

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2020 online by Zoom

Present: 28 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke,

1. Rob Morris as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. There was one apology

The meeting started with a short presentation from Elliot Ashton and Jayne Smith from Taylor Wimpey introducing their new Stirchley Development, West Side Mews.

They explained that is likely that the layout and design of the houses may change to the intervention of Birmingham City Council.

Assuming that Planning Permission is obtained in a timely manner they gave a possible timeline which would see the site cleared and initial infrastructure in place by November 2021, the first show house being completed in February 2022 and first completion in June 2022.

There were questions about site clearance and the construction phase and also the number of affordable housing.

Elliot and Jayne explained that, as they took over the site after outline planning permission had been obtained, there are some things that cannot be changed.

They agreed that the Forum would be kept updated and they would be happy to attend future Forum meetings.

Rob Morris thanked them for attending.

Elliot and Jayne then left the meeting.

3. Minutes of meeting 14th December 2020

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 14th December

There were no matters arising not appearing later in the meeting

5. Police Update

Unfortunately WM Police were not able to be present.

Cllr Locke said that a new Inspector will be commencing work in the area imminently.

The issue of the recent outbreak of graffiti throughout the area was raised. This consists of tags and therefore there were concerns expressed that they could be territorial in nature.

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper as Planning Officer updated applications from the December meeting;

1256-1258 Pershore Road (corner Twynning Road) - Decision awaited.

2019/10502/PA 1386-1392 Pershore Road - Decision awaited

2020/07751/PA | 1442-1444 Pershore Road,

Erection of two storey rear extension to include creation of 1 no. additional self-contained flat at first floor c/d 29/1/21 Decision awaited

2020/09221/PA Land Incorporating Former BT Telephone Exchange, 1048 - 1052 Pershore Road & 1-3 Dogpool Lane Stirchley Birmingham B30 2XN

Student Accommodation c/d 31/12/20 Updated Design Statement submitted. Decision awaited

2020/09122/PA Land at Hunts Road/Ripple Road (rear of Seven Capital site)

Application for 87 dwellings, matters reserved, except for access. Referred to as West Side Mews.

Cd 14/1/2021

There were no further issues raised. SC said that she would officially respond to the application on behalf of the Forum.

New Applications

2020/09810/PA 1482 Pershore Road

Erection of two-storey building to form ground floor commercial unit with 1 bedroom apartment above (Use Class C3) with staircase to rear to access first floor apartment c/d 14/1

It was explained that this is (and has been for many years) a vacant site

2020/10026/PA SBP Building Products Ltd, 1510-1518 Pershore Road

Demolition of existing building and erection of a new warehouse with mezzanine floor (former chapel)

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There were comments made about the former chapel which it is proposed will be demolished. SC said that she would contact the owners to check if it would be possible to arrange access before demolition (social distance permitting).

Cllr Locke said that she would facilitate this.

2020/10225/PA 46 Hunts Road

Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1 dwelling house

c/d 3/2

2021/00029/PA Land on western side of Pershore Road (near to Lifford Lane)

Illuminated advertisement panel previously approved. Request permission to re-site panel such that it is head on to drivers rather than parallel to the road

c/d ½

Comments were made about the possible reasons for this application, however, it was agreed that it would probably to the benefit of nearby residents.

There had been no further contact from Seven Capital concerning development of the cricket ground (rear of Lindsworth Road and Cartland Road) mentioned at the previous meeting.

7. Networking

SC said that Stirchley the Way Forward are revamping and relaunching their website and were looking for residents and businesses to give quotes about what they like about Stirchley and why they live and trade here. Comments can be sent to Stirchley the Way Forward or the Forum.

Rob Morris introduced the opportunity to apply for £1,000 of funding which had recently become available from Birmingham City Council to Stirchley as a Pioneer Ward. Karen Cheney gave more details and stressed the urgency of applying for and obtaining the funding which is meant to address the current situation. She said that the funding should be funnelled through Forum on behalf of local organisations.

SC said that she would call a meeting of the Groups and individuals who initiated the Stirchley leaflet in the summer.

Rob Morris said that it was imperative that organisations across Stirchley ready themselves and the Ward for whatever comes next (which it is hoped will be a lessening of lockdown restrictions and a return to normality).

Brendan Callaghan asked if the Forum would agree to their logo appearing on the poster which is part of Dementia Friendly Stirchley. He agreed to send the poster and SC will send him the logo.

Cllr Locke said that her Ward Forum would be on 20th January at 6pm with a details and a link being sent out on 12th January,

8. Any other business

There was no further business.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.35pm.

Date of the next meeting - 11th February 2021 online

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