

South Yardley Housing Liaison Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at Steel Grove Common Room

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| Present | John Harrison- Chair Yasmin Samaraweera - HLB Pat Sheridan MBE -HLB Sylvia Sadler - HLB Lee Parkinson- HLB John McLaren- HLB Carolyn Roper –HLB Ray Barrow - HLB Cynthia Conway - HLB Tony Hall - HLB Myles Scullion – HLB Councillor Zaker Choudhry Ronda D'Aguilar - Wates Olly Bradley - Police Jonjo Hegarty – Place Manager Andy Sheppard – TPO Derek Fellows - HO |
| Apologies | Carl McCooty- Vice Chair Eileen King –HLB Barbara Benson – HLB |

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| 1+2 | <u>Welcome, Introductions</u> John (JH) welcomed the Board members to the meeting. |
| 3. | <u>Minutes of last meeting</u> The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and agreed. |
| 4. | <u>Matters Arising</u> Andy spoke to Mike Hinton Leisure Services about attending this meeting and he advised he would not be able to come to the |

meeting and further advised that there is no money available to cut back the overgrowth to Dale Walk side any further. Overhanging trees can be reported to the tree officer. Andy to visit – **(See Tenant Participation Report)**

Bus stop outside Carton Cables – John (JH) did contact Centro but was advised that the service is run by Diamond and he is going to contact them. John (JH) read out letter from the company regarding the bus stop – Councillor Choudhry to investigate

Lee mentioned the trip rail to grassed area by 108 Berkeley Road pass job number to Ronda – Trip rail repaired

Lee mentioned two items of dumped rubbish in Berkeley Road which have not been removed after being reported to Fly tipping – Lee advised the rubbish has been removed.

John (JM) mentioned the house sign lights not working – Derek to report - **POST MEETING NOTE:** Reported job number 5809243 Rhonda to check and advise lights not working – Rhonda to chase

John (JM) perimeter lighting time clock needs resetting - Derek to report - **POST MEETING NOTE:** Reported job number 5801883 – Rhonda to check and advise – lights not working – Rhonda to chase

5. **Police**

Olly advised that the crime is stable except for problems with bikes. He advised that there has been a spate of number plate thefts – Olly to try and get some leaflets for tamper proof screws which are supplied by Halfords free of charge.

On the 28 November the neighbourhood team are to have an additional 4 officers.

A drug operation has happened and is still on going on the Coventry Road with some good results and joint working with the Local ASB team and Community Safety Team

Ray mentioned that there was robbery in Kestrel Avenue

Lee mentioned issues by 81 Dale Walk – Olly to investigate

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| 6. | <p><u>Place Managers Update</u></p> <p>Jonjo advised that due the team is short of staff due to sickness.</p> <p>45 current ASB cases (mainly one against one) including racial harassment, prostitution, beggars and general noise</p> <p>TEM issues include overgrown gardens, bushes and boundary disputes</p> <p>The Place Directorate is under a review.</p> <p>Jonjo mentioned the Tenants Report which will be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p>Jonjo asked for feedback on Street Scene and to advise Derek or Andy.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding fly tipping and refuse collection including the fact that Waste Management collect black bags and empty wheelie bins on different days in Berkeley Rd.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Local Update and Events Update</p> <p>Cllr Choudhry said that around Gilbertstone School residents parked irresponsibly all over the place.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Issues for Wates.</p> <p>Rhona explained that three of their apprentices have completed their course and will be employed by the company in the near future. Wates are also offering two weeks work experience for unemployed people over 18 yrs. doing plastering, carpentry and electrics.</p> <p>Pat asked about Wates employing people with disabilities – Ronda advised yes and gave Pat the agency name they need to register with.</p> <p>Ray wished to express his thanks to Denis for repairing a leak to the washing machine at Kings Road.</p> |

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| | <p>Andy asked Ronda if Wates will be doing any small community work jobs. Ronda explained that this will be happening and if anyone has any ideas to let her know.</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>HLB Walkabout</p> <p>Derek advised the last walkabout took place on 8 November 2016 meeting at the junction of Waterloo and Stock field Road</p> <p>The next walkabout is on 6 December 2016 meeting at 11am at the junction of Blakesley Road and Clements Road</p> <p>The January walkabout will be on 10 January 2017 meeting at the junction of Aldershaw Road and Bryn Arden Road at 11am</p> <p>Pat asked about clearing the leave fall at Steel Grove – it was explained that we no longer have the staff to do this but if the residents wish to do this themselves, advise Waste Services and put them in bags, they will be collected.</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p><u>Tenant Participation Officer Report</u></p> <p>Andy advised that the site meeting was carried out with Lee and Councillor Choudhry in Dale Walk and there were a couple of areas identified where self -setters were growing. After consultation with Leisure it has been agreed that Street Scene and local residents can remove the litter and self- setters.</p> <p>Another clean-up was carried out to the River Cole on 9 November 2016 as part of the Council’s All Out Day. Volunteers from Asda Small Heath and Webster’s and Horsfall engineering company also helped.</p> <p>Andy reported back on Birmingham in Bloom and advised that Wheeldon House won the gold prize for best communal garden across the city, plus first prize in Yardley Gardening Competition. Stephen Callow from South Yardley also won second prize for his hanging baskets and pots.</p> <p>In Yardley Gardening Competition Stephen Callow won first prize for his garden and Adam Hartree also from South Yardley third prize.</p> |

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| | <p>The Tenant's Conference is planned for March 2017 on the welfare reform</p> <p>There will also be a celebration next year to mark will be the 25th anniversary of years of HLB's.</p> |
| 11. | <p><u>Report/CHLB Update</u></p> <p>John (JH) attended in Carl's absence.</p> <p>The City HLB newsletter was sent out with the minutes.</p> <p>John (JH) gave a briefing on the meeting.</p> |
| 12. | <p><u>HLB Project Update</u></p> <p>Andy distributed the HLB budget sheet and explained the budget for 2016-17.</p> <p>John (JH) asked Hi-vis jackets for walkabout – Andy to ask for quote</p> <p>Board Agreed</p> <p>Taps agreed for Bakeman and Wheeldon House</p> |
| 13. | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>John(JH) gave an update on the health of Eileen</p> <p>John (JH) mentioned the Christmas Meal and gave Andy a menu for the Three Horse Shoes on Coventry Road, Sheldon. The date agreed was Thursday 8 December 2016 at 1pm</p> <p>Myles asked if anyone knows of organisation that would take old furniture – Ronda said that Wates take it – Myles to contact Ronda outside the meeting</p> <p>Ray mentioned Kings Road rubbish by Bungalows – Derek to arrange removal</p> <p>Ray also said that in Red Hill Road the rubbish is surrounding the recycling Bins – Derek to report to Waste Services</p> |

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| | Access way rear of Kings road – Derek explained that Street Scene will door knock and leaflet drop to explain that the residents are responsible for maintaining the access way. |
| 14. | <u>Date and Time of next meeting:</u> 1.30-3.00pm Wednesday 18 January 2017 at Steel Grove |