

STIRCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
DRAFT MINUTES of PUBLIC MEETING held Monday 12th June 2023 at
Stirchley Community Church

Present: 11 people attended - including committee members Rob Morris, Paula Aubrey, Julie Rynne; Rachel West (RW) (NDSU Officer) and 7 other local residents.

1. Apologies:

Received from seven local residents, including Councillor Mary Locke; Sandra Cooper, Margaret Walker, Heidi Murphy.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2023

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting

7. Networking

Funding opportunities - RW reported that the deadline for applications to the Celebrating Communities pot has been extended to 30/06/23; she also reminded the meeting of 'Community Chest'.

4. Housing

Ellie Darvill has been attempting to make enquiries about support for young people & is awaiting contact from 'Children's Trust'.

4. Flooding - blocked drains and gullies

Residents reported back about a recent problem in Bournville Lane/Oxford Street area which required Severn Trent to investigate and carry out some remedial work. Those present at this meeting were reminded of the fact that while sewers are looked after by ST, storm drains are cared for by the BCC's Highways Dept.

The issue of drain grilles being partially or wholly covered by mud, twigs and miscellaneous detritus was raised in relation to the above; PA mentioned that she had already informed Councillor Locke about the state of the grille at the (lower) corner of Oxford Street, so ML is aware.

5. Brum Breathes funding

* £20,000 will be available to '1 Member Wards '(such as Stirchley).

6. Police Update:

No update received direct from WMPolice. However, Councillor Locke had sent in some notes as follows:

Issues of speeding vehicles, near misses with cyclists and dangerous parking have been reported to Highways and police.

ML has met with Sgt Corbett who has been occasionally dropping in to the Friday Circle 22 sessions. However she had been unable to meet with Inspector Trinder, contact with this officer has been scant; ML has

complained to the PCC that the new Chief Inspector is supposed to be concentrating on community policing, but she does not see a lot of it here.

Update from Councillor Locke

Recent visit by MHRC collected 6 tonnes waste. Next visit will be to Morrisons, Stirchley on Wed 12th July.

Lyndworth Cricket Club - Complaints have been received about cricket balls 'going over' and danger thus created. ML has contacted Seven Homes and the charity who may now own the land. The club is looking for an alternative venue. ML has also contacted Warwickshire Cricket Club to ensure that the issue is dealt with by England Cricket as safety is important. People are requested to comment and if poss. To attend a briefing, consultation ends 03/07/23.

Next Ward Forum meeting - 20/06/23 - Councillor Majid Mahmood (Cabinet Member for Clean Streets and Environment) has been invited to speak.

7. Planning Issues

A list of comments relating to issues raised in recent meetings had been sent in by SC & was read out by PA for everyone's information.

Update from May meeting

The Corner of Twyning Rd was refused its modification that would have increased the height significantly. However, they started work onsite the morning of the 15th May, and local residents are concerned.

Building work has started. Pavement adjacent to the site has been fenced off for pedestrians

Battery Energy Storage on Fordhouse Lane has yet to have a decision.

No decision or update since January

The Social Club on Hazelwell Lane is misnoted on the portal as being on Pershore Rd. They have applied to widen the access driveway, add a path and move 2 disabled parking bays.

No decision.

Slightly amended plan lodged on 5th June

1721 Pershore Rd has applied for a Lawful Development Certificate to create a 4 bedroom HMO. From the current plans there appears to be a communal lounge and dining area, but one bedroom has no en suite facilities.

Application approved

It was queried how the Dogpool Lane development can close a road for an extended period of time as a private company. SC informed the meeting that they expressed a need that the development could not go ahead without the road closure, but the closure's length had increased since planning was permitted.

No further information

There is a hole in the ground on the pavement near the junction of Pershore Rd/ Fordhouse Lane that the meeting believes to be the responsibility of Virgin Media. Cllr Locke has been in touch.

Now covered

A similar issue on the pavement near the 'Stirchley Gorilla' has also been covered.

No new applications.

It is understood that work on the Cooperative Housing site (corner of Hunts Road) will be starting soon (first shovel into the ground on 16th June)

8. Networking

The Circle22 group has applied for funding for an Autumn Fayer type of event to be held on 30/09/23 at Stirchley Baths

Residents wondered if we could use some funding from one of the available pots for a games/Summer Bash event - but this would need a group of people willing to arrange it.

17/06/23 Stirchley Community Market in Stirchley Baths.

10/06/23 -a Car Boot Sale event took place in Morrison's carpark. It was felt that it hadn't been promoted well enough.

ACTION: SNF to ask Store Manager to contact us when such an event to take place so that we can assist in passing on info. Does SNF have contacts for local WhatsApp groups so that info can be disseminated that way?

Stirchley Ward Meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday 20/06/23 at Stirchley Baths.

9. Any Other Business

Defibrillators and signage - A resident asked whether it is possible to apply for funding of such equipment and for signage. Apparently, it's on the agenda of next Ward meeting.

Date of Next Meetings

Monday 10th July

Monday 11th September

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