

Stechford and Yardley North HLB

Minutes of meeting held at Bucklow Walk Sheltered Housing Scheme 12 October 2016

Present	Chris Green Barbara Wells Pauline Arnott Coleen Weldon Councillor Basharat Dad
In attendance	Kizzy Bent Environmental Health Jenny Poole Wates Dave Prosser Place Manager Gary Elwell Housing Officer Andy Sheppard Tenant Participation Officer
Apologies	West Midlands Police Brian Harrigan Linda Sameja Ray Taylor Councillor Carol Jones Councillor Neil Eustace

1.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies. Gary chaired the meeting (in Brian and Rays absence) and welcomed everyone and introductions were given.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters arising Minutes agreed
3.	Police Report The Police sent their apologies
4.	Environmental Health Kizzy Bent said that she worked for a special team set up two years ago to deal with Waste Enforcement.

	<p>Kizzy said there were 10 to 12 officers on the team and they covered all forty wards. The team have a limited number of CCTV cameras but they mainly rely on information from people. Kizzy gave the example of rubbish which her team found fly tipped. They enforcement team examined the bags and found that it had all come from Mary Road and when they asked the residents in the road it appeared one person had offered to remove rubbish for a fee and had then dumped it. The residents gave evidence against the person concerned and Enforcement seized his vehicle.</p> <p>Kizzy said only ask BCC to remove bulky waste because if it's your rubbish and it ends up being fly tipped you are responsible. Kizzy said two or three other people were also collecting rubbish for money and then dumping it. Kizzy said that rubbish in front gardens or back gardens did not qualify as fly tipping.</p> <p>Kizzy said that her team use CCTV cameras where they are likely to film a vehicle being used to fly tip. Under the Environmental Protection Act the owner of the car is responsible for the fly tipping unless they can prove someone else was using the vehicle. Kizzy said she could issue an £80 ticket for fly tipping and if people pay this they will not be taken to Court.</p> <p>Kizzy said that part of her role was to ensure that every shop has a contract to have their rubbish removed. They can use either BCC or Biffa but if they don't have a contract they can be fined £300.]</p> <p>Kizzy said a resident in South Yardley had CCTV pictures of someone fly tipping and because they were also prepared to give a statement the person concerned was fined £80.</p> <p>Kizzy said report fly tipping on telephone number 0121 303 1112] Or email flytipping@birminagh.gov,.uk</p> <p>Members asked if Bucklow walk could be reassessed for wheelie bins because the pile of black bags tempted other people to add to it. Andy to send Kizzy the details</p>
<p>5..</p>	<p>Wates Report</p> <p>Jenny said that the damaged fence at the side of the house on the Meadway had been repaired. Jenny said there would now be two new members of staff at the Call Centre to deal with particular queries re repairs for Wates.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Manor Park</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the building of the new swimming baths next to Manor Park. Chris said that the new building was taking over more of the park than he had expected. Dave to look at this.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said the children's play area would be relocated. Barbara asked if the flats were being demolished in 2019. Dave and Gary said they had not heard of any such plans.</p>

	<p>Jenny said that during the past week there had been two issues with the central heating. Jenny said there was a plan to build a new boiler to supply the three blocks when the Cascades came down.</p>
5.	<p>Local Update</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that a new arrangement had been made between Audley Road School and Glebe Farm Football Club so that the School could use the pitch on weekdays.</p> <p>An application for a Children’s home on Queens Rd had been received by planning. Residents had objected but it would probably meet all the legal requirements.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that the recycling bins had been removed from outside the shops on Flaxley Road and this had stopped the fly tipping.</p>
6.	<p>Place Managers Update</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the redevelopment of the Poolway. Dave said that the clearance team will remove rubbish once a week. The last group of residents will get the go ahead to bid for properties from April 2017. A contractor has now been appointed. Dave said his team would try and open up the site as much as possible as work proceeded, and that security should improve once contractors are working on site.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that the Police had done a great job dealing with Quad bikes and there was now a Public Space Protection Order covering the Glebe, this restricted things like people using face coverings whilst on motor bikes.</p> <p>Dave said that Stechford Village Forum were in the process of planting 500 bulbs and that they had this year entered its your neighbourhood for the first time. Barbara said it would be nice to see some plants in the planters outside the chip shop on Station road. Barbara said how well used 'her ' bench was on Manor Park</p>
6.	<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 on Garrett’s Green North starting on the corner of Este Rd and Sheldon Heath Road.</p>
7.	<p>Tenant Participation Officers Report.</p> <p>Andy said that the city wide gardening competition Birmingham In Bloom would be held again this year with the Award ceremony on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at the Council House. Audley Road Primary School is to</p>

	<p>receive a certificate and trophy in recognition of the support they have given to the Street Scene initiative by helping with litter picks.</p> <p>The award ceremony for the East Quadrant Gardening Competitions would be held at Stechford Cascades starting at 12.15pm on Wednesday 26 October 2016. All HLB members are invited.</p>
8.	<p>HLB Projects Update</p> <p>Andy shared the HLB budget sheet. Andy said he had phoned Brian to ask him as Chair to agree the fence by the Rattle Croft garages because it was only £476, plus the signs for Fleetwood Grove £182.56 because Wates had been asking for work to get on with.</p> <p>Andy said that the Housing team planned to ask the elected members to use the Environmental Budget for the ward to fund improvements to stop fly tipping in Kirkham Grove, for hard standings for the wheelie bins for the low rise blocks on Alcombe Grove and Bordesley Green East and to replace the wooden fence with a metal fence in front of the three blocks of flats on Bordesley Green East.</p>
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Cllr Dad said that the road alterations to Iron Lane junction had been delayed again until April to July 2107</p> <p>Coleen asked if the two benches and the compost bin could be removed.</p>
10.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: 12.00 pm Wednesday 9 November 2016.</p> <p>Venue: Bucklow Walk Sheltered Housing Scheme Common Room.</p>