

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WIGSTON RESIDENTS` FORUM HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES,
STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor G Boulter – Chair

Councillors: H. Loydall, K Loydall, , L.A Bentley and R. Eaton

Residents In Attendance M A Drage, S Dacey, P Tebbutt, D Tebbutt, P Bates, M J Bates, R Carter, M K Wertwyla, C Huscroft, M A Sturgeon, D Needles, R Needles, P Lapworth, A Schofield, G Schofield, D Walton

Others in Attendance: V Quintyne (OWBC).D Cliffe(Conservation Volunteers), PCSO 6118 Sarah Parnaby , PCSO 6572 Jayne Pearson Police Community Support Officers ,T. Bentley (First Responders), R.Moughton (First Responders),P Cousins (Wigston Civic Society,

Apologies:

Residents: Richard Blackburn ,Linda Blackburn, Sue Lobb, John Lobb, Carolyn Holmes Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre Manager, PC Damien Hyatt, L Pires (WigstonTraders) , L Blackburn, G. Blackburn , Cllr:M.Charlesworth.

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| 26 | <p><u>1.Local Police Issues</u></p> <p>As the regular Police representative PC3177Damian Hyatt is on paternity leave PCSO 6118 Sarah Parnaby and PCSO 6572 Jayne Pearson Police Community Support Officers provided the Police Update to residents. Crime figures were reported as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="261 1563 1302 1962"> <tr> <td>Previous 3 Months</td> <td align="right">Last 3 Months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attempted burglary in dwellings: 7</td> <td align="right">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglaries: 7.</td> <td align="right">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicles. 9</td> <td align="right">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robberies: 1</td> <td align="right">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shoplifting: 37 with17 detected</td> <td align="right">.10</td> </tr> </table> | Previous 3 Months | Last 3 Months | Attempted burglary in dwellings: 7 | 5 | Burglaries: 7. | 5 | Theft from Vehicles. 9 | 3 | Robberies: 1 | 1 | Shoplifting: 37 with17 detected | .10 | |
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| | <p>Bilking..... 1</p> <p>The Police is focussed on further engagement with partner agencies and working on various crime and antisocial behaviour interventions in the Borough. Saturday and Friday nights are seeing antisocial behaviour reduced to zero level.</p> <p>Residents were informed of Police intervention work on: littering and graffiti, work with the Impact Team to provide training for Macdonald’s staff and football sessions between the Police and young people which is to become a regular once a week-night event.</p> <p>ELS Cafe is open on Friday nights supporting positive activities for young people.</p> <p>Boulter Crescent community flat is working with residents to build Police rapport with communities and provides a cooked meal on Friday lunchtime.</p> <p>As part of developing its community links Police attend more community events, for example coffee mornings. They also attended the Summer Solstice event hosted by Leicestershire Pagans at Brocks Hill Country Park and made a visit to the Hindu Temple in Knighton.</p> <p>A basketball session is held every Friday evening at Guthlaxton College. 20 plus children attend but the space is proving too small for the demand. National sports scouts use such sessions to look for the next “Michael Jordan” an internationally renowned basketball player.</p> <p>For the future, an Allotment Day at Aylestone Lane and Granville Gardens is planned. This will be an opportunity to security mark tools and provide free security devices and crime prevention information. There is a single point of Neighbourhood Watch in the Borough. Anyone interested in setting up a scheme is invited to contact the Police Community Support Officers.</p> <p>In concluding the update the Police stressed residents are encouraged to contact the Police on telephone number 101 to report offending behaviour and criminal activity. The Chair thanked the Police Support Officers for the update.</p> | |
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2 Local Government Boundary Commission Review for England

The Community Engagement Officer explained that the County Council had approached the English Boundary Commission to look at recommending a new pattern of wards across the County so no Councillor would be providing support to on average no more than nine thousand electoral voters. The Boundary Commission was seeking feedback and comment from electoral voters on whether they agreed with recommendations to change Oadby and Wigston electoral ward divisions. This is in order to: provide what it termed "electoral equality", reflecting the interests and identities of communities and promote effective and convenient local government. It was outlined that the proposed recommendations to address County Councillor representation of electoral voter numbers, at County Council level required residents` feedback and comments. Feedback and comments were being requested from all three Resident Forums to inform the proposed Boundary Commission Recommendations. Residents were also informed they could make their own submission on the Boundary Commission Recommendations, on line using the following web site link.

http://www.leics.gov.uk/oadbyandwigston_electoral_review_proposals.pdf

Residents were also informed their comments would be gathered together and used to provide a Borough wide response to the Boundary Commission Recommendations. The deadline for submission of comments to the Boundary Commission is 21st July 2015.

It was agreed that the Community Engagement Officer would circulate a copy of the Oadby and Wigston Council submission based on the recommendations made by the Resident Forum attendees to all.

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| 28 | <p><u>Friends of Brocks Hill – The Natural Discoveries Conservation Volunteer Development Proposal (Presentation)</u></p> <p>Mike Bates on behalf of the Friends of Brock`s Hill Group gave a presentation on a proposal to increase the number of Super Conservation Volunteers across the whole borough over the next two years. The outcome of this being further community engagement, focussing on biodiversity sites across the Borough, up skilling volunteers , establishing ongoing volunteer groups, incorporating health and safety legislation, working towards recruiting a Project Officer for Volunteer development, running training courses and making the Borough a better place to live ,learn and work.</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust Volunteers is engaged in this community development work and Voluntary Action Leicester is willing to set up a “friends” group.</p> <p>It was proposed the Friends of Brocks Hill Conservation Project receive £1,000 to help with volunteer training and developing the Project. This proposal was carried and the Project awarded £1,000.</p> | Veronika Quintyne |
| 29 | <p><u>Wigston Traders Update</u></p> <p>An update report is to come to the next meeting.</p> | |
| 30 | <p><u>Pride of the Borough Update</u></p> <p>Residents were reminded of the benefit of subscribing to a Pride of the Borough Loyalty Card, which costs £5.00 per year. A card can also be purchased from the Council Reception, at the Council Offices, Station Road, Wigston.</p> | |
| 31 | <p><u>Chairman`s Updates including, Capital Projects Update, Requests for spending and Update on the Forum Budget.</u></p> <p>The Chair provided a verbal update on activity and spending flowing from the Resident Forum budget.</p> <p>The Customer Service Centre opens in Bell Street in the Summer. No opening date as yet has been identified. Jacky Griffiths, the Customer Services Manager is to provide a presentation at the Centre in bell Street.</p> <p>The Senior Citizen`s Action Group meets 21 August at 2pm at the Freer Centre.</p> <p>Wigston Post Office closes January 2016. The Council is working to identify a new location in the Centre of Wigston.</p> <p>Consultation with Highways is to take place on what type of bus shelters to</p> | |

erect. A bus shelter licence costs £50 plus and indemnity. The placing of a bus stop outside the Firs costs £3,000. A basic cantilever bus shelter is the preferred Borough Council choice. Installation of a shelter costs between £4,000 to £4,500. There is the cost of £4,000 for the Paddock Street site. A resident expressed the view that only one bus an hour uses that stretch of road. The Horsewell Lane bus shelter proposal was agreed. The cost awarded is £3,000.

At a meeting this evening the Policy Committee of the Council is to address the usage of bus shelters. Usage figures are to be brought back to the next Resident Forum meeting.

Paddock Street Bus Shelter is to be replaced this Summer. It will include a perch seat.

Consultation on the placing of Trees in Tubs

Previously there were some trees in tubs which resided on Bell Street. There has been a request over the past five years to have these trees placed in Holmden Avenue, Wigston. A question was raised as to if these trees could be place in Holmden Avenue in the tubs, on the grass verges. There are a total of six trees. It was agreed by residents for this issue to be progressed using a consultation approach.

A resident noted lamp-posts in the lanes require painting. The Chair stated these are to be painted next week.

The quality of the grass cutting was raised as a concern by residents. Comments on this are to be fed back to the County Council. Blaby Council contractors also cuts grass in Oadby and Wigston. The cuts have been reduced from seven cuts to five cuts. A resident observed grass cut using the flail system is ending up in the road. This has led to complaints of weeds growing in the gutters. For an extra £2,000 the Council can access one more cut of the grass. A meeting on the 14th June is to see a Council pre negotiation of spraying.

Road Works

Road working signs are to go up on Station Road, as gas pipes are to be re laid.

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| | <p>The County Council will be putting business open as usual signs in South Wigston.</p> <p>The block drains are almost all clear. A tag was left in a drain and therefore has to be done the same time as the gas pipe work. Carlton Drive to Willow Park was flooded three weeks ago. Drains on the bend from Perry Close are blocked therefore work is going on over the next fortnight. Single lane traffic lights are to be placed on Station Road.</p> <p>Residents were reminded that should they wish to discuss issues that affect them before the full meeting begins, there is a surgery session with the Police, Councillors and Council Officers between 7.00pm and 7.30pm</p> <p>The date of the next Resident Forum meeting is: Wednesday 16th September 2015 at 7pm.</p> | |
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm