

Minutes of the Bartley Green Housing Liaison Board
Held on Monday 16th January 2017
At Bartley Green Housing Office, Monmouth Road
Commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Harry Bennett – HLB Chair
Karen Bailey – Place Manager
Lloyd Patten – Housing Officer
Pat Harley – Member
Diane Griffiths – Member
Colin Evans – Member
Corrine Morris – Member
Denise Bray – Member

1.0	WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS	
	Harry welcomed all to the meeting	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr John Lines – Councillor Cllr Bruce Lines – Councillor Cllr Desmond Flood – Councillor Dot Woodham - Member	
3.0	MINUTES LAST MEETING	
3.1	Minutes of last meeting were read as true record and agreed, although it was asked if the minutes could reflex that Cllr Bruce Lines was at the last meeting and was not an apology.	

<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The issue of the lighting at the rear of Pat Harley's property has still not been rectified as not enough branches have been removed from the tree – Karen to check with Peter Hill to see if it has been agreed that the tree should be removed or cut back further. 2. Harry asked if Corrine still had trouble with motor bikes in her area – She has said yes but she will get some leaflets and mail them through some doors to see if anyone else was experiencing the same problems with motorbikes etc. 3. Karen informed the HLB that we need to get another representative from Fortem (formerly Willmott Dixon) as Steve Chatterton can no longer attend the meetings due to his new role and there appears to be numerous repair issues being raised at the meeting 	<p>KB</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BUDGET</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gravel Bank - quote has been returned with a cost of £3,000 to tarmac the proposed area, not the £10-12,000 it was expected to cost. Due to the low cost Jaz confirmed the work required and the cost with Jennie Carter. Pat wanted to know if the £3.000 was just for the tarmac or the rest of the area. Karen has said that the grassed area should be on a programme. Colin/Harry has agreed to assess the area on their next walkabout. Karen has also said she would talk to Street Scene to see if they could do anything about the rubbish in the area. 2. Romsley Rd – a quote has been returned for approximately £3,000 to erect a 1.5m fence/barrier leading to the garage area to stop people dumping rubbish etc. – BCC will write to the people whose access to the garages maybe affected by the fence. 3. Pomeroy Rd – Members could not identify where the gates needed to be fitted. Corrine thinks that the area is BCC land that leads to Dainton Grove. The cost of the fence would be £1500 which the HLB has agreed to fund. 4. Hillwood Rd – project is a priority. Diane informed Karen that 	<p>KB</p>

	<p>she and a friend had previously paid someone to remove the leaves however she did not want to pay to get them removed again. She enquired how she could get them removed in the future. Karen informed Diane that Street Scene may possibly be able to remove the leaves, so she would have to speak to Tina Richards. It was also mentioned that number 10 Hillwood Rd had a lot of furniture at the front of her property, so Karen has said that she would speak to Joanne Collins (Older Support Worker) about getting the items removed.</p> <p>5. Adams Hill – the properties are to be decorated but this will be done under the ‘normal’ Asset Management Programme.</p> <p>A walkabout has been agreed for the 27th February 2017 – Woodside, Plough Avenue and Summerfield Rd (members will meet by the industrial estate).</p> <p>Culford Drive – Chain link needs replacing by No.38 as the tenant is visually impaired. Carol Edge is looking into the issue.</p> <p>Harry has suggested going out with Carol to assess some of the projects put forward, so that he has a better understanding of what is required for each project.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>CE</p> <p>HB</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>CITY HLB</p> <p>A short brief was presented with regards to CHLB.</p>	
<p>7.0</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p>	<p>PLACE MANAGERS UPDATE</p> <p>Karen and her team has identified other projects and put them forward for approval, however quotes would be needed before they are agreed –</p> <p>California House – Chute room flooring needs replacing</p> <p>Beech Hill House – erect bollards in the parking area to stop people parking in an inappropriate manner. (aerial spend)</p> <p>Blocks Opp. Millmead Rd – Capital /HLB funding to internally decorate the blocks, and to erect bow top fencing around the grass areas leading to the blocks.</p> <p>Improve dusk till dawn lighting in the area.</p> <p>Erect hard standing areas for bins outside the blocks in Millmead Rd etc.</p>	

<p>7.7</p> <p>7.8</p> <p>7.9</p>	<p>Also Altro flooring is to be considered for some of the blocks.</p> <p>Merritts Hill bungalows – Bow top fencing to be considered for the bungalows.</p> <p>Harry asked if everyone had filled in the Audits Skills form – those that had not has said they would do it a.s.a.p. and return the forms.</p>	
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p> <p>8.5</p> <p>8.6</p> <p>8.7</p> <p>8.8</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Diane informed the group that it appeared that Fortem had done some work on one of the bungalows in Hillwood Rd but left the doors etc. outside the property. She wanted to know if these will be collected.</p> <p>Diane had wanted to know why the slabs in Hillwood Rd outside the chemists/off licence etc. had not been replaced. Karen/Lloyd informed her that he had been out to look at the issue as it had been reported on more than one occasion. Karen said that she would get someone to chase this issue up as on the system the repair had been closed as completed.</p> <p>Karen will contact Fortem to see if a representative could attend future meetings in place of Steve Chatterton.</p> <p>Colin asked if the group will be notified that Sheila Lewis has now resigned from the HLB.</p> <p>Corrine asked about getting graffiti removed by Street Scene, as there appears to be more being sprayed in the area especially by the garages in Grazebrook and Kirkwall Rd. She was informed that its removal could be done via the BCC website.</p> <p>Pat asked how long a car could be kept on a property without being moved as her neighbour's car had been immobile for a while, and she could not clear up leaves etc. as it was in the way.</p> <p>She was informed that it depends on where the car was parked, whether it was taxed/MOT or had a SORN submitted informing the DVLA that it was now off road. She further informed the group about the parking issues in Gravel Bank, as people were parking their cars across the pavement causing an obstruction. Lloyd informed her that he had previously spoken to the Police, Parking Enforcement etc., and that they would not take any action regarding the parking.</p> <p>Denise asked about getting leylandii trees cut back as there are 2 overgrown trees in Dainton Grove which needs inspecting and possibly cutting back. She also informed the group that there are some trees in the garden of No.7 Dainton Grove which are</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>KB</p>

8.9	<p>overgrown and may need trimming. (Carol Edge/Jo Brown)</p> <p>Corrine asked what was happening regarding the children from Bartley Green School, as there was talk of them coming to the HLB to discuss a junior version being set up to aid the existing HLB, as the youths could give ideas from their perspective about the area and what projects could be submitted to help improve the area?</p>	
8.10	<p>Karen had been given information from Jennie about doing work/repairs in Leyhill Park – but it was agreed that as this area is managed by the Parks department, HLB money could not fund this.</p> <p>Karen will bring leaflets to the next meeting regarding dumped/discarded rubbish/litter</p>	KB
9.0	<p>Budget Consultation 2017</p>	
9.1	<p>Harry/Colin informed the group about the budget consultation that was discussed at the City HLB;</p>	
9.2	<p>Housing revenue account was to be ring fenced at 290 million, with a reduction in revenues of 1% over the next 2 years.</p>	
9.3	<p>The councils' priority would be Children, Housing, Job skills and the citizens of Birmingham health.</p>	
9.4	<p>There would be a reduction in the workforce of 40% to save money, BCC would also be selling off Libraries and Community halls to save money as they appear to be underutilised.</p>	
9.5	<p>14th February 2017 - the council cabinet will work on the budget.</p>	
9.6	<p>28th February 2017 – full council cabinet will announce the new budget.</p>	
9.7	<p>It was also mentioned that Sheltered Housing was not fit for purpose and had a short fall of 3 million pounds, which could not be recouped from the Housing budget. The next City Board will report on Sheltered Housing and its future.</p>	
9.8	<p>Colin asked if the HLB meetings could be put back until 6.00pm however the main agenda items such as minutes of the last meeting will begin from 6.30pm.</p>	
9.9	<p>It was agreed that the afternoon meetings at California House would now be moved to Bartley Green N/Office commencing at 6.00pm each month</p>	

10.0	Date of next Bartley Green Housing Liaison Board meeting 20th February 2017 at Bartley Green N/Office 6.00pm	
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