

Stechford and Yardley North HLB

Minutes of meeting held at Bucklow Walk Sheltered Housing Scheme 9 November 2016

Present	Barbara Wells Coleen Weldon Councillor Basharat Dad PC Tony Wilson
In attendance	Ronda D'Aguilar Wates Dave Prosser Place Manager Gary Elwell Housing Officer Andy Sheppard Tenant Participation Officer
Apologies	Brian Harrigan Linda Sameja Ray Taylor Pauline Arnott Chris Green Councillor Carol Jones Councillor Neil Eustace

1.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies. Gary chaired the meeting (in Brian and Ray's absence) and welcomed everyone and introductions were given.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters arising Minutes agreed Dave reported that the contractors building the new swimming baths at Manor Park had come across a gas pipeline and so were having to work around it. This had meant moving the barriers further out than planned although the new baths will still be built in the same area as planned.
3.	Police Report PC Wilson said that total recorded crime was down 3.7 % annually with no increase in burglaries. Motor vehicle crime was 1.7% down and officers in Yardley were the only team to bring crime down. The team do keep in touch with local people and they have a dedicated officer to obtain

	<p>warrants. Barbara said it had gone quiet on Manor Park. Dave and Coleen said some youths are now causing a nuisance on bicycles.</p>
4.	<p>Wates</p> <p>Barbara said that there had been a lot of electricians in Pennycroft House and a new tenant had moved in Flat 41 and had had no electricity. Ronda to chase this.</p> <p>Ronda said that three of Wates apprentices had now finished their training and had jobs with Wates.</p> <p>Wates are currently running a Building futures project. This gave unemployed 16 -23 yr. olds an introduction to a variety of trades.</p> <p>Ronda said that Wates will be looking for Community projects such as internal painting. On 8 November Wates had cleaned up a community centre and fixed their central heating. Cllr Dad asked if Wates could paint the changing rooms at Stud Lane.</p> <p>Ronda to look into this.</p> <p>Wates staff have recently undergone Slavery and trafficking awareness and safeguarding training. Wates staff visit up to 33,000 properties in Birmingham and have been taught to look for anything suspicious such as locks on doors or bars on windows.</p>
5..	<p>Manor Park</p> <p>Barbara reported fly tipping at the back of the substation on Giles Close. Andy to report this to Kizzy Bent</p> <p>The phone number to report fly tipping is 0121 303 1112, or email flytipping@birmingham.gov.uk</p> <p>Barbara said that the fence had been erected next to the garages on Rattle Croft but someone had dumped rubbish behind it.</p>
6.	<p>Local Update</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that he had attended the ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of work on the new Swimming Baths.</p> <p>There is a meeting about the future of the local libraries at 6pm on 14 November 2016 at South Yardley Library.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that the proposed Children's Home on Queens Road went before the planning committee where it was approved but it is now unlikely to go ahead anyway.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that Stechford Village Forum had been planting bulbs on</p>

	<p>grassed areas on Station Road. Dave said that they had been given permission to hang baskets outside the railway station.</p>
7.	<p>Place Managers Update</p> <p>Dave said that the Chief Designer of the new Cascades Swimming baths had spoken to Stechford Village Forum. The £9 Million project should be completed by March 2018.</p> <p>BCC will build their own boiler and pumping station to provide hot water and heating for the Manor Park blocks.</p> <p>Dave said that Stechford Village Forum had a meeting planned for 7.30pm Thursday 1st December 2016 when Fran Lee from Acocks Green In Bloom would explain how they had won a gold.</p>
8.	<p>Walkabout Report</p> <p>Gary reported back on the last Walkabout on Old Yardley on Thursday 6 October 2016 starting from Grevis Rd Sheltered Housing Scheme. The next Walkabout is at 10.30am Thursday 10 November 2016 on Garrett's Green North starting on the corner of Este Rd and Sheldon Heath Road.</p> <p>There will also be Walkabout on Queens Barrow meeting on the corner of Broadstone and Queens Road at 10.30am on Thursday 8 December 2106</p>
9.	<p>Tenant Participation Officers Report.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the HLB Christmas Meal. It was agreed to meet at 12.30pm on Thursday 15 December 2016 at the Toby Carvery at the Wheatsheaf</p>
10.	<p>HLB Projects Update</p> <p>Barbara reported that the fence by the Rattle Croft garages had been erected.</p> <p>Andy said that the Housing team planned to ask elected members to use the Environmental Budget for the ward to fund improvements to stop fly tipping in Kirkham Grove, and to replace the wooden fence with a metal fence in front of the three blocks of flats on Bordesley Green East.</p> <p>The HLB might like to consider funding the hard standings for the wheelie bins for the low rise blocks on Alcombe Grove and Bordesley Green East.</p>
11.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>No Other business</p>

12.	Date and Time of next meeting: 12.00 pm Wednesday 11 January 2017.
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