

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH WIGSTON RESIDENTS FORUM
HELD AT BASSETT STREET COMMUNITY HUB, BASSETT STREET, SOUTH
WIGSTON.LE18 4PE, TUESDAY.8TH.MARCH 2016. COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor S. Morris– Chair

Councillors: J Boyce, R E Morris, B Boulter

Residents in attendance: R Hughes, R Pearce, T Sumpter, M Ray, J Jones, M Wilmot, K Tiday, R J Carter, R Elliot, R Elliot, J Sealey, D Tebbutt, P Tebbutt, J Guesford, J Chauhan, E Meacham, T Joshi,

Others in Attendance: V Quintyne (OWBC),C Walters(South Wigston Chamber), J Cooke (The Conservation Volunteers), PC C Sutherley, Inspector.L Batchelor, Casey Humphries (OWBC), S Bloxam (Arriva Transport)

Apologies:

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Min Ref	Narrative	Officer Responsible
42	<p><u>LOCAL POLICE ISSUES AND PRESENTATION ON 2020 POLICING</u> The Police provided the residents with the latest crime figures The Statistics are for the last three months (10th November 2015 – March 5th 2016) –</p> <p>BURGLARY DWELLING – 4 (previous period – 7)</p> <p>BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING (BOTD) – 6 (previous period – 2)</p> <p>THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE – 0 (previous period – 2)</p> <p>THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE – 5 (previous period – 15)</p> <p>ROBBERY – 0 (Previous period 0)</p> <p>There are no major spikes in crime. Work is ongoing to reduce cannabis production. The test purchasing of alcohol licensed premises is being checked. Consultation has taken place with residents and work with partner agencies. Graffitists have been caught.</p> <p><u>BLUEPRINT 2020</u> Inspector Lucy Batchelor on behalf of the Police, presented an overview on the Police Change Programme This is titled; “Blueprint 2020”.Blueprint 2020 provided an overview of future policing, joint working with other agencies such as Probation and the Ambulance Service and covered the implications for change on policing in the Borough and the wider Leicestershire region.</p> <p>The presentation outlined, performance and success areas, changing demands, policing strategic priorities, Leicestershire Police and the recent Comprehensive Spending Review, programmes to projects and strategic alliance with Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire’s police forces.</p> <p>It was clarified that In relation to the budget, it has reduced from £175 million in 2010 to £168 million in 2015. In order to maintain policing levels of service and where possible</p>	

	<p>minimise the reduction in the number of officers and staff there needed to be large savings made. Savings have to date has come to just over £36 million since 2010.</p> <p>Questions from residents ranged from, how feedback from these presentations is taken to government to how it is to be identified what policing can and cannot achieve. All feedback will be given to the Police Chiefs.</p> <p>Action: 1 Circulate a copy of the presentation with the minutes.-VQ</p>	
43	<p><u>ELLIS POOL SITE OADBY</u></p> <p>As a borough wide item of information, Residents were informed the Ellis Pool site is now closed and boarded up against vandalism. The land is to remain in Council ownership. No decision has been made about the development of the Pool site.</p> <p>Officers are working on the outcome of a feasibility study re future options for use of the pool site land.</p>	
44	<p><u>NATURAL DISCOVERY VOLUNTEER PROJECT DISPLAY BOARDS</u></p> <p>The Natural Discovery Volunteer Development Project display boards were displayed by Casey Humphries. She is based at Brocks Hill Park and Centre. The Chair directed residents to the display at the front of the hall. This display covered the Volunteer Programme for the Borough. For more information residents are to contact:casey.humphreys@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p>	
45	<p><u>EDIBLE FOOD TRAIL</u></p> <p>Alex Hewins presented on this item .He is proposing to take a bid on the Edible Food Trail to the Big Lottery. This item was brought as a means to gauge feedback on it before it is submitted to the Lottery Fund.</p> <p>The project will support sustainable food growing groups across the Borough. The outcome of the project will be local people using key areas of public land to grow food which all residents can harvest. This will lead to improved health and wellbeing.</p> <p>All food crops will be available cost free. It will also help food banks to replenish their stocks and encourage local people to grow their own food. Common land would be used to plant fruit bushes and fruit trees, with some planting in planters. school children are to be involved in the project</p> <p>The canal was viewed as a good place to plant foraging food. A resident suggested the Council greenhouses be used for this project.</p>	
46	<p><u>ARRIVA BUS ROUTE 49a</u></p> <p>Shaun Bloxam , Transport Manager from Arriva updated residents on the Arrive 49a bus route. The old bus route will continue to be run. It will not run at night or on Sundays. The last bus Monday to Saturday will be the 18.22pm.</p> <p>Arriva will leaflet the route to inform residents of the change. Councillor Boulter implored residents to use or lose the service.</p> <p>Bus Drivers were requested not to use their horns at night.</p> <p>A meeting with the Youth Council and Shaun Bloxam will be arranged by Councillor R. E Morris.</p>	
47	<p><u>SOUTH WIGSTON TRADERS UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Traders have recruited four new members. The Christmas lights are to be updated and be weather proof ones. The tree lights are to be replaced. A resident requested static lights near St Thomas Church. It was noted these are to be changed for next year.</p>	
48	<p><u>CHAIRMAN`S UPDATES INCLUDING,CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES</u></p>	

	<p><u>REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON THE FORUM BUDGET</u></p> <p><u>SOUTH WIGSTON TRAIN STATION PLAQUE.</u> A request was made for £450 to purchase a replacement plaque for the bridge. Rail track has been asked for permission to erect it. The cost includes fittings. The Traders stated they will match fund the proposal if it is carried. 14 people voted in favour. There were no abstentions.</p>	
49	<p><u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS</u></p> <p><u>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER</u> Three new Local Development Orders (LDOS), one concerning South Wigston are being prepared.</p> <p>Arriva Bus Depot is moving and comes within the prepared LDO. An alternative site around South Wigston is being sought for the Bus Depot.</p> <p>On the question of housing developments raised by residents. It was stated that the Arriva Bus Depot site may be viewed as one option to hold a development of 50 properties. The health surgery also needs to be relocated. Car parking could be part of this development</p> <p><u>PHOENIX THERAPIES</u> Phoenix Therapies is to provide an update at the next Resident Forum meeting. It has organised three taster days through Fairfield Primary School in South Wigston. They are working with Supporting Leicester Families.</p> <p>A project will be running in South Wigston after Easter with vulnerable families.</p> <p>To engage more people in their South Wigston work, a resident suggested Phoenix Therapies approach: Parklands Primary School, The Salvation Army, doctors' surgeries, Practice Nurses and use social media, such as Facebook. They can also try making a connection to South Wigston High School.</p> <p><u>WASTE NEAR THE SHOPS BY BASSETT STREET</u> Waste issues near to the shops by Bassett Street is being addressed.</p> <p><u>BOROUGH LITTER CAMPAIGN</u> An update on the Campaign to decrease litter, taking in Clean for the Queen and Clean Up in the Borough is to come to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE USE BY COUNCIL WORKERS</u> The Chair was requested to remind the Street Cleaners not to use swear words in public. A resident has made a complaint about this.</p> <p><u>THE SOUTH WIGSTON WORKING GROUP</u> This Group is hosting new open twenty minute sessions. These are for residents who want to start new projects and network. The South Wigston Working Group magazine was highly complemented on its appearance and content. It has a wide circulation.</p> <p>Residents were reminded that should they wish to discuss in confidence local issues of concern before the full meeting begins at 7.30pm, there is a surgery session with; the Police, Councillors and Council Officers between 7pm and 7.30pm.</p>	
50	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> Wednesday June 8th 2016 Time: 7.30pm Venue: TBC</p>	

Meeting closed at 21.00