

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th July 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Healthwatch A talk about the organisation by Barbara Czyznikowska.

Apologies: Cllr. Bill Shelton, Cllr. Nigel Porter, Stefan Cabaniuk, Michael Corner, Sue Eppel, Pat Ewen and Judy Morley.

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

Matters arising not already on the Agenda

Cavendish Road Flats

Chris contacted Cllr. Shelton who received a prompt reply from an officer in the City Council who advised that the empty space was to be a flat in the original planning application. However, the developer was going to build something different but was advised to stop any further building work until he submitted a new planning application.

Derelict House - 213 Duncan Road

Chris has still not received a reply from the City council but has asked Cllr. Porter for help.

Bins on Public Footpath - corner of Duncan Road and Saffron Lane

The City Warden, Noel Cazley has been asked to monitor the area but it appears that the bins are on the public footpath for just their collection day.

Police Report

Aylestone Park

2 Burglaries from dwellings which were 1 Theft of a lawn mower and an ex-tenant breaking into his former flat because he was homeless.

1 Burglary from non-dwelling and 1 from a local business.

7 Criminal Damaged includes 4 damage to motor vehicles, 1 window damaged to a flat which in turn caused another window to be broken and 1 damage to a bicycle.

6 Vehicle Crime includes 3 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 theft of number plates, 1 theft from moped and 1 theft of a DVLA clamp.

Councillor's Report

Cllr. Cutkelvin (Saffron)

Knighton Fields Road West Railway Bridge

It has been agreed to fund the trial of temporary chicanes for a longer period than was originally planned. It is hoped that this will lead to other measures to improve the safety of not only pedestrians but also drivers using the railway bridge.

Knighton Fields Primary Academy Local residents thanked Cllr. Cutkelvin for helping the school to install pencil bollards near its premises to improve the safety of its pupils.

Patch Walk took place with local Ward Councillors and officers from the Leicester City Council looking at ways to improve the appearance of the shop fronts along Saffron Lane between the Aylestone Leisure Centre and the Athletics Stadium. The City Council will match any money that the owners of the shops use to improve the appearance of their property. It is also intended to extend the scheme to the shop fronts on Saffron Lane between St. Andrews and Duncan Road.

Aylestone Leisure Centre The job for the damaged railings has been raised but no date has been given for when they will be replaced. The damage was caused by an uninsured driver. The Travellers previously camped in the carpark have now been removed.

Council Tax Support The scheme will not change even though it is still out for consultation. The Deputy City Mayor confirmed the decision at the last Full Council.

Local Plan Consultation will take place over the summer. Cllr. Cutkelvin will ask if an officer from the City Council would be available to talk about the Plan at the next monthly meeting on 3rd August. The former St. Mary's Allotments will not be included in the Plan because it is currently being developed.

Secretary's Report

Speakers

3rd August Local Plan by Grant Butterworth, Head of Planning at Leicester City Council

7th September Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital

Ann will ask her sister, Mrs S. Young, if she would be prepared to be auditor.

Treasurer's Report

The Account stands at £693.56 with £669.40 in the Bank and £24.16 in Petty Cash. There will be a further deduction of £6.40 for copying the Agenda and Minutes of the June monthly meeting. A cheque for £20 made out to EMAS Charitable Funds has not been cashed yet. This was not only for the talk but also the demonstration by Ben Ryrie from the East Midlands Ambulance Service about using a defibrillator and basic life-saving. A £20 cheque given to Take Heart Leicester for the talk by Professor Murphy from Glenfield Hospital and £31.15 for the Website have been cashed.

Newsletter

The Summer Newsletter has already been printed and will be distributed shortly.

Articles are always welcome. Please contact **Ann**.

Cavendish Road War Memorial

Ann and **Chris** have got the Memorial engraved which was circulated at the meeting. **Shaun** advised that he is in the process of arranging the photographs and maps that will form the exhibition for the weekend of the Service of Dedication.

It is hoped that the costs would be covered from a grant from the Saffron Community Ward Fund.

Cricket Club Residents' Focus Group

Future Concerts

The Cricket Club is hoping to hold a concert in June and September next year. There will be a reduced capacity of 14K down from the 17K at Elton John's Concert. They believe a smaller crowd will be able to circulate more and buy more from the food outlets.

They have a new Safety Officer, John Rutherford who has had experience with football clubs in the Championship and lower Leagues. The Cricket Club has been "touting" for business for the "right artist" to 4 promotional groups. The Cricket Club hopes to dictate the terms rather than the promoter which was the case with Elton John.

Red Seating Area

The Cricket Club intends to develop this area near to Milligan and Grace Road. They want to bring the seating nearer to the pitch and raise it to allow a shop, a museum and storage to be built underneath. Nothing has been submitted or even on the drawing board.

Flats - Hawkesbury Road

The Board of the Cricket Club is "actively thinking about" selling part of the ground to a developer to build 14 flats with parking at the back of the houses on Hawkesbury Road. They said that planning permission is still valid until March 2018.

Tennis Courts on Park Hill Drive

The sale has stopped until the legalities have been resolved. It is unlikely that the Cricket Club will be providing any lighting because only "club officials and players will be using it and that will most likely be in daylight".

Website: www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk.

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

AOB

Aylestone Recreational Ground

Jackie was disgusted at the appalling state of the park. She hopes to arrange a meeting with **Cllr. Cutkelvin** to show her the litter, broken glass and even the way the grass was cut which is blighting the park.

Rat-running on Cavendish Road

Dave and **Kay** were concerned that drivers were using the road as a short cut between 7-9am. **Cllr. Cutkelvin** suggested contacting **James Whelan** at Leicester City Council. He is the officer who is investigating the traffic issues in Aylestone Park. It is hoped that his review could offer a solution to their plight. **Chris** agreed to contact him.

Business Waste Bin in front of 283 Aylestone Road

Kay and **Dave** reported there is a blue business waste bin overflowing with rubbish, that has not been emptied since the Aylestone Fish and Chip Shop closed many months ago. **Chris** will contact **Noel Cazley**, the City Warden to arrange for the company to collect and remove their bin.

Houses of Multi-Occupancy

Sylvia wondered if the owners of properties with multi-occupancy need to provide parking for their tenants. They do not.

Percy Road

Alan was concerned about 4 youths riding mini-mopeds along the road. **Jackie** will check her CCTV to see if she can identify them.

Sheridan Street

Marion reported a boarded up window at no.13. **Jackie** will investigate further. **Chris** has contacted **Noel Cazley**, the City Warden who hopes to deal with not only wheelie-bins but also the orange recycling bags left on the public footpath in Sheridan Street, when it was not their collection day.

Alley Gate on New Park Road.

Shaun was frustrated at the lack of action to improve the security of the alley gate. **Chris** will contact **Noel** again to check what progress has been made.

Date of Next Meeting to be held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd August 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

