

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th April 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Aylestone Meadows A talk by Anne Hayto, Chair of Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society.

Apologies: Cllr. Nigel Porter, Michael Corner and Sue Eppel.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd March 2017 were confirmed as correct.

Police Report

Aylestone Park

9 Burglaries from dwellings

4 Non-dwellings such as sheds

11 Criminally Damaged

7 Vehicle Crimes which includes 4 thefts from motor vehicles, 3 thefts of motor vehicles including 2 mopeds.

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.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Knighton Fields Road West Railway Bridge Local residents are concern for the people using the bridge, especially school children walking underneath it. Two officers from Leicester City Council have been asked to investigate any solutions to the problem. The suggestions range from closing the bridge to through traffic, traffic-lights or activated signs to try to reduce the speed of vehicles going through the bridge. The matter will be discussed at further meetings with local residents, officers from the City Council and Ward Councillors. **Stefan** wondered whether Network Rail who is responsible for the bridge could be persuaded to prune some of the vegetation near to it.

St Mary's Planning Application to develop part of the former allotments for housing has now been approved. The Project Manager, **Brian Stafford** is now asking because it is the best time for an Ecological Survey of the site to be done followed by one looking at any contamination in the soil. Japanese Knotweed has also been found.

Hughenden Drive Some local residents have expressed an interest in a Residential Parking Scheme. **Cllr. Shelton** suggested they organised a petition to go to the City Council who would look into it.

Cllr. Cutkelvin (Saffron)

New Parks Road A meeting was arranged with local residents and officers from the City Council by **Cllr. Cutkelvin** to clear the area of rubbish. The City Warden would warn local residents that it would be their responsibility in the future to keep their properties clear.

DIY Waste and Bulky Collection The City Council has postponed any decision to introduce charges. It hoped that savings can be made through the contract it has with Biffa.

Knighton Fields Road Primary Academy The school is intending to purchase some pencil bollards from the City Council.

Play Area on Aylestone Recreational Ground It is hoped that the new play equipment would be installed in the summer.

Traffic Issues Leicester City Council are looking into the traffic issues throughout Aylestone Park with James Whellam appointed to lead the review. It is hoped to invite him to a future meeting to present his report.

Floodlights Leicestershire Cricket Club has been given planning application to use the floodlights every day between 7am and 7.30pm despite the objections from Cllr. Porter. It is likely that the cricket club would only use them when “bad light” could cancel a match.

Saffron Ward Meetings It was felt that these would now be held at the Aylestone Leisure Centre because of its central location.

Secretary’s Report

Speakers

1st June Heart Treatment A talk by Professor Murphy from Glenfield Hospital
6th July Healthwatch will be providing a speaker

Treasurer’s Report

The Account stands at £244.71 with £220.55 in the Bank and £24.16 in Petty Cash. There will be a further deduction of £6.80 for copying the Agenda and Minutes of the March monthly meeting.

The money from the Saffron Ward Community Fund has still not been transferred into our account.

Newsletter

This has already been printed and it is hoped to be delivered before Easter. The Summer Newsletter should be ready for June or July with the Cavendish War Memorial as the main feature.

Cavendish Road War Memorial

Three responses had been received from an appeal in “The Leicester Mercury”. There will be a further one in the Easter Newsletter. The Church is planning a Service of Dedication for Sunday, 20th August which would be conducted by John McGinley. All are welcome. Ann and Chris visited the engraver for a quote for the memorial which was £70. A £20 deposit was paid for the materials. It is hoped that the costs would be covered from a grant from the Saffron Community Ward Fund. The Church would check if a faculty or permission was needed from the Diocese to install the memorial on its walls.

Website: www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk.

Can now be seen on Facebook. Further articles or suggestions are welcome. Please contact Ann.

AOB

Damaged Railings at Aylestone Leisure Centre

Sylvia was angry that the damaged railings at Aylestone Leisure Centre have still not been replaced. She felt that it would be upsetting for the relatives who would be constantly reminded of the people who died at the scene. Jackie had already given the Crime Number to the Manager of the Centre for insurance but the driver of the car was not insured. However, she will contact the Manager again.

She would also ask Gary McMillan from Leicester City Council to remove the dead flowers place there to remember those who had died on that part of Saffron Lane.

Synthetic Football Pitches

Dave and **Alan** were concerned that the synthetic football pitches on Aylestone Recreational Ground were shut quickly after the last game had been played. Young people had been seen climbing over the fencing and one had even injured himself. **Councillor Cutkelvin** believed that the City Council has an “open use” policy for this type of facility but will check further whilst **Jackie** will also speak to the Manager of Aylestone Leisure Centre about the situation.

Robins Close

Barbara hoped the City Council would remove the spilt white paint on the public footpath near 9 and 10 Robins Close. The City Warden would be contacted.

Public Footpath-corner of Knighton Fields Road West and Saffron Lane

Stefan was concerned about the dangerous footpath near FMB Cycles and Bettinsons. He felt it was “an accident waiting to happen.”

Pedestrian Crossings

Marion has seen that some drivers are not even stopping for red lights at pedestrian crossings.

Date of Next Meeting to be held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 4th May 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

