

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WIGSTON RESIDENTS' FORUM HELD AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2016
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair - Councillor G A Boulter

COUNCILLORS (4):

Mrs L M Broadley
F S Broadley

M H Charlesworth
Mrs L Eaton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE (3):

PCS Officer 6118 – S Parnaby V Quintyne (OWBC), G Burnside (OWAge UK)

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE (38):

A Schofield	J Lobb	Mrs Rogers
B Kew	J Tetley	Needles (Mrs)
C Ambrose	K Ochyra	P Osgorl
C Kinning	L Hailes	P Picton
D Needles (Mr)	M Butler	R Guise
D Walton	M Drage	R Hailes
Dr R Durkan	M Hilton	R Muggleton
F Warner (Mr)	M Markham	S Lobb
F Warner (Mrs)	M Sturgeon	S Lonslow
G Lamb	M Waugh	S Moseley
G Schofield	Mr Coldwell	T Markham
J Butler	Mr Rogers	T McMenery
	Mrs Coldwell	V Bills

Min Ref.	Narrative	Officer Resp.
19.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2016</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting held September 14th 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	
20.	<p><u>LOCAL POLICING ISSUES</u></p> <p>The Police presented the crime figures covering the past three months. November 2016 figures below.</p> <p>Burglary (11) Burglary Other than Dwellings (13) Theft from Motor Vehicles (10) Criminal Damage (47) Theft Stores (23) Robbery (1).</p> <p>There is a problem with anti social behaviour in All Saints. The ring leaders have been identified. Anti-social behaviour contracts have been issued. This forbids the culprits from going to certain places after 5.30pm.</p>	

	<p>Plain clothed police have been patrolling.</p> <p>There has also been anti social behaviour around: Horsewell Lane, Bell Street and Willow Park. Approximately 30 young people tried to set cars on fire. Some of the young people were identified as residents of Little Hill.</p>	
21.	<p><u>PRIDE OF THE BOROUGH</u></p> <p>Pride of the Borough provided an update.</p> <p>A working party meets the third Saturday of each month, 10am till 12 Noon. The working party carries out litter picking, maintains areas and bulb planting.</p> <p>Pride of the Borough card members receive a monthly email update. This includes the location of the working groups and businesses offering discounts.</p> <p>The Pride of the Borough committee next meets December 12th at Brockshill Country Park and Visitor Centre. Meetings begin at 7pm. Members and Non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brocks Hill Country Park and Visitor Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5JJ. Email: Potb.oadbywigston@gmail.com or www.prideoftheborough.or. Tel: 07874228491.</p> <p>There are 41 businesses in the Pride of the Borough Loyalty Card scheme. Card membership remains at £5 per year. Cards are available from Brocks Hill Conservation Park and Centre, Oadby Library and Customer Services on Bell Street. Cards can be renewed on December 1st 2016.</p> <p>2016 is the third consecutive year Oadby and Wigston received a gold medal from East Midlands in Bloom. East Midlands in Bloom is impressed with the volunteer hours residents in Oadby and Wigston have contributed to improving the Borough. It has invited the Borough to represent East Midlands in Bloom in the Britain in Bloom competition. Judging takes place in August 2017.</p>	
22.	<p><u>WIGSTON TRADERS' UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Wigston Traders offered apologies for non attendance. The Chair provided a brief update on the Traders behalf as follows:</p> <p>The Lions Group has organised the Wigston Christmas lights switch-on. A future update from the Wigston Traders is to come in the New Year.</p>	
23.	<p><u>CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT OADBY AND WIGSTON COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN</u></p> <p>This draft Local Plan sets out the long term development strategy for the Borough. It will serve the Borough for the next twenty to thirty years. Local Plans consider the future role of places and make decisions on where new development should be concentrated.</p> <p>A copy of the consultation document was circulated at the meeting. Residents were requested to make comment on the draft Plan to the Council. The comments will help shape planning for the future.</p> <p>The Chair informed residents that the Plan provides for the building of housing in the Borough. Failure to do this means the Government will make</p>	

	<p>the decision for the Borough.</p> <p>For more information on the Plan email: planningpolicy@oadby-wigston.gov.uk or call:01162888961</p>	
<p>24.</p>	<p><u>AGE CONCERN - PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>The Forum received a presentation on the services provided by Oadby and Wigston Age Concern UK</p> <p>The following are key points and questions which arose from the presentation. A paper copy of the presentation was circulated at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents use Age Concern as much as 3 to 4 times a week. • Paddock Street Car park is highly used and highly regarded as a service to residents and the Centre. • There is a snack bar and hairdresser provision on-site. There is also a sensory garden and staff to assist with a range of social, and wellbeing issues. For example benefit advice and information. • The Council is planning to provide more car parking spaces in the Borough. • Paddock Street car park is to be built on and there will be a reduction in parking on Paddock Street. <p>The Chair requested Residents put forward suggestions for the draft Local Plan. The Chair thanked the Age UK representative for the presentation.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Circulate the presentation to Residents.</p>	<p>VQ</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p><u>OADBY AND WIGSTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS</u></p> <p>The Community First Responders provided the following information to Residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service has been around for two and a half years. • Up to the end of October 2016 a response was made to approximately 1,254 accidents. • There are currently 11 Community First Responders in the Borough.10 are active, 1 is in training. More volunteers are being recruited. • The Responders requested an award of £180. This is to fund two high Visibility Jackets. The Jackets cost £90.00 each. This will go towards the shortfall in jackets which currently do not fit the female Responders adequately. The jackets must meet EMAC standards, have the EMAC logo. • Calls to emergencies are handled via a 999 phone call. Messages are received from the Ambulance Service via a Health Service provided mobile phone. • Incidents within a 5 mile radius at times can be responded to faster than the Ambulance Service. At least within 8 minutes. • A fundraising day is to be held at Beauchamp College, Sunday, November 20th 2016. 	

	The proposal for the jackets was put to the residents for a vote. The £180 of funding to purchase two High Visibility Jackets at £90.00 each was awarded. There were no dissenters.	
26.	<u>CHAIR'S UPDATES</u>	
26a.	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A seat was installed in the bus shelter near the Health Centre. • Oadby and Wigston Civic Society award for the trees for Willow Park area is to be released. • A litter bin at Horsewell Lane has been fitted. 	
26b.	<u>REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON FORUM BUDGET</u> Phoenix Therapies. Phoenix Therapies previously submitted a revised proposal for an award of £1000. This programme is to assist residents to access a mental health and well being support. This is to be delivered in Wigston. The award has been released. Little Hill Residents Association requests funds to buy a Leaf/Grass Blower. Little Hill Residents Association requests funds of £187 to buy a blower. The machine blows cut grass and leaves away from the foot paths. The make requested; is the Makita 4 Stroke. It comes with a warranty from the Leicester company Terratrol. It can give up to 7 years of use. The Residents Association requested Residents to consider volunteering to help mow unadopted grassed areas and use the Blower on grass cuttings and leaf fall. The Council and County Council have no responsibility for maintaining un-adopted land. Proposal to purchase a shed for the Girl Guides based on Welford Road. A proposal was submitted for £300 to purchase a 6ft by 8ft shed. This is on behalf of the Girl Guides based on Welford Road. The current shed has rotted and is unsafe. There was one Proposer and one Seconder. There were no dissenters	
27.	<u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS</u> Following a concern expressed by a resident that it was difficult to find space on the Council`s notice boards to put up a poster, guidelines were shared with residents on what size of poster can be attached to Council notice boards and for what duration. ACTION: Electronically, circulate the written guidelines for placing and removing posters on the Borough`s notice boards to residents.	VQ

Wigston and Oadby Folk Club

Wigston and Oadby Folk Club is seeking funding to support its holiday club. The holiday club includes people who are carers and those using wheelchairs. The Chair suggested the Group contact avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk to explore how best to request funding. The Chair requested the Group return to the Forum with a presentation as to its purpose and what it does.

Placing of a Drop Kerb by the Wigston Library

A Resident requested the Council install a drop kerb by Wigston Library and organise the removal of leaf fall which is a potential slip hazard on footpaths.

The only slope is by the railings by the Cafe. Councillor Charlesworth made a note of this query. Councillor Boulter is trying to have drop kerbs installed. The County Council has taken funds away from the budget for drop kerbs.

Council Tips and Garden Waste.

The garden waste tip in Wigston does not charge for waste. Oadby waste is run by the Council. This tip does not charge to receive garden waste such as: garden waste, wood bits. There is a charge for bricks, plaster, rubble and soil at the Oadby tip.

Car Wash by the Old Royal Oak and Scraftoft Garage

The Council's Enforcement Officer is addressing residents' concern re the Car Wash by the Old Royal Oak and Scraftoft Garage.

Access to View Original Planning papers

A Resident requested the Council allow the public to view original planning documents. The Chair stated the service is to provide paper copies of the originals.

Bell Street Interpretation Board.

The Bell Street Interpretation Board design has been completed. The interpretation Board takes from four to six weeks for completion. It is to be installed in the new year.

Viewing of Planning Documents.

Planning department original documents are to be made available as a paper copy.

Maromme Square Development

Development is still in progress. A letter is to be circulated with a proposal asking for residents' comments.

Europa Factory Building Renovation

The Europa factory building previously manufacturing clothing is being renovated. The building is not listed.

Admiral Sport Wear Factory

The Admiral Sport Wear factory building has received planning permission to be turned into flats .The building is now up for auction. There is to be no car parking on site. Parking is accessible in Central Avenue.

Hall Shop

The Hall shop is not to be demolished.

Recycling Green Waste and County Council Funding Withdrawal

The County Council's decision to withdraw funding will mean the loss of £80,000 a year. Credits are going to be stopped for green and brown recycling. This will mean the loss of £180,000 revenue for the Council by the end of 2017

Options to address how this revenue loss can be mitigated will be shared with Residents.

The Council is not in agreement with County Council cuts. The decision taken on waste recycling revenue savings was a County Council one, not that of this Council.

In 2020 the Council will receive no funding from the Government's Central Support Grant. This will be the case with all local authorities in the UK. Some business rates will be kept by local councils.

Districts will continue to collect the recycling waste and the County Council will direct as to where it is taken.

Peace Park Coffee Morning

Residents are welcome to attend Peace Park Coffee morning on, Saturday 19 November, 10am till 12.30pm.

CCTV Placed on Notice Boards

Once a month out of date posters/flyers are removed by the Council's Clean and Green Team. There are no CCTV cameras on notice boards.

ACTION:

A notice is to appear in the Letterbox magazine to clarify the Council's policy on the placing and removal of flyers/posters on Council Notice Boards.

Defibrillator in Sainsbury Store

Councillor Boulter is progressing the placing of a defibrillator in the Sainsbury store, in Bell Street. Placement requires a building which has long opening hours. A Resident noted Cross Street Church has a defibrillator. A Resident suggested a map indicating where all Defibrillators in the Borough are located would be helpful. Maps placed on lamp posts showing their location would also be helpful.

Glenfield Hospital Heart Unit Letter Against Closure

VQ

	<p>A letter on behalf of the Residents was sent to Glenfield Hospital and NHS England. It states opposition to the closure of the Heart Unit and its transference to Birmingham.</p> <p>Oadby and Wigston Community Safety Partnership Wellbeing Survey</p> <p>Currently the Community Safety Partnership is inviting residents opinion on what makes them feel safe, living, working and visiting in the Borough. There is no set deadline for responses. All residents are welcome to make a response in the survey by using the following link.</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J3JYQZV</p> <p>Wigston Christmas Lights Switch On</p> <p>Wigston Christmas Lights switch on is: 26th November , 4pm till 7pm, in Bell Street</p> <p>Carers of People with Dementia Support Group</p> <p>Carers of People with Dementia Support Group meets at Sainsbury Community Room, In Sainsburys store, Bell street, Wigston, every Monday 6pm-8pm. Contact: Suzanne Kirk - 07791158410 and Dave Cliffe - 07977015674.</p>	
28.	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Date: Monday 13th March 2017 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Office, Council Chamber, Station Road, Wigston, LE18 2DR</p>	

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM



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MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2017
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