

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

**Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 @7.30 in Stirchley Community Church and online by Zoom**

**Present: 21** including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee,

1. Rob Morris (RM Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Committee had decided to hold the meeting in person and online in view of the current COVID situation.

2. **Apologies** Cllr Locke,

3. **Minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. **Matters arising from meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

### **Commonwealth Games Marathon**

There is an information session in Stirchley Baths on 13<sup>th</sup> July 6pm to 8pm.

The Forum understands that flyers have been produced to alert residents of nearby houses.

There was a discussion about issues that local residents wished to raise.

SC said that she would send out a Forum Newsletter listing the points and urged to people to attend the session.

Points raised;

- For those who live on the route - what provision has been made for car parking and will it be secure?
- Where are the pedestrian access points?
- How many races will there be? For how long will competitors be on the course?
- Will there be 'entertainment' on the route and, if so, where will it be?
- How will the Pershore Road closure work? Will all traffic go along Cartland Road? What are the arrangements for traffic management at the junction with Vicarage Road?
- What are the arrangements for public transport, eg buses along the Pershore Road, the Outer Circle and trains? How will the information be disseminated - not everyone has access to the internet?

There was also an issue raised with Birmingham City Council about ad hoc road closures for road resurfacing - will there be more?

### **New station**

The name selected is Pineapple Road

### **Water main works**

SC attended the information session at the Hub and said that she was given some information to distribute.

It is understood that work in Millhaven Avenue will start on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **HMO Consultation**

SC pointed out the link to a City Consultation about possible licensing of small Houses of Multiple Occupation was contained in the mailing which included details of this meeting.

## **5. Police Update**

SC attended the recent Tasking meeting in Bournville. Unfortunately the new Sgt covering Stirchley wasn't able to attend.

It was noted that West Midlands Police is due to have a new Chief Constable in the autumn who is known to support neighbourhood policing.

RM attended recent Councillor's Forum where the issue of policing was raised with the new Sgt covering Stirchley and the Police and Crime Commissioner being present.

## **6. Planning issues**

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer updated items from the June meeting;

### **Lidl (former Fitness First site)**

No decision

### **2022/02153/PA 1401 Pershore Road**

No decision

### **2022/02580/PA 1270-1272 Pershore Road**

This application has disappeared

### **Aldi**

They will visit the Forum when the build is further advanced.

They are looking at options for the site to the north of Hazel well Lane & are doing nothing with it for the moment.

### **2022/04479/PA**

Land adjacent to British Oak

Erection of 2 retail units with landscaping and other works

This was part of the main planning application.

Supporting documents are as in the main store application.

No designated parking for the units.

'Shell' units, single floor with no designated use.

c/d 1/8/22

### **Further application from Wickes**

2022/04597/PA

Installation of roller shutter to side elevation, removal of existing entrance canopy, alterations to car park and installation of new click and collect door to front elevation

c/d 3/8/22

### **Development corner of Maryvale and Pershore Roads**

The ladder was brought to the attention of BCC by Cllr Locke

### **Site corner of Twyning Road and Pershore Road**

Site has been sold.

Hoardings have been erected by new owners who have started to demolish outbuildings.

They need to have an agreed construction statement before anything further can happen.

A questions was raised about the 'Triangle Site' adjacent to the Community Church.

It was confirmed that this will be public realm.

## **7. Networking**

Cllr Locke

*'A reminder about MHRC at Morrisons on 15th July 7am until 12 noon*

*Advice surgery 16th July at Ascension church hall Pineapple Grove Stirchley 10:30-11:30*

*I have heard that the former firework/newsagents shop is going through not being on a highway improvement line*

*Then we will see what will happen agents for owners did want to demolish*

*Problems with Hazelwell lane closed by Aldi and they are not allowing residents to park or Taylor Wimpey staff (they park in club car park but there have been thefts from there )*

*Residents concerned*

*Building going on at a pace.*

*I am told residents will be moving in new Taylor Wimpey homes or some of them soon*

*Don't know about cooperative housing development*

*It was good to have Simon Foster at meeting*

*Also railway but many issues are highways related so I will be contacting them'*

RM said that the Church Ascension will be holding a tea party on 23<sup>rd</sup> July between 2.30 and 4pm on Pineapple Grove.

## **8. Any other business**

A resident said that they had contacted Morrisons about the defibrillator which was formerly outside their store.

He was told that there was a worldwide shortage of defibrillators.

The question of the lack of baskets in store was also raised. Information received was that many had been stolen.

Circle 22 meeting Friday mornings at Stirchley Baths was mentioned

The issue of dangerous riding of bikes and electric scooters on the pavement, particularly in Bournville Lane (near to the bridge and also near Hazelwell Street) and in Hazelwell Street was raised.

The general consensus of opinion was that it was an ongoing problem with abuse and threats being made if anyone remonstrated with the perpetrators.

Scooters being abandoned on pavements were also raised.

What liability would accrue if anyone is injured?

**Date of the next meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September (no meeting in August)**

**The meeting ended at 8.50pm**

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