

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held on the 3rd May 2018 in the Church Hall of the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Nigel Porter, Michael Corner, Sue Eppel, Patricia Ewen, Lynne Patel, Paul Smith and Kay Turner.

St Mary's

Housing Development

Joe Menna, Land Manager from Westleigh advised that there will be 87 dwellings, split between affordable housing and shared ownership. Priority will be given to people on the City Council's Housing Waiting List. The remaining 38 will be available to buy.

The Show Room will be open from Saturday 5th May. It is hoped that the first residents will be moving in at the end of July. Most of the noisy work should be completed by the end of September 2018 and the development is due to be finished by July 2019.

All the buildings are timber framed, which apparently lasts as long as a brick one!

Proposed Open Space

Brian Stafford, Project Development Manager with Leicester City Council gave a talk about the Proposed Open Space on the remaining part of the site. He had received 25 Questionnaires out of the 130 delivered to the Gas Houses on Aylestone Road, Hughenden Drive and Saffron Lane. 62% of the responses supported the scheme.

There were a number of issues:-

Path

Not sure whether the path that connects the Housing Development to Aylestone Road near the Bus Stop would be tarmac.

Lighting

It has not been decided whether lighting would be provided but light ducting would be installed, to provide some lighting and to allow further lighting if required.

Kick About

This appeared in the plan but was not mentioned originally. Brian would investigate further after being questioned by Councillor Cutkelvin.

It is hoped to submit a planning application in the summer with work starting at the end of the year.

Stefan wondered if a wetland could be created near the swale. Brian would look into the suggestion

Dogs Improve Your Wellbeing Project

Liz Maitland, a local resident and a Director for a mental health charity RECOVERY Assistance Dogs, gave a presentation on her proposal for a dog agility gym on the site.

The only other one in the UK is at Lee Valley in north London. Whilst the meeting supported the idea, it was felt that St. Mary's was too small an area and a bigger area would be more suitable.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2018 were confirmed as correct.

Matters arising from the Previous Meeting not covered in the Agenda

Cricket Residents' Focus Group will hold its next meeting from 6pm on 18th June. The Cricket Club are holding a musical featuring the cast of "Mamma Mia" which celebrates the songs of the Swedish pop group ABBA. It will be held on Friday 31st August.

Police Report

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Jackie advised the meeting that Mike Cawley, Commander South Leicester Neighbourhood Policing Area, had obtained money to replace the existing Neighbourhood Watch signs. In Oadby they had been replaced with ones in the shape of owls, whilst Leicester would have a fox's head. The areas are also to be coloured coded. However, the City Mayor needs to give his approval before they are to be replaced.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Boundary Road Meeting a group of local residents concerning a problem of noise.

Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin (Saffron)

Leicester Local Plan Starting its next stage of consultation on providing homes to meet the needs of its citizens for the next fifteen years. A proposed site for new housing is the remaining part of the former velodrome.

Universal Credit is being rolled out. It replaces a number of benefits with just one.

Aylestone Leisure Centre The under used bar area is being replaced by a new gym.

Knighton Fields Road West The temporary chicanes are to be shortly replaced with permanent ones, despite objections from Network Rail about access to their carpark.

Secretary's Report

Saffron Acres A talk about helping on a community area behind the allotments on Whittier Road will be held at the June monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the Bank was £508.24.

There will be a deduction of £4.20 for the copying of not only the agenda but also the minutes of the April monthly meeting.

A cheque for £247.50 has been given to the Church to cover the cost of room hire for the whole year.

An application for £500 from Saffron Ward Community Fund has been submitted but is subject to the approval of the Ward Councillors.

Newsletter

It is hoped to be printed for July. **Ann** welcomes any articles for publication.

East-West Link Road

The campaign group, "End of the Road LE3" had collected over 2,000 signatories requesting the City Council not to include the Evesham Road-Saffron Lane Link Road in any future Local Plans. It is hoped to present the Petition to the City Council shortly to trigger a debate in Full Council.

AOB

Luncheon Club

Ann is looking at possible venues and has ten people already interested. It was agreed to include details in the next Newsletter.

Street Cleaning

Dave hoped that street cleaning could be changed to Wednesday. The area is swept on Mondays only for the bins to be emptied on Tuesdays.

Street Names

Shaun wondered how they are decided and whether they have already been allocated to the new housing development on St. Mary's. **Cllr. Cutkelvin** will investigate.

Rubbish-Percy Road

Jackie has already contacted the City Council about it and was told that the City Warden was dealing with it because it was on private land.

Lighting-Aylestone Recreational Ground

Despite numerous e-mails with the City Council, no progress has been made to install a light near the Pavilion to improve the safety of people using the park after dark. A meeting with **Jackie** will be arranged by **Cllr. Cutkelvin** to look into the matter further.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 7th June 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

