

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents' Group held from 7.30pm on Thursday, 2nd February 2017 in the Church Hall of The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Apologies: Cllr. Elly Cutkelvin, Michael Corner, Patricia Ewen, Marion Moule and Sylvia Taberer.

“Get Well” Cards were passed around at the meeting for Patricia Ewen and Marion Moule.

Presentation

A talk about St. Mary's was given by Richard Kelly who is the Nature Conservation Officer with Leicester City Council.

The amended planning application by Westleigh who are proposing to build on part of the site will be considered by Leicester City Council shortly.

It is planned to build on the land in stages, beginning from the entrance with Saffron Lane and moving upwards to allow the wildlife to move away from the development.

Brian Stafford has been appointed as Project Officer. He is preparing surveys to form part of a draft masterplan for the Proposed Open Space and Nature Area.

They hoped to return trees especially fruit to the site. It is hoped to “naturalise” the brook but that would be subject to another planning application and further funding becoming available.

The City Council has already appointed an officer who tries to secure funding in co-operation with local residents and groups.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st December 2016 were confirmed as correct.

Matters Arising that are not already on the Agenda

Bins on Public Footpath

There was still concern about the wheelie bins remaining on the public footpath near the Newsagents at the corner of **Duncan Road** and **Saffron Lane**. These have now been removed and thanks have been conveyed to **Noel Cazley**, City Warden.

Police Report (1st December 2016 to 31st January 2017)_

Aylestone Park

5 Burglaries

6 Non-dwellings such as sheds

15 Criminally Damaged

15 Vehicle Crimes

Police advice is to check that your vehicle is actually locked and your valuables especially loose change is not on show but is put away.

JAG

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd March.

Inspector Steve Bunn has been replaced in January 2017 by Mike Cawley as Neighbourhood Police Area Commander.

There have been complaints made by local residents about youths riding mopeds without helmets along **Dartford Road**. The Police have now obtained video evidence and will be speaking to the garage who is involved with the “Accelerate” project. This scheme

provides youths who have been in contact with the police with the experience of fixing motor bikes.

Councillors' Report

Cllr. Bill Shelton (Saffron)

Traffic-calming on Bloomfield, Whittier and Copinger Road have now started. It should be completed shortly.

Play Area on Aylestone Recreation Ground It has been agreed to provide additional play equipment. It is hoped that work would start shortly.

Saffron Fete It is planned to hold it on Saturday, 19th August. However, the date may change.

Cllr. Nigel Porter (Aylestone)

147 Snooker Hall He was disappointed that the Planning Committee did not consider that local residents' concerns about more parking and noise from the development were sufficient grounds to refuse the planning application.

Parking Restrictions Local residents were angry about extending parking restrictions along **St. Andrews and Hallaton Road**. It would have prevented residents from parking in front of their homes. The City Council has now agreed to amend the plans to have parking restrictions just on the corners of the roads and a loading bay for the factory which is paying for the scheme.

Franklyn Fields A planning application had been made just before Christmas but there was confusion about the deadline for submitting objections because of the lack of publicity. Fortunately, **Cllr. Porter** has received assurances from the Planning Department that they would still accept objections after the closing date because the application would take some time to process because of the size of the development.

Secretary's Report

Speakers

2nd March Fire Safety Talk

4th May CPR Training

An application for £500 from the Saffron Ward Community Fund had been successful. The Ward Councillors were thanked for their support.

Treasurer's Report (Position Vacant)

The Account stands at £532.24 with £508.08 in the Bank and £24.16 in Petty Cash. There will be deductions for the hire of the room from the Church which remains unchanged at £247.50 for eleven monthly meetings, £40 for Seasonal "Thank You" Gifts and £8.50 for copying the Minutes of the December monthly meeting. The cost of the website for £24.96 will be due in the summer.

Newsletter

It is hoped to produce the next edition in time for Easter.

Planning Application No.2016 1906 58 Percy Road

There was disappointment that the Planning Committee allowed the development of the Snooker Hall within a former industrial unit despite local residents' concerns that it would make parking worse and create noise when there was none. It was approved with a condition that it is to be restricted to snooker related activity.

Cavendish Road War Memorial

There were some amendments to the Memorial. It was to include the fact that the raid was not only daylight but also the first over Leicester during the Second World War. There was agreement to keep it as Cavendish Road War Memorial even though half of the civilians killed lived in Saffron Hill Road and to remove the addresses but to keep the ages. The amended information was to be given to Paul who would pass it on for the consideration of the Church Council at its next meeting which will be held on 7th February. It is hoped that permission would be granted to put the Memorial on the outside of the Church.

Planning Application (Amended) No. 20161547 St. Mary's

It will be considered by the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 21st February. The amended plans include the change of location for the water retention ponds which are designed to prevent the development from increasing any existing flooding risk.

Work days have been arranged for **Sunday 12th February** and **5th March 2017**. Meet at **10am** at entrance on Aylestone Road.

Website: www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk.

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

AOB

Community Resilience and Flood Warden Workshops

Ann had been contacted by Martin Halse who is the Resilience Manager at Leicester City Council. There are a number of half day workshops about preparing a Community Response Plan. These will be held at venues across the county during February 2017. **Ann, Tony and Chris** will be attending one at the offices of Blaby District Council on Monday, 13th February.

Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society

Judy reminded the meeting that the AGM of the Society will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15th February. It will be held at the Black Horse Public House on Narrow Lane in Aylestone Village.

Railway Bridge-Aylestone Road

Sue thought that murals would help to improve the appearance of the bridge and the surrounding area. **Cllr. Cutkelvin** mentioned the idea at a previous meeting.

Blue Transit Van-Knighton Fields Road East

Stefan was concerned that a Transit Van appeared to have been abandoned since November 2016 on **Knighton Fields Road East** near to the entrance to the Sports Pavilion

on Aylestone Recreation Ground. The police were powerless to act because no criminal act has been committed.

It was thought that the City Wardens could remove it because it appears to have been abandoned. **Cllr. Porter** and **Chris** agreed to contact the City Wardens.

Residents' Survey

Kay and **Dave** had been asked to complete a survey by **Jon Ashworth**, Member of Parliament for Leicester South. They were especially concerned that some landlords and tenants appear not to appreciate the area or their neighbours. It was agreed to invite our Member of Parliament to speak at a future monthly meeting.

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