

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

Apologies: Cllr. Nigel Porter, Michael Corner, Val Perry and Alison Sansom.

Jackie Moore-Freakley took the Chair

Journey of a Letter A talk by John Noble about the Post Office

Minutes of the AGM held on 4th October 2018 were approved.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2018 were confirmed as correct.

No Matters arising from the Previous Meeting not covered in the Agenda

Policing

Jackie advised the meeting to ensure vehicles are locked and keep any loose change or valuables hidden. She also informed local residents to lock all doors and windows when going out or even if only in the back of the house.

Knife Crime is more an issue in Eyres Monsell but the situation could change.

Councillor's Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium There are plans to develop the middle of the running track to accommodate not only English but also American Football. It will not affect the current athletic facilities within the stadium. There will be another round of consultation with the Athletics Clubs to discuss the proposals.

Mental Health He had been contacted by a community group trying to improve the provision of mental health activities in the area. He had a meeting with them to discuss their plans but nothing has been heard of them since.

Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin (Saffron)

Caterpillar Park The pathway between the park and the railway line has been improved with the money from developers through the planning process. The Ball Courts have also been improved.

Putney Road The Call-In has been rejected.

Evesham Road-Saffron Lane Link Road It has been referred to the Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission and the Overview Scrutiny Commission. She believes it will also go to the Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Commission which she chairs. The Commission would look into the health implications of the building of the Link Road.

Marriott Primary School She has become a Governor of the school which has plans to improve the structure of its buildings.

Aylestone Park Recreational Ground She will investigate when the disused Pavilion will be demolished and when the additional lighting will be installed. A litter-pick was held on the park and was attended by six people including **Chris, Judy** and her husband.

101 Knighton Fields Road East A planning application for 22 flats and 14 parking spaces has been approved despite her objections.

Secretary's Report

St. Mary's An update on the planning application by Leicester City Council to create a new Public Open Space on the remaining part of the site will be discussed at the December monthly meeting.

Nominations for Aylestone Awards It was agreed to nominate Ann and Alan Sturgess.

Date of monthly meeting in May 2019 The Mayoral and City Council Elections have meant that the room has already been booked for the first Thursday in May. It was agreed to move the meeting to the following Thursday-9th May.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the Bank was £331.25.

There will be a deduction of £7.20 for the copying of not only the agenda but also the minutes of the September monthly meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

Newsletter

The next one is planned to be published for March 2019. Articles to be submitted in February next year. **Ann** welcomes any articles for publication and new deliverers to distribute it.

Cricket Residents' Focus Meeting

Mamma Mia had 1300 patrons whilst Lion King had 1900 with 500 paying on the day before. Possible Summer Concert on 17th/18 August 2019. 11-15k standing.

East-West Link

On 4th October 2018, a demonstration was held on the steps of Leicester's Town Hall to protest against the suggestion of including the Evesham Road-Saffron Lane Link Road in the next Leicester Local Plan. The Local Plan is an attempt by Leicester City Council to meet the needs of its citizens for homes, jobs and leisure for the next 15 years.

About 200 residents and their supporters attended the demonstration. It was organised by the campaign group, End of the Road/LE3, to show councillors who were attending a meeting of the Full Council that the Link Road was not wanted.

The City Mayor, Sir Peter Soulsby, confirmed there are no plans to build the road because of the lack of money. However, if the money became available, it could be a different story.

The City Mayor proposed and it was agreed to refer the petition of over 1500 signatories against the road to another committee for further consultation with local residents.

St. Mary's

Herbert advised the meeting that a Planning Application has been made by Leicester City Council to create a new Public Open Space on the remaining part of St. Mary's for the local Community.

The Aylestone Road side would be kept naturalised due to the sensitive ecology of the site. There has been a reduction in the number of paths to protect the area. There would still be a new path connecting Aylestone Road to Saffron Lane. **It is hoped to start work on the site shortly.**

Towards Saffron Lane, the site would be more open with new areas of grasslands along with some mature trees. A new play area would be created close to the new housing. A grass kick-about area has been removed from the original plans which would have been close to the Saffron Brook.

There are still a few outstanding issues to be resolved such as the design of the play equipment but these would not affect the planning application because they could be added to it at a later date.

AOB

Remembrance Sunday-Church of the Nativity

Pat is preparing a sermon about the hundredth anniversary of the ending on the First World War and the Cavendish Road Bombing in the Second World War.

Aylestone Road

Herbert hoped that the cut down tree on Aylestone Road near St. Mary's would be replaced.

5000-1: Walk to Remember Vichal

Alan advised the meeting that it will start at 1.15pm from Jubilee Square on Saturday 10th December 2018.

Graffiti

Stefan was concerned about the amount of Polish graffiti around the area.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 6th December 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of the Church of Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

