

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH WIGSTON RESIDENTS FORUM HELD  
AT FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL HALL ,CHESHIRE DRIVE, SOUTH  
WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor S Morris – Chair

Councillors G Boulter , R E R Morris , J Boyce

**Residents in attendance:** C Walter, J Dilkes, S Marshall, P North, B Bolton, A Aliss, B Bolton, A D Headley, J Watson, L Carter, D Lacey, M Lacey, F Palmer, P Bolton, D Belton, V Sealey, V Ward, W ward, J adams, J Cooke, A Wallace, R Carter

**Others in Attendance:** V Quintyne (OWBC). J. Cooke (Local Peoples Programme), L Wills (Phoenix Therapies) D Cliffe (Voluntary Action Leicester), PC S. Lewin.

**Apologies:** A. Kind, PC C Sutherley (Police Officer), R. Elliot, R Elliot

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28.	<p><b><u>LOCAL POLICING ISSUES</u></b></p> <p>Police Officer Lewin provided an update on crime prevention for the period since the Forum last met. This is summarised below:</p> <table><tr><th>LAST 3 MONTHS</th><th>Previous 3 Months</th></tr><tr><td>Burglary Dwelling</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>Burglary non-Dwelling</td><td>3.....0</td></tr><tr><td>Theft of Motor Vehicle</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>Theft From Motor Vehicle</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>Robbery</td><td>00</td></tr></table> <p>The Police provided an update on crime statistics in the area as follows: Covert and overt monitoring of speeding issues has now ceased. A Black Box was used to record speeding in the area. Speed checks will continue on an adhoc basis. There is profiling of burglaries other than housing. Break-ins on sheds and garages have increased. Some residents expressed the concern that it took police to long to investigate a car breakin.The Police explained the Service`s process for measuring response time to a crime. Councillor Boyce sits on the Police Crime Panel It was noted there is now two types of policing, community and crime investigating. He stated he would pick up with the Police the issue of managing peoples expectations on crime solving. Over the Summer there was a significant t drop in anti-social behaviour in the Blaby Park area near to South Leicester College. A large Cannabis factory was discovered in Hindustan Avenue. A resident expressed concern at cyclists going through red lights near Saffron lane. The Police are monitoring this. A resident expressed concern about cars parking at the corner of roads.</p>	LAST 3 MONTHS	Previous 3 Months	Burglary Dwelling	90	Burglary non-Dwelling	3.....0	Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	Theft From Motor Vehicle	20	Robbery	00	Council llor Boyce
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	<p>One resident asked for a presentation on the dangers cyclists faced on the roads of South Wigston.</p> <p>The Police asked residents to assist them with intelligence gathering in order to support the issue of warrants.</p> <p>On concluding the Update the Chair thanked the Police</p>	
29	<p><b><u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW FOR ENGLAND</u></b></p> <p>The report which the Council sent to the Boundary Commission was circulated electronically. Copies were also issued to residents at the meeting.</p> <p>The report explained that the County Council had approached the English Boundary Commission to look at recommending a new pattern of electoral voting wards across the County. This is so no Councillor would be providing support to more than 9,968 electoral voters.</p> <p>The report included suggestions and comments of all three Resident Forums to inform the proposed Boundary Commission Recommendations for ward change in this borough. The deadline for submission of comments to the Boundary Commission was 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.</p> <p>The next reporting stage on the final recommendations will be May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. The attached link provides information on the item.  <a href="https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/leicestershire/leicestershire-county-council">https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/leicestershire/leicestershire-county-council</a>.</p>	
30.	<p><b><u>PETITON ON CHANGE TO THE 49a BUS STOP</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Boulter reported Arriva Bus Company has decided to stop short the 49a bus service route at Kilnworth Road permanently. A petition has been started up to reverse this decision. The petition is also being posted through letterboxes. Currently 300 people have signed it. Residents were encouraged to sign the petition. The petition will be handed into the local Arriva Bus Company garage.</p> <p>This bus route covers a wide area, including Wigstan Magna. The 47 bus route is not compatible with the 49a bus route.</p> <p>The current 49a bus route is also creating traffic congestion and obstruction of driveways. County Highways services is monitoring this. The Police noted the Public can ring 101 to report traffic obstruction but the severity of these is graded before Police can take action. Residents were encouraged to make a formal complaint to Arriva to address the bus parking issues.</p> <p>The stops to the Health Centre at West Avenue and to the post office have ceased. This means a half mile walk to the next bus stop over a footbridge which is not salted in winter.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Sharon Morris is to email the petition form to Jessie Cooke (Conservation Volunteers Project) for circulation.</p> <p>Apart from the bus causing and obstruction motorists using the Gym in Cromwell Road are also causing an obstruction. Cars are double parking. Yellow lines are being reviewed at County Council level.</p>	<p>Council lor Sharon Morris</p>

	<p>Residents will be consulted about the placing of the yellow lines by the County Council.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <p>The County Councillor is to raise the issue of buses blocking private entrances with the Arriva bus company, double parking, obstruction and having yellow lines marked out with the County Council.</p> <p>In January 2016 the post offices in Little Hill, Wigston and South Wigston are to close.</p>	County Council lor
31	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING PRESENTATION &amp; VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER PARTNERSHIP WORKING.</u></b></p> <p>Jessie Cooke gave a presentation on voluntary and community work in the South Wigston Area. Residents queried why the Fairfield Estate area of south Wigston seemed to be left out when community development grants were being designated. It was explained that as parts of South Wigston were designated as Super Output Areas (SOAs) due to levels of deprivation, this is why government funds were allocated there. It was explained that the work of the Conservation Volunteer Project (Jessie Cooke) and Voluntary Action Leicester (VAL) lead by Dave Cliffe (dave.c@valonline.org.uk) now cover the whole of South Wigston including working with Fairfield Primary School.</p> <p>Residents with project ideas for Fairfield Estate were asked to contact Jessie Cooke [J.Cooke@tcv.org.uk] who leads on the Community Volunteer Project.</p> <p>On concluding the presentation the Chair thanked Jessie Cooke.</p>	
32	<p><b><u>SOUTH WIGSTON TRADERS UPDATES</u></b></p> <p>South Wigston Traders's weekend fundraiser event raised £5000 for two charities. Blaby Road is to be closed for the Christmas Capers event. Volunteers are being sought to support the Christmas Capers event. Information is to be shared on face book.</p>	
33	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES INCLUDING CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE, REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON FORUM BUDGET</u></b></p> <p>A paper copy of the Chairman's Budget Update Report was circulated electronically and at the meeting. The budget includes money received and spent.</p> <p>Residents requested replacement bins. A resident suggested the need for three more bins on Blaby Road. One bin on Countesthorpe Road has had the bottom eaten out by rats. It was suggested that the four bins used at Bell Street could be relocated to Blaby Road. A report is to come back to the Forum on this</p> <p>Dog bins were requested but it was stated that no one wanted them near their home. Residents were reminded that the Council was prepared to prosecute anyone allowing their dog to foul the pavements. Dog Patrollers are out in the day and the evening. A resident noted that there has been dog mess on Countesthorpe Road for the past two weeks.</p> <p>It was suggested an article could be placed in the South Wigston Community Working Group magazine on dog fouling.</p> <p>A resident suggested a Union flag be bought for the flag pole in Blaby</p>	

	<p>Road. 14 people voted in favour of its purchase and 1 against.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Check if a union flag has previously been bought for the flag pole. If not one is to be purchased.</p> <p>A resident proposed the Council get a dog poop app. This was said to be expensive to develop. The Chair is to look into the viability of this suggestion.</p> <p>£500 was awarded towards the South Wigston Working Group community newsletter. 12 people voted in favour of awarding funding to the magazine and no one voted against</p>	<p><b>Veronica Quintyne</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Sharon Morris</b></p>
34	<p><b><u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PHOENIX THERAPIES &amp; TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>The Phoenix Therapies and Training Project requested £1,700. This was granted. This award is to provide mental health support, to help local people address negative behaviours, deal with stress in the community, reduce anti social behaviour, help people back into work and study and advertise the Project in the area. The Project has a concept similar to Weightwatchers, so people will be asked to pay £5.00 towards the service. This work is linked to Glenfield Hospital, will dovetail into local community working and support the outcomes within the Borough's Health and Wellbeing Partnership Strategy.</p> <p>The Residents Forum's next meeting will receive costings on the provision of bins on Blaby Road, information on the building of homes in Oadby and Wigston.</p> <p>The local authority is to build 90 houses a year over a two year period. This is to come to the Forum as an agenda item next year.</p> <p>The new Customer Service Centre in Bell Street officially opens October 12th 2015. There is to be some extended opening time and an official launch is to be held.</p> <p>The gutters in the Fairfield Estate need clearing. Weed killer is applied to stop them getting blocked.</p> <p>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm The Oadby and Wigston Orchestra will be holding a classical music performance at Wigston College.</p> <p>The Chair thanked residents for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The date of the next Forum meeting is: November 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. 7.30pm till 9pm. Residents were to be reminded that should they wish to discuss issues that affect them before the full meeting begins, there is a confidential one to one surgery session with the Police and Councillors between 7.00pm and 7.30pm.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 21.00**