

Stechford and Yardley North HLB

Minutes of meeting held at Bucklow Walk Sheltered Housing Scheme 10 August 2016

Present	Brian Harrigan Chair Ray Taylor Vice Chair Linda Sameja Barry Baker Coleen Weldon Councillor Carol Jones
In attendance	Jenny Poole Wates Tony Wilson WMP Gary Elwell (Housing Officer) Andy Sheppard (Tenant Participation Officer)
Apologies	Dave Prosser Gary Elwell Chris Green Barbara Wells Pauline Arnott Councillor Basharat Dad Councillor Neil Eustace

1.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies. Brian chaired the meeting welcomed everyone and introductions were given. Note: Many thanks to Vice Chair Ray Taylor for chairing the meeting in recent months.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters arising Minutes agreed
3.	Police Report PC Wilson explained that PCSO Dave Footman had left and the team were now down to just two PCSOs. PC Wilson said that a lot of illegal quad bikes and off road bikes had recently been seized and crushed in joint action with Solihull Police.

	<p>Three drug warrants had been executed in the area in the last month and £3000- £4000 of cannabis seized.</p> <p>Tony asked if the Police find drugs in a property why Housing cannot evict the tenants before they are prosecuted at Court. Andy to ask the ASB Team</p> <p>Brian said that for Health and Safety reasons the Police are unable to chase motorbikes which are being misused; hence it was vital for residents to inform the police if they know where illegal bikes are being stored. Cllr Jones said that the Police had recently been very active in her area and there had been no problems with motorbikes since.</p>
4.	<p>Wates Report</p> <p>Jenny said that Wates were still settling in. They were receiving a high number of queries and more staff are being taken on. Jenny and Ronda deal with any formal complaints and they are up to date with these The problems with the 0800 number for gas servicing had been resolved. HLB member Eddie Howard has been chasing this. Carol said that she had a complaint about scaffolders who turned up to remove scaffolding from a property and discovering the tenant was out cut the padlock off the rear gate to gain access,. Carol said that she has reported this issue to Housing.</p> <p>Linda reported that when the travellers left Kents Moat recreation ground the fence at the side of 277 Meadway was damaged</p> <p>Andy to visit. Post Meeting Note Andy visited on 11 August and the tenant explained that Wates were due to call out on 5 September 2016.</p>
5.	<p>Local Update and Place Managers Update</p> <p>Councillor Jones said that the next Police meeting would be at 7pm Wednesday 31 August 2016 at Poolway Community Centre.</p> <p>The next Ward Meeting would be at 6 to 8pm Tuesday 27 September at St Edburgh's Church.</p>
6.	<p>Walkabout Report</p> <p>The next two Walkabouts will be firstly on Glebe Farm at 10.30 on Thursday 8 September 2016 starting from Bucklow Walk. Secondly on Old Yardley at 10.30am Thursday 6 October 2016 starting from Grevis Rd Sheltered Housing Scheme.</p>
7.	<p>Tenant Participation Officers Report.</p> <p>Andy said that the city wide gardening competition Birmingham In Bloom</p>

	<p>would be held again this year with the Award ceremony on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at the Council House. 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. At present the Board was awaiting quotes from Wates. It has previously been agreed to renew the canopies on one block per year at Grevis Road, hence if the requested quote is in line with previous quotes Wates will be given the go ahead.</p>
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Brian reported a skip full of rubbish on the side road off the Meadway Andy to visit.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note On 11-8-16 Andy took a photo of the skip and reported it to Highways and Waste Management. This was referred onto Amey and by 6-9-16 the skip and rubbish around it had gone.</p> <p>Brain reported that rubbish was building up again on the car park next to Lea Hall Railway Station.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note Andy reported the issue to Lewis Cashmore at Highways who asked Waste Management to clear it which they did by 17-8-16</p> <p>Cllr Jones asked about the new tenant at 9 Northmead who is still awaiting a key to the Common Room and has problems with the hedge behind her property. Andy to refer the issue to Elderly Services.</p>
10.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: 12.00 pm Wednesday 12 October 2016.</p> <p>Venue: Bucklow Walk Sheltered Housing Scheme Common Room.</p>