

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OADBY RESIDENTS FORUM HELD AT OADBY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDHURST STREET, OADBY.TUESDAY 1st.MARCH 2016. COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor D Carter– Chair**

**Councillors:** L Darr (Mayor), J Kaufman, D Gamble, G.Atwal, A Bond, B Fahey, S Haq, T.Khong

**Residents in attendance:** Chauhan, D Cunningham, M Hughes, M Luke, K Ellis, T Ellis, H Smith, J Sherlock, P Joshi, M Ward, J Bryars, D Needham, B Eglon, M Eglon, C Foulds, D B Hazel-Hodspon, J Hier, P J Newman, S Poole, A Shore, B Simmonds, A Shallaby, P Ballard, P Bliss, S Bolton, B Culpin, A Day, A Squires, K Rose, B Mellone, W Coelbun, P JuanDerwills, G Austen, J F Potts, J Gannon, L Hill, R Davies, S Lucas, J Vickerstaff, J Fellows, E A Keyword, Bhanna, Chandu, D.B Cadlin, F Robson, R Shah, A Ahmed, I Noormohomed, S Booshar, M Bates, P Bates, M Sansome, S Smith

**Others in Attendance:** V Quintyne (OWBC), S Gutteridge (Oadby Traders), Sgt 1977 S Lewin, Inspector L Batchelor, Casey Humphries (OWBC)

**Apologies:**

Z Haq, A Wood, P Newman, H Newman , G Lamb

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42.	<p><b><u>LOCAL POLICE ISSUES AND PRESENTATION ON 2020 POLICING</u></b></p> <p>The Police provided the residents with the latest crime figures as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="244 1133 863 1357"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>This</th> <th>Last</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary in Dwelling:</td> <td>12</td> <td>22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary Other than Dwelling:</td> <td>7</td> <td>03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicle:</td> <td>14</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage:</td> <td>13</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BOT Dwellings (business premises)</td> <td>03</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robberies</td> <td>01</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two excessively loud motorcycles on the A6 were identified by the Police. They were issued with 559 warnings. A 559 warning can lead to bikes being seized.</li> <li>• There are no further issues regarding the consumption of alcohol in Uplands Park.</li> <li>• A resident noted there are still issues on the use of nitrous oxide (legal highs) in parks. The Police continue to address this.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair reminded residents that they can ring the Police Beat Team on the 101 phone number to report criminal activity. Reporting can also be done by residents accessing the Police website, clicking the bottom banner icon to access the Beat Team. Information can also be reported by contacting Twitter and Facebook. Residents can also join in discussion via a monthly Police chat room session. There is also access to a police newsletter and a form for residents to provide information about illegal activity occurring in their area.</p> <p>Lucy Batchelor on behalf of the Police, presented an overview on the Police Change Programme. This is titled; Blueprint 2020. Blueprint 2020 provides an overview of future policing, joint working with other agencies such as Probation and the ambulance service and covered the implications for changes in policing in the Borough and the wider Leicestershire region.</p> <p>The presentation outlined Performance and success areas, changing demands, policing</p>		This	Last	Burglary in Dwelling:	12	22	Burglary Other than Dwelling:	7	03	Theft from Vehicle:	14	16	Criminal Damage:	13	15	BOT Dwellings (business premises)	03	0	Robberies	01	0	
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	<p>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 the annual budget has reduced from £175 million in 2010 to £168 million in 2015. The force have sought to maintain policing levels of service and, where possible, to minimise the reduction in the number of officers and staff. Savings of just over £36 million have been found since 2010.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Circulate a copy of the presentation with the minutes.</p>	VQ
43	<p><b><u>NATURAL DISCOVERY VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DISPLAY BOARDS</u></b> The Natural Discovery Volunteer Development Project display boards were displayed by Casey Humphries. She is based at Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre. The Chair directed residents to the display at the back of the hall. For more information residents are to contact: <a href="mailto:casey.humphreys@oadby-wigston.gov.uk">casey.humphreys@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</a></p>	
44	<p><b><u>ELLIS POOL SITE OADBY</u></b> Residents raised concerns about the future development of the Ellis Pool Site. Clarification was sought on what steps were put in place by the Borough for disposal of the pool and the reinstatement of the land.</p> <p>Matthew Luke has raised a petition to request the Council to retain ownership of the land for recreational use. Four hundred letters have also been distributed to residents on this issue. The feedback to this distribution is that residents wish to see the pool site land used for recreational use.</p> <p>The Chair encouraged residents to put any proposal they have on the future use of the pool site to the Council. Officers are working on a feasibility study re the future options for use of the pool site. Any suggestions for future use are to be sent to <a href="mailto:david.carter@oadby-wigston.gov.uk">david.carter@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</a>. He will pass them on to the relevant Council officers.</p> <p>The pool site is not currently available for use, it has been boarded-up to ensure that it is not vandalised.</p> <p>Control of the pool site land will be retained by the Council and not sold. Any future use must be sustainable. It is hoped that a report on the pool site will go to the Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.</p>	
45	<p><b><u>OADBY FIRST WORLD WAR FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY</u></b> The event takes place on Saturday 2 July 2016. The venue is: Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre, Oadby from 10:30am till 4.00 pm. An outline of the proposed activities was given.</p> <p>Residents were requested to contact <a href="mailto:david.carter@oadby-wigston.gov.uk">david.carter@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:jan.bryars@gmail.com">jan.bryars@gmail.com</a>, if they are able to identify owners of vehicles of the era who would be willing to display them as part of the event.</p>	
46	<p><b><u>PRIDE OF THE BOROUGH</u></b> Pride of the Borough work with the Council to enter the borough in East Midlands in Bloom. The route is currently being planned. Schools and front gardens are to be included. The results come out in September 2016. Over the past five to six years Oadby in Bloom has achieved gold medal winning status. A floral display competition is organised. There are categories for schools and businesses. Entry forms are soon to be circulated.</p> <p>Last year, 9,000 bulbs were planted by volunteers, including residents and youth organisations along roads such as Brabazon Road.</p> <p>The Take Pride Anti-litter Campaign has seen 187 poster entries received from schools. Posters are to be used on display boards to encourage people not to drop litter.</p> <p>The Clean for the Queen Litter Pick takes place on Saturday 5th March 2016. The message</p>	

	<p>to not drop litter in the first place will be emphasised.</p> <p>A resident noted there is litter building up between the path by the Co-op Farm and the entrance to Oadby.</p> <p>The Council has entered Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre and Peace Memorial Park, Wigston into the Green Flag campaign.</p> <p>A request was also made for the Council to remind residents to put litter out securely. The Chair stated that residents can place their rubbish out in a dustbin and biodegradable bags can be used. Discount is also available for dustbins.</p> <p>The Pride of the Borough membership / loyalty card costs £5.00 a year. Thirty different business provide a discount to residents.</p>	
47	<p><b><u>OADBY TRADERS UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>An interior design shop has opened. Its details are on the Town Centre Facebook Page. Residents were reminded that any events can be electronically listed via Sam Gutteridge.</p> <p>The Classic Car Show takes place on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. All shops will remain open. There were no signs in place from Sandhurst Street car park last year to show direction to the Parade. People are reminded to park in Sandhurst Street and not in East Street.</p> <p>There is a LDO (Local Development Order) proposed to bring forward development on the Brooksby Square area (A6 end of East Street Car park. The deadline for comment is March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Residents were requested to send in their comments on the LDO. Sam Gutteridge is to liaise with the Council on this matter. Information can be found on the Council's website, to help with making an informed comment. The LDO is due to be considered at the Development Control (Planning) meeting in mid April. Residents were reminded that Councillors on the Development Committee are not allowed to express their opinion on the Order. The Chair reminded residents that if they have questions they should direct them to the relevant Planning Policy Officer within the Council.</p>	
48	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES INCLUDING, CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES</u></b> <b><u>REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON THE FORUM BUDGET</u></b></p> <p>The Resident Forum budget currently stands at £38,442 . It was confirmed that the funding allocated to the Friends of Brocks Hill Conservation Project had been paid to them.</p> <p>Oadby and Wigston Community First Responders remain in the process of setting up their Twitter Link and preparing an article for the Letterbox newsletter.</p> <p>The Chair reminded residents that the Holi Festival takes place March 23 2016 at 5.30pm The venue is Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre.</p> <p>An update on the Speed Activated sign used in Wigston is to come to the next meeting of the Residents Forum.</p> <p>Residents were informed that the 31A bus run continues to operate unchanged.</p> <p>An enforcement Officer is to visit Burton's Corner to assess the nature of the unofficial parking.</p> <p>A resident was encouraged to raise any issue about parking in Launde Road with the Police.</p>	
49	<p><b><u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES</u></b></p> <p>It was suggested that double yellow lines be placed on the corner of Stoughton Road and a</p>	

Keep Clear sign be placed at the end of The Yews. The blockage on the A6 is going to be resolved. Councillor Gamble is to be requested to provide an update on this at the next meeting.

Councillor Kaufman noted that the LCC may introduce charges for on-street parking. No details are available as yet.

#### **BUSES ON COPSE CLOSE**

Buses are waiting on Copse Close because parking is taking place on both sides of the pavement. The schools are working to reduce this problem.

#### **ROAD SIGN SPEED CHECK MONITOR**

There is a Road Sign Speed Check Monitor in Wigston. This is owned by the Little Hill Residents Association. A second Vehicle Activated Sign has been funded by the South Wigston Residents Forum. The signs collect data on speed, direction of travel of the vehicle and date. It warns drivers to slow down. The Monitor does not record accidents or take photos of vehicles.

Residents queried if having such a monitor in Oadby was feasible. The cost of the Vehicle Activated Sign is approximately £3000. To access the data it needs to be compatible with a laptop that has access to Bluetooth.

#### **EDIBLE FOOD TRAIL**

Alex Hewins presented on this item. He is proposing to take a bid on the Edible Food Trail to the Lottery. This item was brought as a means to gauge feedback on it before it is submitted to the Lottery Fund.

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. 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

Residents made the following suggestions for developing the proposal:

- Approach schools to use part of their land to grow crops.
- Ensure there is proper signage in supporting this project, so people know where the crop is located and that they are free to pick.
- Carry out an audit in Oadby as to where foraged food can be accessed.

Form a Friends of Coombe Park Group to help implement this project. Anyone interested in joining was asked to contact Councillor Jeffrey Kaufman via [Jeffrey.kaufman@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:Jeffrey.kaufman@oadby-wigston.gov.uk).

#### **COMMEMORATIVE STONES**

The removal of two stones from Sandhurst Street School site, weighing some 50 pounds and 50 centimetres square was raised. At the November 2015 Residents Forum meeting it was proposed that these be located between the front gates of Poundstretcher store. Some residents expressed concern about the stones being relocated to Poundstretcher land. It was agreed to see whether the stones could be relocated to Ellis Park, depending on future developments. There is yet to be agreement as to where the stones are to be placed.

#### **Action:**

The Community Engagement Officer is to carry out a consultation with residents as to where the Commemorative Stones should be best placed.

#### **HOWDEN ROAD BUS SHELTER**

A proposal was brought by resident Mr Hudson to have a bus shelter placed at Howden Road. The proposal has no impact on residents in the immediate vicinity. 12 people voted in favour and 1 person opposed. The remainder abstained. The proposal was agreed with the sum of £3,500 allocated.

	<p><b><u>LITTERBIN ON THE A6</u></b>  A proposal clearly stating why a litterbin is required on the A6, by the bus shelter is required. The proposal should include photos of the location identified. The County Council needs to be happy about the location.</p> <p>The proposal is to come back to the next Resident Forum meeting.</p> <p><b><u>SEATING ON THE A6 TOWARDS GREAT GLEN.</u></b>  A resident noted there are no seats on the A6 travelling towards Great Glen.  <b>Action:</b>  Martin Ward is to write a proposal identifying some locations for their placement, as seats on the highway require approval from Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p><b><u>BINS AT COOMBE PARK</u></b>  A request was made for two bins to be located by benches. The bins cost £400 each. This proposal was agreed. No opposing votes.</p> <p><b><u>ST PETER'S CHURCH CLOCK</u></b>  A resident brought a proposal for replacing the motor, winding mechanism and an Auto Restart Unit for the clock. The sum requested and awarded was £1,379.00. No maintenance costs were requested. Carried by a majority vote.</p> <p><b><u>FLORENCE WRAGG WAY PLAY AREA</u></b>  A resident requested an update to play equipment for intermediate age children. The Chair stated a proposal needs to come from an identified resident for this.</p> <p><b><u>FLORENCE WRAGG CAR PARK</u></b>  This is private land. The Council has no remit to put bins on this site.</p> <p><b><u>LITTER BIN BETWEEN TOP OF UPLANDS ROAD AND MANOR HIGH SCHOOL</u></b>  <b>Action:</b>  Councillor Atwal and Councillor Haq are to liaise with residents as to where the bin should be located.</p> <p><b><u>CAR PARKING AT OADBY COMMUNITY CENTRE</u></b>  The issue of car parking is to be dealt with outside of the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>REMOVAL OF TREES ON LAND BORDERING WASH BROOK LANE</u></b>  The Chair stated the land as you enter Washbrook Lane is owned by Oadby and Wigston Football Club. The land by the stream does not belong to the Council. There is no justification for Council officers to invest time and money in investigating legitimate activity on private land.</p> <p>Residents were reminded that should they wish to discuss in confidence local issues of concern before the full meeting begins at 6.30pm, there is a surgery session with; the Police, Councillors and Council Officers between 6pm and 6.30pm.</p>	
50	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> – <i>subject to confirmation at Council AGM</i>  Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2016  Time: 6.30pm  Venue: TBC</p>	

Meeting closed at 20:35PM.