

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held on 5th April 2018 in the Church Hall of the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Adam Clarke, Cllr. Nigel Porter, Michael Corner, Stefan Cabaniuk, Sue Eppel, Jackie Moore-Freakley and Sylvia Taberer.

Urban Buzz A talk by Nick Packham, Urban Buzz Officer working with Leicester City Council to help bees and other pollinators to thrive in the city.

Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st February and 1st March 2018 were confirmed as correct.

Matters arising from the Previous Meetings not covered in the Agenda

Tyres-Saffron Lane These have now been removed.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Hughenden Drive Officers from Leicester City Council have conducted a traffic survey for a whole day. They have concluded that the road is not a rat-run and no further action will be taken.

He will contact the Highways Department again about the dip in the road.

Putney Road Project An outline of the development was given.

Ward Meetings Cllr. Shelton thought that the reason for the low attendance of local residents at the Ward Meetings was that they felt that there were no issues affecting them at present.

In Remembrance A plaque has been laid in front of the Corn Exchange in the City Centre to remember the three men who died fighting Fascism in the Spanish Civil War.

Secretary's Report

St. Mary's There will be an update at the May monthly meeting by Brian Stafford who is the Project Manager with Leicester City Council and is responsible for the Proposed Open Space.

Aylestone Ward Meeting to be held from 7pm on Wednesday 11th April.

Old Aylestone Park Picture Library It was agreed to establish a collection of photographs of the area for use for schools and at community events.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the Bank was £508.24.

There will be a deduction of £4.80 for the copying of not only the agenda but also the minutes of the February monthly meeting and £3.30 for the March one. A cheque for £247.50 has been given to the Church to cover the cost of room hire for the whole year.

Newsletter

The spring edition has now been printed and is out for delivery. A new deliverer has been found for Grace Road and advertisements have already been placed for the next issue.

Any articles to be given to **Ann**.

Cricket Residents' Focus Group

The Cricket Club still intends to hold two concerts during this year. However, they are dependent on the availability of the artists. The concerts could hold 14 ½k seating or 20k standing. There was only one complaint about the Elton John concert.

St. Mary's

The Friends of St. Mary's had a meeting with Brian Stafford, the Project Manager working with Leicester City Council to create the Proposed Open Space on the site of the former allotments. A number of concerns were raised and it is hoped that further meetings will be held as the scheme develops. It is thought that the Planning Application would be submitted in the summer with the work starting at the end of the year.

Putney Road Project

It was agreed to contact the City Council opposing the scheme. Although it would be beneficial to the businesses on Freeman's Common, it would not be to the residents living near the industrial estate.

East-West Link Road

The campaign group, "End of the Road LE3" had collected over 2,000 signatories requesting the City Council not to include the Evesham Road-Saffron Lane Link Road in any future Local Plans. It is hoped to present the Petition to the City Council shortly, to trigger a debate in Full Council.

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Street Lights-Old Saffron Lane

Jodie had already contacted Leicester City Council about the street lights at the back of her house not working. She had not received a reply. **Chris** will also contact the City Council.

Commonwealth Day

Ann advised the meeting that the Lord-Lieutenant was organising a Commonwealth completion for children who are 11 years or under from Leicester and Leicestershire. This year's theme is "Towards a common future" which celebrates the friendship, differences and achievements of the 52 countries that belong to it. Commonwealth Day was 12th March.

Archaeological Finds

Shaun showed the meeting the items that he salvaged from the building work that had started between 97-93 Cavendish Road.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 3rd May 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.