

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 7th July 2016 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin, Sue and Herbert Eppel and Michael Corner.

Anita Clarke who is a Ward Community Engagement Officer with Leicester City Council gave a talk about her job. She supports local Ward Community Meetings and Ward Application Bids. She is responsible for Wycliffe, Westcotes, Aylestone, Eyres Monsell, Fosse and Rushey Mead Wards. There are now only four officers covering the whole of the City which is down from the previous nine. Applications are only accepted online. Bids for £500 or less can be fast tracked after receiving the approval from the local Ward Councillors. Applications for over £500 are decided at three times a year. These are 31st March, 30th September and 31st January.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd June 2016 were confirmed as correct.

Matters Arising that are not already on the Agenda

Cavendish Road War Memorial The request to place the Plaque in The Church of the Nativity will be considered at the next meeting of the Church Council which will be held in September. The cost of the Plaque would be about £60-£75 which includes the cost of engraving. It can be either brass or stainless steel which would cost more. It is hoped to place the Plaque on the outside of the Church.

Dog Bin The dog bin on Saffron Lane near the Post Office has not been emptied since the last meeting. Cllr. **Shelton** advised the meeting to contact the Aylestone Ward Councillors because it is in their Ward.

Police Report

Most of the crimes being reported across the City are concerning motor vehicles, especially around Knighton.

Cavendish Road and Saffron Lane An arrest has been made.

Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium Police are dealing with the reports of damage to the building.

Thanks again to Jackie for the Police Report.

JAG

No-one attended the last meeting.

Councillor's Report

Councillor Bill Shelton (Saffron)

15/17 Knighton Fields Road West Tenant has been evicted but it is hoped the rubbish will be removed shortly.

Overgrown Trees Local residents on **Knighton Fields Road West** were concern about the overgrown trees at the back of their gardens. **Cllr. Shelton** has been advised that Severn Trent is responsible for the trees and he has already written to the water company asking them to cut the trees back. He will also forward a copy of his letter to the residents.

Thai Jasmine Licensing Department has contacted Cllr. Shelton to advise that the premises do not need to have a licence and would take no further action unless they received any complaints. The Police would also take no action unless any illegal activities were reported. It was suggested that the Petition could be given to the local Ward Councillors who would presented it to Full Council. It would then be passed to the appropriate Council department for them to respond. However, it may still mean that no action would be taken against the premises.

Secretary's Report

St. Mary's There is concern about the lack of response from either the City Council or the developers despite numerous e-mails being sent requesting a meeting to discuss the future of site. There has only been silence. Cllr. Shelton advised the meeting that no planning application has been made.

Newsletter This is going to print shortly and it is hoped to be already for delivery about early August. There has been a decline in the number of advertisers which could be due to the internet.

Elton John Concert No problems to report.

Treasurer's Report

Position still vacant

Balance in Bank Account was £622.25 on 3rd June 2016. The £50 cheque was presented to the new Principal Gary Aldred as a donation for the outdoor play equipment for the former Knighton Fields Primary School now Knighton Fields Primary Academy. Ann needs to be paid for the printing of Minutes and Agendas of the monthly meetings since the AGM because one cheque would cover the cost before the next AGM rather than writing cheques on a monthly basis.

Website: www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk.

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

Flood/Emergency Wardens

Ann arranged a meeting with Martin Hulse who is the Resilience Manager at the City Council to discuss the location of possible Emergency Centres in the area. It was felt that other than reporting blockages in the watercourses in the area, nothing further will happen.

AOB

Overgrown Bush

Kay was concern about the overgrown bush now hanging over the public footpath along Aylestone Road near the TSB Bank.

Play Area on Aylestone Recreation Ground

Sylvia was disgusted at the sad and neglected state of the Play Area. Play equipment had been removed but not replaced and surrounded by overgrown bushes. She felt that it was a dark and unwelcoming area for young children to play. **Another resident** voiced her concerns about the broken wooden slats on the platform of the former pond. **Cllr. Shelton** would visit the area and investigate further.

Church

Pat advised the meeting that the Church was starting a new initiative to encourage families into the Church. **T@4** will be held from 4 to 5.30pm and will start from 18th September 2016. **Sylvia** also reminded everyone that the **Chat and Craft** is held most Mondays from 2pm at the Church.

Wheelie Bins and Orange Bags

Marion is still concerned that wheelie bins and now orange bags are being left on the public footpath when it is not the day for them to be emptied.

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