

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

### **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 online by Zoom**

**Present: 25** 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 were 3 apologies

The meeting started with a short presentation from Alison Brinkworth, Census Engagement Manager about Census 2021 to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March

There were a number of questions about the conduct of the Census and Alison gave information about short-term jobs available.

Rob Morris thanked her for attending. She then left the meeting.

#### **3. Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

#### **4. Matters arising from meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Networking - SC said that the Forum logo has been forwarded to Leaf to be used on posters

There were no matters arising not appearing later in the meeting

#### **5. Police Update**

It was noted that again WM Police were unable to be present.

Cllr Locke undertook to contact the new Inspector.

#### **6. Planning issues**

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

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

2019/10502/PA 1386-1392 Pershore Road - Approved, subject to s106 agreement to be reached with BCC

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 Refused, partly due to neighbours' objections

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. Public consultation ends 11/2

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

SC officially responded to the application on behalf of the Forum.

Taylor Wimpey were not present as they have submitted amended plans and are awaiting comments from the City. They hope to be present at next month's meeting with latest plans.

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  
Slight amendments made to floorplans & elevations. Approved subject to conditions

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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SC made a site visit to look at the current buildings and layout. Amended plans have been submitted to the City. Comments are awaited with applicants aiming for final plans to be submitted before the next meeting.

Methodist Chapel to be demolished but the replacement building aims to be sympathetic to the site and neighbouring property.

2020/10225/PA 46 Hunts Road

Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1 dwelling house  
c/d 3/2 Decision awaited

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

Illuminated advertisement panel previously approved.

Site plan now been filed which clarifies where panel will now be sited. c/d 17/2

### **New Applications**

2021/00505/PA 1224 Pershore Road. Single storey rear extension

Property owner currently building a loft conversion with dormers.

Ground floor proposals are not the typical of HMOs.

Nearby residents were present and expressed their concern. If this property was to become a House of Multiple Occupation that would mean that they had a HMO on either side and there are others in the row of houses. They said that that they experience problems with rodents and noise and inconvenience from nearby houses. Cllr Locke asked that they contact her directly.

This led on to a discussion about Exempt Accommodation, what it is and any problems that people were aware of. SC noted that Birmingham City Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee was requesting evidence for their enquiry.

## **7. Networking**

SC updated the meeting about the application process for £1,000 funding available to Stirchley Ward as a Pioneer Ward. It was thought that kitchen and cooking equipment would be helpful, including slow cookers and basic cutlery and crockery.

It had been identified that families, single people who are on furlough or unemployed and persons recently settled in a HMO are those most likely to be in need.

## **8. Any other business**

Brendan Callaghan said that Dementia Friends looks to be extending into Cotteridge and he had had an enquiry from Sutton Coldfield Town Council about extending it into the Town.

Cllr Locke said that she had information about how to ensure that e-scooters are removed.

She also gave some information about the High Street Fund which was now ongoing with a meeting soon to be arranged.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.30pm.

**Date of the next meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 online**

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