

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Nigel Porter

**Leicester's Flood Risk Action Plan** Cllr. Adam Clarke, Deputy City Mayor, gave a talk about how the City Council hopes to reduce flooding in the area.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 were confirmed as correct.**

Matters arising from the Previous Meeting not covered in the Agenda

**Cavendish Road War Memorial** A photographer from the "Leicester Mercury" took pictures of the Plaque along with members from not only the Residents' Group but also from the Church of the Nativity. It is intended to be included in a future edition of the paper in the Mr. Leicester Page.

**Play Area-Aylestone Recreation Ground** New play equipment has been installed including two new swings.

Police Report

**Aylestone Park**

5 Burglaries from dwellings

5 Burglaries from non-dwellings

5 Criminal Damaged

4 Thefts from motor vehicles

1 Theft of motor vehicle

Councillors' Report

**Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)**

**Hughenden Drive** Officers are looking into solutions to the problem of vehicles using it as a rat-run. Local residents will be consulted before any decision is made.

**Christmas Pantomime** This will be held at the Kingfisher Centre from 5-8pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Admission is free.

**Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin (Saffron)**

**Traffic Review** This is being broken down into smaller areas to try to address the complex problem of too many vehicles in an area that was built before they were invented. It is hoped that consultation with local residents will begin in 2018.

Secretary's Report

**Future Meetings** Details were given about the speakers for the meetings in 2018

**Christmas Food Hampers** The Scouts had made a number of food hampers that they wished to give to local residents who may appreciate them.

### Treasurer's Report

The balance at the Bank was £518.24.

The £87.50 overpayment on the grant for the Cavendish Road War Memorial has been paid back to Leicester City Council who has now cashed the cheque. There will be a deduction of £30.35 for the copying of not only the agenda but also the minutes for the October AGM, September and November monthly meetings. The cost of the gifts to Marion Moule also needs to be deducted.

### Newsletter

The Christmas edition has been printed and is being delivered. It is hoped that the next one would be available for Spring 2018.

### Cricket Residents' Focus Group

The Cricket Club are planning minor alterations to the ground to improve the access and exit points for people attending any future concerts whether for 14 ½ k seating or 20k standing which is the preferred option for music promoters.

They are not now re-developing the red seating area near the corner of Grace and Milligan Road because the costs have increased to 900k. There are currently no plans to replace the former cricket museum.

It is likely that the Cricket Club will allow the planning permission for the 22 flats and parking spaces to lapse once it expires in March 2018. It is now recognised that the ground is the Club's greatest asset.

Next meeting will be held from 6pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### Putney Road

There is a proposal to open the blocked entrance of Putney Road with Aylestone Road to ease congestion especially for football fans. It is also proposed to turn Putney Road into two way road. There will be opportunity for local Ward Councillors and residents to express their concerns during a consultation period once the details become clearer.

### Presentation of Gifts to Marion Moule

On behalf of everyone, Alan thanked Marion for her continuous support since the first meeting of the Residents' Group which was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Gifts of potted plants and biscuits were given as a token of appreciation for her dedication.

### AOB

#### Knighton Fields Road West Railway Bridge

**Michael** felt that the temporary chicanes were helping to reduce the speed of traffic and hopefully helping to improve the safety of not only pedestrians but also vehicles using the bridge. However, he wondered when the trial will end and whether permanent chicanes would be installed. **Clr.**

**Cutkelvin** confirmed that the trial has been successful and was longer than originally planned to allow the temporary chicanes to be replaced by permanent ones without any delay.

### Church

**Paul** reminded the meeting that a Christmas Fayre will be held from 10.30am to 1pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a Carol Concert from 4pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome.

### Rubbish on the Public Footpath

**Sylvia** was concerned that rubbish was frequently dumped in front of the double metal gates on Brookesby Street. **Alison** reported a mattress on the pavement in Hawkesbury Street and the litter on the grass banks in front of her house on Saffron Lane.

All will be reported to the City Council.

### Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.