

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held on 1st February 2018 in the Church Hall of the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Michael Corner, Barbara Mackness, Jackie Moore-Freakley, Judy Morley, Sue and Herbert Eppel.

Cllr. Bill Shelton made a statement to the meeting. He expressed his profound apologies for any offence that may have been caused by a posting that he made on his Facebook Page a few years ago about a remark about a Nazis Concentration Camp.

Leicester Environmental Volunteers A talk by Penny Brown from Leicester City Council's Park Services about volunteering in parks, open spaces and on the River Soar.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2017 were confirmed as correct.

Matters arising from the Previous Meeting not covered in the Agenda

Marion Moule She had suffered a severe fall at home. She is currently recovering with her son but hopes to move back home once her house has been adapted to meet her needs.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Hughenden Drive Still waiting for a report from the Highways Department.

Aylestone Road He had received a complaint about a layby causing an obstruction when two vehicles are parked in it when entering Aylestone Road. He has asked for it to be reduced to a space for just one vehicle.

Alice Hawkins A statue commemorating the Leicester suffragette will be unveiled in the new Market Square on Sunday 4th February.

Cllr. Nigel Porter (Aylestone)

Ward Community Meeting Residents attending the meeting expressed their frustration at the lack of response to their concerns from the City Council especially over the 24hr Bus Lanes and officers not being able to answer questions from people at the meeting.

Franklyn Fields The Planning Application for 104 homes has been approved. However, local residents are concerned about the impact that the extra traffic generated by the development will have on the surrounding area.

Secretary's Report

Police and Crime Commissioner will be the Speaker at the March monthly meeting.

St Mary's Work Days to be held from 10am on Sunday 11th and 25th February.

Meet at entrance on Aylestone Road.

Cricket Residents' Focus Group to be held from 6pm on 26th February.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the Bank was £518.24.

There will be a deduction of £4.80 for the copying of the agenda and minutes of the December monthly meeting.

Newsletter

It is hoped that the next one would be available for Spring 2018. Any articles to be given to **Ann**. She also reported that a new deliverer has been recruited.

Planning Application No. 20172664

National Grid has submitted a planning application to remove contaminants from the former gasworks site on Aylestone Road. Once removed, the site would be available for "Open Air Storage". This could include car parking.

Aylestone Recreation Ground

Jackie was concerned about the lack of a light near to the Pavilion and wooden building on Aylestone Recreation Ground. There was a suggestion to install an automatic light that would be triggered by movement. Penny Brown from Park Services at Leicester City Council would contact the officer with our concerns. It was hoped that the cost could be met from a grant from the Saffron Ward Community Fund.

Stefan was also concerned about the footpath near the Aylestonians' Rugby Club where glass was found.

East-West Link Road

It was reported that a campaign group called "End of the Road LE3" had been formed to oppose the building of the Link Road. They had also helped to organise a public meeting at the Manor House Community Centre in Rowley Fields with the local branch of the Labour Party. They intend to petition the City Council requesting that the route for the road is removed from any future Local Plan.

Whilst there was support for their aim, it was agreed that no further action would be taken until it was known whether the road would be included in the next stage of the Local Plan.

However, individuals were free to decide whether they wish to campaign now or in the future against the road.

AOB

Aylestone Meadows

Cllr. Porter thought that a Sculpture Park on Aylestone Meadows would help to improve the area further. **Penny Brown** from Parks Services at Leicester City Council would investigate further.

Vehicle Crime

Ann had received information from Neighbourhood Watch reminding residents to check that their vehicles have been locked. Unfortunately, Stefan had his car broken into recently.

Dog Warden

Alison was frustrated at the lack of information from the Dog Warden to a complaint after it has been made.

Tyres-Saffron Lane

Barbara had reported 4 tyres on the public footpath on the corner of Grace Road and Saffron Lane. She had also seen tyres in the front garden of 337 Saffron Lane.

St. Mary's

Jodie remembered that Westleigh had said at a previous meeting where they had attended that they would update local residents on the progress of the development. She wondered whether Westleigh could be invited to a future meeting for an update. **Chris** would issue an invitation to them.

Stefan asked **Penny Brown** from Park Services if the City Council could provide any Leadership Courses for interested individuals who wished to manage any volunteers working on St. Mary's. She replied that any request would be considered by contacting Leicester Environmental Volunteers.

Inconsiderate Parking

Shaun showed the meeting a picture he took on his phone of a car parking on both the road and pavement in front of a wheelie-bin blocking the public footpath for pedestrians to use.

Lothair Road

Sylvia was angry that wheelie-bins were being left out on the public footpath other than on collection day especially from Aylestone Road to Brooksby Street. There was rubbish on the pavement in front of 20 Lothair Road. **Chris** will contact the City Warden, **Noel Cazley**.

Chris will also contact the City Council asking if any action could be taken to prevent vehicles from doing a U-turn at the wide junction with Saffron Lane.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 1st March 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

