

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 10th June 2024 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

Present: 11 including; Chair (HM), Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) and members of the Forum's management committee. Also Councillor Locke (CL)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Heidi Murphy, Pete & Margaret Walker, Laura Creaven, Julie Rynne, Susan McLean

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 13th May 2024

Minutes approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Representatives of Save Stirchley Library were unable to attend the meeting.

Attention was drawn to the petition handover and lobby of the City Council on 18th June from 12 noon until 2pm in Victoria Square.

Stirchley Residents Poll will go ahead over the summer. If people are willing to help let SC know.

SC gave her appreciation to Stirchley Community Church for the presentation of an award to the Forum. PA said that there were some Celebration booklets available.

Other items appear later in the Agenda.

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

CL emphasised that crimes need to be reported to WM Police.

Residents of Moseley have recently made their concerns about the lack of Neighbourhood policing known at a meeting with Simon Foster the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The issue of fly tipping into and near the River Bourn near to Oxford Street was raised, along with similar issues near the garages that border the river.

5. Planning issues

SC gave the following information.

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

No decision

CL said that the building had changed ownership quite recently. A door had been forced but it had now been made secure.

CL also said that Planning Enforcement Officer had attended Ivy Road and there had been complaints from residents re nuisance from local businesses.

It was noted that work has restarted on the Cooperative site at the corner of Hunts Road. It was thought that it could be helpful if they attended a meeting to update residents.

There are no recently submitted applications awaiting decision.

A number of applications made in 2022 and 2023 remain to be decided. One has just had its second birthday!

6. Networking

Stirchley Market on Saturday.

Stirchley History Group meeting on Thursday evening (13th) has a theme of weddings.

10th July a Jobs Fair at Stirchley Baths

Mobile Household Waste collection – Tuesday 11th June at Morrisons

7. Any Other Business

A resident raised the issue of trees overhanging the River Rea which could be a flooding risk.

SC raised the issue of dirty and damaged street signs cleaning. Maybe residents could be asked to look at their local signs and clean them or report to BCC as required?

It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

CL said that she would be holding 3 meetings a year from now.

A resident asked about the possibility of 'King Kong' being placed on the triangle site. CL said that this had been refused by Aldi.

CL said that Taylor Wimpey would be undertaking work to the retaining wall between their site and houses in Twyning Road.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting Monday 8th July. There will be no meeting in August.

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