Sheldon Housing Liaison Board Meeting.  
Manston Road  

1.30pm  27 October 2016  

Present  

Colin Fish   Chair  
Debbie Kadr  
Janet Stych  
Cllr Sue Anderson  
Rose Bansal  
Richard Barnwell  
Jenny Poole  Wates  
Andy Sheppard  

Apologies  

Marie Murphy   Vice Chair  
Theresa Duffy  
Reg Hill  
Cllr Paul Tilsley  
Cllr Mike Ward  
Gary Elwell  

Welcome and Introduction  

Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.  

Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising  

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.  

Debbie previously said that the CHLB have been told that if a tenant did not want to complete the page on the repairs hand held device a form could be posted to them. Jenny checked this and said they would receive a phone call instead.  

Police Report  

The Police sent apologies. Rose reported that a local youth has received an 18 month sentence for riding an off road bike dangerously. Rose said the Police were expecting problem with motor bikes on Halloween Monday 31 October.  

Wates Report  

No issues for Wates  

Place Managers Update
There are now 76 cases of ASB in Sheldon and Stechford and Yardley North ward most are in our ward. These range from youths causing issues within the area, arguments over parking, arguments between neighbours and their children to people with drugs and alcohol issues.

We now have a further Specialist team to assist with the ASB cases along with the mediation team. This has been set up to assist cases. They will pick up and try to resolve difficult cases that cannot be resolved such as one on one cases, where no one is taking responsibility for their actions and are difficult for us to resolve. These cases take a lot of our time.

There are 2 cases with Legal Services for injunctions waiting for a court dates.

1 possession case is waiting to go to court between Dec 30th – March 2017

5 possession notices have been served on residents for various ASB, including drug and alcohol misuse

12 residents have had warning letters 2 of which have been final warning letters

The ASB team will now be working alongside the police teams at the station 1 day a week; this will hopefully result in a better partnership arrangement for all officers.

The flats on the corner of Meon Grove and Garretts Road will have the gate re-sited and new lighting in the parking area by the end of October.

Bins at the low rise maisonettes – We have been in touch with Waste and they have advised that where tenants ask for bins, they will get them, if no one has asked for them they will continue to have black bag collections.

The low rise block at the bottom of The Radley’s have not asked for bins therefore they are still on sack collections, should you know of any residents who want bins could you ask that they contact either waste or our office and it can be sorted out.

Richard Barnwell is now helping Gary with Estate Work such as gardens and fly tipping. He is also helping the ASB team, with interviews, door knocking exercises. Richard is also covering the work on the garages. – Over to
Richard who will explain about the garages.

Garages

At the current time Garages for the East Quadrant are being reviewed and may be dealt with centrally, however at the moment they are in our control.

As soon as possible the garages are being let and repaired. Repairs are being carried out as I go along.

On Sheldon we have 29 Garage Sites. This is made up of 332 garages there are 157 occupied, 176 are empty, of which 13 are in need of repair.

It has been difficult in getting hold of customers who are renting the garages or even finding people who want them.

I am the only one working on the garages so it is taking a little time to get through them all, i.e. let and repair.

I have started to work on the sites with the largest amount of garages; I have already worked on Wensley Road, Dalewood, Este Rd, St Edburghs Rd, and Hadlow Croft almost complete. (Just waiting for a new key to be cut).

I am now concentrating on the Hazeldene Rd site i.e.

1. The site lamp needs sorting,
2. A combination lock fitted to increase security
3. The main gate needs adjusting.

Once this work has been sorted I can then get lock changes for the garages and let them or put repairs on for any garages that require them.

Nine customers are on the waiting list for Hazeldene Rd Garages, I only had one response from the four offers which went out. So if you know anyone who wants a garage just let me or Gary know, and I will contact you.

Once Hazeldene Rd is completed, I will be looking at Horrell Rd as I have nine customers on the waiting list. Again these will be repaired where necessary and let.

Local Update

Cllr Anderson said that everyone was working hard to deal with the off road bike problem. Housing are now checking garages to make sure people are not hiding illegal bikes in them. Cllr Anderson said that she had been speaking to Brays Road special school about them buying a strip of land from Housing. Cllr Anderson said that she was still trying to
find ways to keep Sheldon Heath road Community Centre. Anne Marie House is not is closing down and may become a centre doe for dementia.

Cllr Anderson said that she was on the Children’s Scrutiny Committee, the Children’s Trust and was the Children and Car Champion for Yardley plus she had responsibilities for Waste Management.

**Housing Officer Report.**

Gary reported on the Walkabout with Colin on Thursday 20 October 2016 on Wychwood Crescent

The next Walkabout is on Thursday 17 November starting at 10.30am on Garretts Green Estate starting on the corner of Mickleton Road and Admington Road

**Tenant Participation Officer Report**

Andy said that the awards for Birmingham in Bloom were held on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at the Council House. Radley Court came second in the Best communal garden category.

The awards for the East Quadrant Gardening Competitions were held on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at Stechford Cascades. Cllr Anderson helped present the Awards for Yardley District together with the Deputy Mayor.

Mrs Vann from Sheldon won second prize for her rear garden. Radley Court won third prize for their communal garden and Malcom Colley won third prize for his vegetable path.

**CHLB update**

Debbie was unwell and could not attend the last CHLB meeting.

**Post meeting note** CHLB newsletter for October sent out with the minutes.

**HLB Project Update**

Andy distributed copies of the HLB budget sheet.

Following the very high quote to improve Abigails Close it had now been reported as a repair.

Andy said that he was waiting for a quote for the bow topped metal fencing for outside Bradfield and Greenfield House. Once this was supplied he would know if he needed to ask the HLB to contribute towards this project which
would mainly be funded by the Environmental budget.

Any other business

Debbie asked if Wates could get the clock changed on the external light for 1-12 Abigails Close, Janet said the clock was in the cupboard in the Common room and so Andy to supply Keith’s contact details to Wates.

Date of Next HLB Meeting is the AGM

1.30pm Thursday 24 November 2016 Manston Road