mandy Williams (MW)	Housing Officer Tenant Participation Officer
<b>Apologies</b>	Firoza Loonat (FL) Ronda D'Aguilar (RDA) Izzy Knowles (IK) Raj Srivastava (RS) Lou Robson (LR) Shaheeda Choudhary (SC)	Tenant Participation Officer Wates Member Vice Chair Councillor Member

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>JH welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a happy New Year</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed by WK and AB</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Thirlmere Drive renewal of gate – DF has visited, and a repair has been raised</p>

	<p>RS asked about the central heating boiler at Belgrave Middleway and asked if an electrical heater can be fitted in the meantime – MW to pass onto RDA: <b>POST MEETING:</b> Response from Ronda: I have been in conversation with Ian Morris on this one as the boiler is commercial and Ian wanted possible alternative heating solutions. No decisions have been made yet as Ian is waiting for plans and drawings relating to future use of Belgrave Road. Andy Brown from Wates is yet to provide Ian Morris with this info. Once Ian has been provided with the information as decision is likely to be made.</p> <p>NO advised that it should read Belgrave Middleway.</p> <p>NO advised that the heating is on in the 2 common rooms but not working in the passageways – MW to check with Karen – <b>POST MEETING:</b> it has been reported. New heating with separate boilers in the common rooms was put in before Christmas as it was so cold.</p> <p>I have been told that they are deciding what heating to be used for the corridors Electric or Gas.</p>
3	<p><b>Invited Guests</b></p> <p><b>Police:</b></p> <p>GE went through the current crime figures</p> <p>Car fully blocking a pavement which can be reported by taking a photo of car and downloaded by visiting the follow website :</p> <p>Blocking a dropped kerb is only an offence if someone is not in the vehicle and you want to go off the dropped kerb.</p> <p>Police have done speeding operations in Hall Green and visited local schools regarding parking outside them.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Meetings for Hall Green ward to be held at Highbury Hall.</p> <p>Two warrants have been executed following local intelligence and were very successful regrading drugs and a large amount of cash.</p> <p>Email received regarding notes from Tasking Meeting held in Dec 2019</p> <p><b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b></p> <p><b>Time: 1900 hours Hall Green The Club</b></p> <p>Crime figures for the last month, Hall Green ward recorded a total of 107 crimes, which is compared with 90 crimes for the same period last year, representing a slight increase in crime.</p> <p><b>Burglary Dwelling and Vehicle Crime</b></p>

This month there have been 11 burglaries including 2 attempts which is a decrease from last month. Darker Nights are here and we ask that you stay safe, close and lock all doors and windows when you go to bed, remember, "Lock up, Lights On", please see our website for further details on crime prevention: [west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/dark](http://west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/dark).

We have seen a decrease in vehicle crime with 12 offences being recorded this month, including 6 theft from vehicles. The offences are spread across the ward, with most offences being committed overnight. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle, even if they are hidden from view.

#### **Parking, Speeding and Driver**

This month the team conducted a parking patrol at Hall Green Infants and Jnr School where parents were advised around parking. An ANPR Operation was carried out on Stratford Road where an offender has been reported for driving whilst using a mobile phone, not wearing a seat belt and not having an MOT.

Parking issues around schools continue to be a problem. If you experience problems with vehicles parking in an inconsiderate and dangerous manner you can report these directly using the following url:

<https://www.nextbase.com/en-gb/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>

Speeding operations have been conducted on Highfield Road, Fox Hollies Road and Stratford Road with a number of drivers receiving tickets. This will continue to be the focus for the team due to the road traffic accidents occurring in Hall Green.

#### **Priority**

Seasonally we experience more burglaries and car crime at this time of year. The team will be conducting targeted patrols around the ward to combat these issues. We will also be assisting with Operation Silent Night, a force wide initiative to combat the night time demand of the festive period. If you are out celebrating, travel home safely so everyone can enjoy Christmas. Don't take the risk. Don't drink and drive.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Meeting**

This month the team held a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting. It was wonderful to catch up with our much valued co-ordinators who work so hard to assist the community all through the year. If you are interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch please speak to the team at the end of the meeting.

#### **News**

**The team have carried out two successful warrants this month. The first warrant that was carried out the team recovered a large amount of cash and other suspicious property. At the second warrant drugs and phones were recovered and several arrests were made.**

**We are delighted to learn our ward has achieved the highest total reduction in crime across the constituency over the year at - 5%, this is due to the hard work and dedication of the team as one of the smallest on the constituency and the support of our community.**

**The team are still addressing begging in our area. If you see anyone begging here in contravention of the warnings please contact us on 101, via live chat or at [hallgreen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hallgreen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk).**

#### **Tasking Dates for 2020**

**All the below will be held at Highfield Hall at 19:00-20:00**

	<p>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020  Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020  Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020  Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p> <p>Please remember if you see anything suspicious then report it either online, on 101 or 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.</p> <p><b>Wates:</b></p> <p>No one in attendance and no report received</p>
4.	<p><b>Councillors update</b></p> <p>No councillors in attendance</p>
5	<p><b>CHLB update</b></p> <p>JH attended the CHLB in November and gave a brief presentation regarding unsung heroes' awards for the Performance Monitoring Group and there are Birmingham in Bloom calendars for sale at £1.50 and monies to go to charity.</p> <p>Joe Hayden who gave a presentation on grounds maintenance across the City and that they had received an improvement notice from PMG.</p> <p>10 cuts per year for normal amenity land and 21 cuts per year for Sheltered Schemes.</p> <p>Following the grass cutting, any grass cutting should be blown back onto the grassed area and off pathways.</p> <p>The operatives are currently cutting hedges and will commence the grass cutting in March 2020.</p> <p>He mentioned Trees in the City and how this works.</p> <p>Walkabouts and inspections were mentioned and that HLB members should have some form of ID - Customer Involvement Unit are looking at this .</p> <p>The Christmas Quiz was held after the meeting</p> <p>Next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</p>

<p>6</p>	<p><b>HLB Walkabout &amp; Projects</b></p> <p>DF shared the last Walkabout which was on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11am meeting at Woodnorton Drive and Alcester Road there were no issues identified and on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the walkabout took place Edward Road.</p> <p>Next walkabout is on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Junction of Middleton Road and Alcester Road</p> <p><b>New HLB Projects.</b></p> <p>Dropped kerb to Lenches Green – Awaiting quote  Install gate and Fence to access way to Rear 2 to 9 Princess Road – Awaiting quote</p> <p>Block signs in Pensby Close and Thirlmere Drive – quoted accepted – <b>Board agreed</b> – Pensby Close signs have been done just waiting for signs to be fitted in Thirlmere Drive.</p> <p>MW asked if there were any ideas for projects and asked if the group would think of projects.</p> <p>PSCO suggested new notice boards in Hall Green Ward – Need to check if housing land – at the meeting it was shared that the land on which the notice boards are Highways</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Tenant Participation Updates:</b></p> <p>MW mentioned that the Councillor for Hall Green has been asked for any projects</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>NO mentioned that a car had been stolen from the car park at Belgrave Middleway and asked if CCTV cameras can be installed – DF explained that this would not be possible.</p> <p>NO mentioned a dryer in the upstairs laundry room which has been out of order for a number of months – Post Meeting: <a href="#">The Drier has been reported and may need replacing, we are waiting for quotes.</a></p>

	<p>NO said that the carpets have been ripped up following a central heating repair and stuck back down but it looks a mess – Post Meeting: recent heating works have meant that remaining carpets have been cut back to allow works– at present heating working is ongoing so further damage will be done to carpets. In some corridor carpets have been damaged for years but all areas remain safe for tenants use. Can I add that all tenants are already aware of all of the above</p> <p>PW thanked MW for organising the Christmas Meal</p>
9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date and Time of Next meeting :</b> <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> <b>@ Fleetwood House</b> <b>Time: 6pm – 7.30pm</b></p>