

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 1st December 2016 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Nigel Porter and Michael Corner.

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

Matters Arising that are not already on the Agenda

Bins on Public Footpath

There was still concern about the wheelie bins remaining on the public footpath near the Newsagents at the corner of **Duncan Road** and **Saffron Lane**. The City warden, **Noel Cazley** had received a job no. from SITA to remove their bins.

Police Report

Aylestone Park

6 Burglaries

5 Non-dwelling

10 Theft from motor vehicles

1 Theft of motor vehicle

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.

JAG

Next meeting will be held on Friday, 2nd December 2016

Inspector Steve Bunn is being replaced in January 2017 by Mike Cawley as Neighbourhood Police Area Commander.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin (Saffron)

Christmas Panto was held at the Aylestone Leisure Centre. There were many people in the audience and it is planned to hold next year's Panto there. The staff at the Leisure Centre were very helpful.

Christmas Fayre is being organised at the Kingfisher Centre between 5pm and 8pm on Friday 9th December. Admission is free.

Bulky Collection and DIY Waste Consultation has now closed. It is proposed to charge for the collection of large items and some DIY waste.

Aylestone Recreation Ground The football club is proposing to use temporary floodlights on the outlying pitches.

Regulatory Services Review has started which includes noise control.

Cleansing Services are being asked to reduce costs by changing the way it works. One of the suggestions is to form a fast response team (Blitz Team) who will deal with any mayor problems.

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Council House Repairs These are dealt centrally from Blackbird Road. Any problems, please contact Cllr. Shelton.

City Warden's Report (Noel Cazley was in attendance)

He is now responsible for Saffron, Aylestone and Eyres Monsell Wards.

Saffron Lane He has been dealing with cars for sale on the public highway.

Dog Bin on Saffron Lane near the Post Office It was raised by Pat that the dog bin always appears to be full and not to be emptied regularly. Noel agreed to investigate. _

Secretary's Report

Speakers

2nd February 2017 Richard Kelly from Leicester City Council will talk about St Mary's.

An application for £500 from the Saffron Ward Community Fund has been recently been made.

Treasurer's Report (Position Vacant)

The Account stands at £532.21. There will be deductions of £40 for Seasonal "Thank You" Gifts and £6 for copying the Minutes of the November monthly meeting.

Newsletter

Already printed and hoped to be given to the deliverers shortly.

Post Office

It was reported that the Knighton Lane Post Office is to close and will be replaced by one in "Best One" Supermarket on Saffron Lane near to the Athletics Stadium. It was agreed to send a letter from the Group expressing our thanks for many years' service to the local community and our sadness that it was closing.

St Mary's

Work Days have been arranged for **Sunday 11th December 2016** and **29th January 2017**.

Meet at **10am** at entrance on Aylestone Road. There was nothing further to report on the Planning Application by Westleigh to build on part of the former allotments.

Morsbags

Sue explained that morsbags were made from unwanted fabric that had been donated by members of the public. The bags are sewed together by volunteers and given away free. It was agreed to include an article about morsbags in the next Newsletter with the aim of establishing a collection point for unwanted fabric. The nearest one is at Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre in Oadby.

Community Response Plan

Ann had been contacted by Martin Halse who is the Resilience Manager at Leicester City Council. There are a number of half day workshops about preparing a Community Response Plan. These will be held at venues across the county during February 2017. If interested, please see **Ann** who has all the details.

Cricket Residents' Focus Group

The next meeting is now to be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016. It is proposed to have a Residents' Questionnaire delivered with the Christmas Newsletter.

Website: www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk.

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

AOB

Boundary Walls-Aylestone Road

Kay was concerned about the state of some of the boundary walls between “Riverview” convenience store and Rutland Avenue. **Noel** will investigate further.

Parks and Open Spaces

Stefan and his work colleagues were now more involved in development projects such as a children’s woodland. It is hoped that volunteers would help in these developments. Unfortunately, Stefan lost his mobile phone whilst working on Western Park.

Aylestone Meadows

Judy reminded everyone that the **Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society** holds regular litter picking sessions with cleansing officers from Leicester City Council on the last Monday of each month except when it is a Bank Holiday. The next litter pick will be at the end of January 2017.

Aylestone Recreational Ground

Sylvia was concerned about vehicles driving on the paths in the park, especially near the Pavilion.

Church

Paul advised the meeting that the Church will be holding a **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, 3rd December. It will start at 11am and finish at 2pm. Free admission.

Pat hoped that the **Beavers** would be formed as a group at the start of 2017 and that **T@4** was continuing to not only attract families but also new members to the Church.

Parking-Percy Road

Ann was concerned that vehicles parking off-road but straight in front of some of the industrial premises on Percy Road were extending onto the public footpath rather than parking at an angle.

Planning Application for Snooker Hall on Percy Road

Jackie told the meeting that a planning application has been made to convert a former industrial unit into a 147 Snooker Hall. There had already been objections made by local residents who fear that the development will make the existing parking problem even worse and create noise when there is none.

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