

## MINUTES

**Edgbaston Housing Liaison Board**  
**Monday, 21 November 2016**  
**Barsham Close Common Room**  
**2.00 pm**

### In Attendance

K. Wale	Chair
David Spiers	Member
Gwen Spiers	Member
Kath Edwards	Member
Linda Waterhouse	Member
Chris Hoare	Member
Donna McMullan	Place Manager / Edgbaston and Quinton Wards
Alan Kilby	Representative from Willmott Dixon

### Apologies

Councillor Deirdre Alden	Councillor for Edgbaston
Simon Rogers	Housing Officer / Edgbaston and Quinton Wards

No	Item	Action
1.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016</u></b>  Minutes agreed as correct	
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2.	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
1.	<u>Lampposts on Priory Estate</u>  Lamppost No. 8, Wyatt Close had been repaired, a fault developed again, the chair reported to Gaynor at Housing Department 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2016.  <u>Update:</u> now completed	
2.	Although this was not an action from the last meeting, Kath Edwards reported to the Chair that lamppost P.13. Foster Way was faulty. This was reported to Gaynor on 7 <sup>th</sup> November.  <u>Update:</u> Completed	

<p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>9.</p>	<p>Thank you to Kath for going out and checking the lampposts.</p> <p><u>Bollards outside Hollies Croft shops.</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> The target date was 9<sup>th</sup> November, when this was missed. Simon emailed</p> <p>Foliage against windows rear of 53 – 57 Foster Way <u>Update:</u> Simon emailed Peter Hill Tree Officer who has confirmed that the trees on the original request have all been cut down.</p> <p>Low rise block 4 to 5A, Sir Harrys Road, secure communal door omitted from programme. <u>Update, Donna:</u> Donna confirming with Keith Harris for next year's programme</p> <p><u>Barsham Close, Nuisance issue</u> <u>Update:</u> Robert Joseph, the sheltered Housing support officer is dealing with it.</p> <p>Surveyors / Bristol Road, Priory Road, Sir Harrys Road. <u>Update:</u> The chair phoned Councillor Robinson, who advised it was about retarmacing.</p> <p><u>Drainage problem – Barsham Close</u> <u>Update:</u> Central west sewerage was supposed to have fixed this problem on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The Housing Department put out leaflets to all residents to inform them, and then CWS did not turn up. Instead they turned up on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 giving no notice to the residents, Housing Department or Steve O'Reilly, they then turned everyone's water off for a couple of hours to do the job. The chair stated that this was very bad practice, but luckily the new tarmac was not affected.</p> <p><u>Lampposts 9 and 10 Wyatt Close</u> <u>Update:</u> Asked for repair, new brighter bulbs same as number 8.</p>	<p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>RJ</b></p>
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>4.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p><b><u>HLB BUDGET / PROJECTS</u></b></p> <p><u>The Priory Estate Planter</u></p> <p>More Lavender has been added, the twig in the middle has been changed to Lilac, which will be white, as of this year, this project is completed. We will look to see how this grows next year.</p> <p>None of the remaining budget can be spent on Richmond and Hampton Courts. Due to unforeseen protocols with Calthorpe Estate that we were unaware of.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>

3.	<p><b><u>Wish List for Projects</u></b></p> <p>Barsham Close – Wooden trip rail (DM to show Jennie the photo)          Priory Estate – 2<sup>nd</sup> notice board in Wyatt Close          Priory Estate – metal bollards adjacent to Boundary House and footpath that goes diagonal across the footpath area          Waterworks – Bellis Street, trip rail wooden in front of flower bed          Foster Way – put a gate on the entrance by 41-47 where they put new fencing</p>	JC
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
5.	<p><b><u>HLB Walkabout</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 10.30 am Barsham Close with 2 Members, SHLB Rep and Officer.</p>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
6.	<p><b><u>City HLB Update / 20 October 2016</u></b></p> <p>The Chair read out relevant parts of the minutes and gave comments on some items.</p> <p>1. Two pages of ‘Performance Monitoring Group’ Awards</p> <p>Comment from Edgbaston Chair</p> <p>“There does not seem to be any awards for the frontline people who work hard. E.g. Housing Officers, TPOs, Caretakers, etc.</p> <p>2. Page 4, Item C: ‘Pay to Stay’</p> <p>The item says tenants receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit will be excluded.</p> <p>Comment from Edgbaston Chair</p> <p>This is unfair, as reported in the media, it is a well-known fact that some families on benefits receive more than people in work. More than the £31,000 per annum. People in work have to pay income tax and national insurance, so could easily be receiving at least £5,000 less than the £31,000 Cap. A City HLB member stated that tenants have been penalised toward their rent on the ‘Pay to Stay’ regulation.</p>	

<p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>A member of city HLB mentioned quotes for projects approved but no works carried out.</p> <p>Comments from Edgbaston Chair</p> <p>HLBS feel that the projects situation is too slow, and that HLBS could lose some of their budget through no fault of their own.</p> <p>The chair reminded everyone present that although she had written a letter to the City HLB Chair, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, asking for some flexibility over the two member walkabout rule, as of today's date, still no reply, more than 6 weeks. Colin Hanno informed me that CHLB Chair had received the letter.</p> <p>Chair read out 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, page 10</p>	
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<p>7.</p> <p>1.</p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Chair advised Christmas buffet is on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm.</p> <p>Edgbaston HLB will be using Civic Caterers this year. Jennie has sent through the Chairs Christmas menu to the Councils caterers and they have agreed to do it. They are unable to do the wedges because they do not travel well therefore they are sending all the food cold and HLB can warm the food up.</p> <p><u>Local Innovation Fund</u></p> <p>Chris Hoare advised that Edgbaston District will be getting £48,000 funding via the Local Innovation Fund. There is a meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at Friends Meeting House, Corner of St James Road/George Road, B15 1LP whereby residents of Edgbaston District can attend.</p> <p>Chris suggested to the members that if they work with another group they have a better chance of obtaining more funding. Linda suggested an Environmental Officer for Priory Estate and Chris has offered to assist with the bid.</p> <p><u>Edgbaston Community Event</u></p> <p>Donna discussed the forthcoming event on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Church of the Redeemer.</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping Behind Holly Croft Shops</u></p> <p>David advised that there is lots of fly tipping at the back of Holly Croft shops and by the garages.</p>	<p><b>CH</b></p>

	<p><u>Wilmott Dixon Re-branding and Name Change</u></p> <p>Alan updated Members that Wilmott Dixon are going through a name change and will be called Fortem.</p> <p><u>New Powers for Fly Tipping</u></p> <p>Linda discussed the fact that central government are bringing in new powers to local councils in order to punish fly-tippers. Anyone caught illegally dumping waste could soon face an on the spot penalty of up to £400.</p> <p><u>Abandoned Vehicles</u></p> <p>Linda discussed abandoned vehicles and asked for the procedure.</p> <p>DM to send procedure on 22.11.16. via email</p> <p>Linda requested that we check out a peculiar car, details given to Donna.</p>	<b>DM</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Monday 12 December 2016</b>  <b>Christmas Buffet – No Meeting</b>  <b>Commencing at 2.00pm</b>  <b>Barsham Close Common Room.</b></p>	