

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8th April 2024 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

Present: 22 including; Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) members of the Forum's management committee and Cllr Locke (CML)

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Julie Rynne, Nigel & Ellie Darville, Rachel West (BCC) who has informed the Forum that Public Liability Insurance will again be supplied by BCC for 12 months.

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 11th March 2024

Minutes approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Appear later in the Agenda

There was then a short presentation by representatives of Friends of Stirchley Library (FoSL) concerning the City-wide Library consultation.

They urged people to attend their AGM on Saturday 13th April at Stirchley Community Church which will be followed by a discussion about the consultation.

They asked people to hold off responding to the consultation for the time being as the format is quite complicated.

They are looking to provide paper copies of the documents so that people can more easily digest the possible consequences for Stirchley and to provide possible help from FoSL volunteers.

They also mentioned an online meeting organised by BCC on Monday morning at 10am.

The Chair thanked them for their attendance.

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

Next Tasking meeting Tuesday 16th April @ 7pm Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall, Firbank Close (off Oak Tree Lane) Bournville.

Cllr Locked said that she had been on a Streetwatch patrol across Stirchley and Bournville.

The question of graffiti was raised. Cllr Locke said that graffiti of an anti-social nature is still being removed by BCC.

5. Planning issues

2023/05470/PA Former firework shop on the corner of Pershore Road and Fordhouse Lane.

No decision

2024/01028/PA 1534 Pershore Road

Demolition of doctors' surgery and pharmacy to rear

No decision.

It seems that the lower area was used as a stable, still no clue as to what the large windows at first floor level might have been used for.

2023/06803/PA rear of 1483-1487 Pershore Road

Rear of Fallons

Erection of three storey residential block comprising 5no. self-contained flats (Use Class C3) with associated parking and amenity space

Adjacent to Rose Cottages and Bleakman Court

Also rear of 86 and 88 Charlotte Road

Cllr Locke said that neighbours had objected to the application and it was agreed that the Forum should also voice objections.

Cllr Locke said that some residents of Twyning Road were unhappy with the condition that Taylor Wimpey had left the boundary. She will be visiting with BCC Planning Enforcement. It was also noted that tarmac had been deposited on the waste ground in Fordhouse Lane where permission for a car lot was refused. Cllr Locke said that his had been noted.

A number of applications have been submitted for extensions, dormer windows, etc.

A number of applications made in 2022 and 2023 remain to be decided.

6. Networking

Next MHRC at Beilby Road 10/4/24 7am until 12:30

Stirchley History Group Thursday 11th April 7pm Stirchley Baths, guests welcome – entrance £3 to non-members

FoSL AGM 13th April 2pm Stirchley Community Church

People were reminded that there are elections for West Midlands Mayor and Police & Crime Commissioner and that photo ID will be required.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Locke said that the local Keir representative has left the company and a new person had been appointed on an interim basis.

She has been approached by someone who has suggested that the Triangle site next to the Community Church would be a good location for the statue of King Kong which formed part of the Commonwealth Games celebrations. She has raised the issue with Aldi who are responsible for the area.

SC asked if anyone else had noticed the deterioration in water quality in the River Rea when there has been heavy rain. It usually a brown chocolatey colour but it had recently been grey which often denotes the presence of sewerage.

Cllr Locke said that she would find out who to report it to for investigation.

HM said that she would not be available for the next meeting in May but in the June meeting she'd like to explore what people want from the Forum and Forum meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting Monday 13th May

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