

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Aylestone Park Residents' Group held on 6<sup>st</sup> October 2016 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

The meeting started at 7.30pm with Alan Sturgess in the Chair.

Apologies: Cllr. Adam Clarke, Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin, Cllr. Nigel Porter, Michael Corner, Sue Eppel and Sylvia Tarberer

#### Presentation-Proposed Housing Development on St. Mary's

A number of people from Westleigh attended the meeting to give a presentation of the plans for the proposed Housing Development on the former allotments site on St. Mary's. If planning permission is granted, Westleigh hopes to start building in March 2017 with the development taking about 2 years to complete. It will be built in stages. 80% will be affordable housing and it would be managed by Midland Heart Housing Association. There will be a mixture of tenure including share ownership. The remaining housing would be private. They would be built facing the proposed green space and would be three- storey.

It is proposed to have two parking spaces for each dwelling even though the plans show only one.

**Minutes of Previous AGM 2015 approved at 2015 November Meeting and now confirmed.**

#### Matters arising from the Previous AGM not covered in the Agenda

##### **Cavendish Road War Memorial**

At the September meeting on the Church Council, it was decided to refuse permission to put the Plaque on the wall of the Church. However, the decision could be reviewed at a later date if further details of the Plaque could be given such as the size and the proposed inscription on it. The next meeting of the Church Council would be held in February.

#### Election of Officers

**Chairman:** Jackley Moore-Freakley

**Vice-Chairman:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Christopher Garner

**Treasurer:** Dave Pomfret

**Committee:** Ann and Alan Sturgess, Kay Turner, Barbara Mackness, Jodie Sansom, Sue and Herbert Eppel

### Chairman's Report

Alan thanked Councillors, City Wardens, The Church of the Nativity, members of the Committee and local residents for their support throughout the past year.

He was glad that the Saffron Fete took place despite its future being in doubt and the Elton John Concert causing no major problems for local residents. He also felt that Leicestershire Cricket Club was keen to engage with the local community rather than just consulting.

He and Ann were honoured to being nominated for the Lord Mayor's "Citizen of the Year" Award.

Alan wished the new Officers and Committee the very best for the future.

### Secretary's Report

Ann agreed with many of Alan's comments but would also like to thank the Police and again local residents for their continual support at the monthly meetings throughout the year.

### Treasurer's Report

There was a balance of £1100.99 in the account on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. During the year, Income was £1625.15 and Expenditure was £1092.94. The Bank Account had a balance of £532.21 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Accounts were approved with a vote of thanks to our Auditor, Mrs Susan Young. The signatories will be **Dave, Alan and Herb.**

### AOB

#### Police Report

Freeman

- 3 Burglaries
- 1 Burglary Non-Dwelling
- 3 Criminal Damage
- 3 Car Damage
- 10 Theft from motor vehicles

Aylestone

- 2 Criminal Damage

Most of the crimes being reported within the area are concerning motor vehicles.

**Police advice is to check that your vehicle is actually locked and your valuables especially loose change is not on show but is put away.**

There have been occasions when people have been Cold Calling residents in the Aylestone Beat.

**The Police advise all residents to be careful when opening the door and especially people calling uninvited asking for work.**

**Pat** asked what can be done to stop Cold Calling on the telephone. **Herb** suggested registering with the **Telephone Preference Agency.**

It was also reported that some residents in Oadby had been contacted by an "unknown admirer" asking to meet at a local pub and then property was stolen from their home.

### Councillor's Report

#### **Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)**

**Saffron Resource Centre** has been awarded a grant of £400k from the National Lottery. The Centre offers advice on benefits and money. This advice is also available to residents within Aylestone Park.

**Overgrown Trees** The enquiry about overgrown trees on **Knighton Fields Road West** has been passed to **Jon Ashworth**, Member of Parliament for Leicester South.

**Play Area on Aylestone Recreation Ground** The City Council have been contacted by **Cllr. Shelton** and he is waiting for a response from the officer responsible for the Play Area.

### East-West Link Road

**Chris** was concerned that the already congested roads could get worse with the proposed housing developments on **St. Mary's, Franklyn Fields, Faircharm** and possibly **Marlow Road Industrial Estate** which is up for sale. The City Mayor thought that an East-West Link Road would ease congestion.

### Bins on Public Footpath

**Barbara** was concern about the wheelie bins remaining on the public footpath near the Newsagents at the corner of **Duncan Road** and **Saffron Lane**. It has been reported to City Warden, **Harvey Roberts**

### Aylestone Meadows

**Adrian Lane** who is retiring as a Riverside Ranger with the City Council gave a talk about the River Soar to a well-attended meeting. **Judy** also advised that **Richard Kelly** from the City Council is organising a **Conservation Day** on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. Litter-picking normally takes place on the Aylestone Meadows on the last Monday of the month unless it is a Bank Holiday.

### Wheelie-Bins

**Kay** was concerned that the wheelie-bins on Cavendish Road opposite the Newsagents are always on the public footpath.

### St. Mary's

**Work Days** have been arranged for **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November** and **11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. Meet at 10am at the entrance on Aylestone Road. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Aylestone Ward Meeting

**Ann** reported that Scouts had been awarded £1000 with £500 from both the Aylestone and Saffron Ward Community Funds. **Pat** told the meeting that it is hoped that a group of younger children would attend as Beavers.

### Cricket Residents' Focus Group

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The Cricket Club is intending to print a Questionnaire to be included with the Christmas Newsletter.

### Park Hill Drive

**Dave** advised the meeting that the leaning posts belonging to the former home for vulnerable adults have now been fixed.

### Leicestershire Archaeological Society

The Society is looking for people who lived in the area before the Second World War. For further details, please contact **Ann**.

Thank You

**Herb** wished to thank Ann and Alan for all their hard work over the years. Around of applause followed

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd November starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.