

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 13th February 2023 @7.30 in Stirchley Community Church

Present: 18 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, members of the Forum's management committee & Cllr Mary Locke

1. Rob Morris (RM Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Diane Johnson, Kerry Leslie, Tony Martin, Pete Walker

3. Minutes of meeting 8th January 2023

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 8th January 2023

Vehicles going the wrong way at the gyratory.

Cllr Locke said that this was under investigation.

Blocked drains at the corner of roads.

Cllr Locke noted this, although there had been no significant rainfall since the last meeting.

Pitcairn Close. Flooding resolved with channels being cleaned and dug. Area is now fenced off correctly. Rubbish left behind to be cleared.

Landscaping still required.

5. Ideas for Future Meetings

A number of ideas were put forward by those present;

CIL funding

This is available to local organisations (Some £92,000 pounds). Matched funding is required through crowd funding.

There is an online Briefing on 2nd March.

Coronation

Some local events are being organised for the Coronation Day.

The Big Lunch is on Sunday 7th May. Packs for organisers will be available soon.

Ways in which the community can be brought together.

Eg Neighbourhood Council or other mechanisms

Draw together community ideas for the future development of Stirchley

Big City Plan

How to attract younger people - biscuits!

W Police Chief Constable

Draft Stirchley Ward Plan might be available for discussion at the next meeting in March - Cllr Locke and Rachel West to advise

6. Police Update

It is understood that Bournville police are on their rest days.

Reference was made to various incidents in Bond Street and Stirchley Park. Residents reported a serious break in involving the home of an elderly lady, There have been reports of drug dealing, etc.

Residents were concerned at the lack of information flow (to and from WM Police) which is facilitated by the police presence at Forum meetings.

A resident raised an incident in Twynning Rd which involved 2 police cars and also an incident in Bournville Lane on Saturday 11th February which also involved 2 police cars.

It was noted that the next Tasking meeting is 2pm 4th March at Cotteridge Church. Stirchley residents will try to attend.

The Forum will try to keep in touch with local police and make contact with the new Sergeant when he arrives.

7. Planning issues

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

Former Powder Coatings site, Clonmell Road

2022/05717/PA

Change of use of units from industrial to gym

Refused

2023/00142/PA 165 Fordhouse Lane

Construction and operation of a battery energy storage facility

This site is to the rear of the car hire company and factory.

A resident raised the issue of a possible low buzzing sound.

SC said that comments would be made concerning loss of enjoyment of any residential properties nearby and alleviation of any flooding risk.

c/d 7/3

2023/00639/PA | 1256-1258 Pershore Road,

Non material amendment to Planning Approval 2020/04405/PA for increase in overall building height and addition of rear external emergency escape staircase and addition of internal electrical sub-station and changes to fenestration

SC said that this could impact on nearby residents (especially at that end of Twyning Road)

She will query this with the Planning Officer.

c/d 28/2

1750-1756 Pershore Rd. Retail and first floor accommodation to 12 bedroom HMO.

Appeal lodged against Refusal.

There are a number of applications for residential extensions.

8. Networking

Cllr Locke mentioned the **Jobs Fair** to be held on 29th March at Stirchley Baths. She is encouraging local employers to attend.

SC mentioned the initiative by the Church of the Ascension to involve local young people in conversations about their neighbourhood.

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Utility companies

By the beginning of April utility companies will have to seek permission from the City Council to carry out street works and they will have to carry out the works within a set time.

Currently they only have to inform the Council of works.

Half Marathon route

Councillor Locke referred to paper copies of the Half Marathon route which she had brought for distribution. Stirchley will not be directly involved this time as the runners will turn onto Pershore Road at Selly Park Road.

Cllr Locke mentioned issues with the No 76 bus route which has been diverted due to the Dogpool Lane construction works. She had walked the new route with Councillors from Bournbrook Ward.

It is expected that the route will be resumed using Pineapple Road once the issue with low tree branches has been resolved.

9. Any other business

There was no further business.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 13th March

The meeting after that will Monday 24th April due to the number of Bank Holidays in April and May

The meeting ended at 8.35

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