

# Allestree Neighbourhood Board

## Minutes of the Meeting held at 6pm on Wednesday 20 October 2010 at Woodlands School

### Present:

Saadia Davis	Derby City Council
Philip Hickson	Derby City Council
Roy Webb	Derby City Council
Toni Leatherland	Derby City Council Neighbourhood Manager
Anne Morgan	Friends of Markeaton Park
Ernestine Northover	Markeaton Park – Parking
Gordon Lunn	Derby City Council Traffic Management
Rachel Shardlow	Derby City Council Traffic Management
Jon Pumfrey	Derby City Council Traffic Control
Bob Bridger	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
Jane Haresnape	Woodlands School
Darren Pickering	Park Farm Shopping Centre
Nicola Murton	CYP Derby City Council
Rod Straw	Allestree Preservation Group
Peter Steer	Local resident
Darren Roberts	Derby North Section Inspector – Derbyshire Police
Rachel Frost	Allestree SNT – Police
Neal Brown	Derby City Youth Service
Jasvir Kaur Balith	Derby City Youth Service
Peter Mitchell	Local Sports/Youth organisations
Mike Bickmore	Local resident, Woodlands J.C. Derbyshire B.A.
Tony Johnson	Local resident, Friends of Allestree Park

### Apologies:

1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>  Councillor Davis welcomed everyone at the meeting and introductions took place.  Apologies for absence were received from Neville Wells and Sue Seward	
2.	<b>Declaration of Personal and/or prejudicial interest</b>  Tony Johnson Friends of Allestree Park Funding Police Sergeant Frost Funding Application	

3	<p><b>Late Items</b></p> <p>Councillor Webb – Bus lanes on Kedleston Road and Duffield Road.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2010 were noted as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><b>Allestree Parking Consultation update –</b></p> <p>Ford Lane/Derwent Avenue. A survey by the Highways Department was undertaken together with consultations with residents. A form was sent out to be returned with comments. This was sent out to residents on Park Lane, Main Avenue, Evans Avenue, The Poplars, Lime Croft, Short Avenue and Duffield Road.</p> <p>There was a Highways committee the next day re the planned Dental Surgery, 2 Main Avenue.</p> <p>Comment made about the number of potential patients, together with those at the Doctor's surgery may cause chaos.</p> <p>There was a question about the parking provision. There was a plan for 6 car parking spaces.</p> <p>It was asked whether the Dentist would be moving or whether this would be an additional surgery. It was thought that the Dentist was moving to expand. The partnership had split. There was also a requirement for 2 sterilisation rooms. This request was going to planning the following day,</p>	
6	<p><b>a) Highways Priorities for 2010-2011</b></p> <p>Park Lane/Cornhill Crossing. Copies of the plans were handed out to board members to look at.</p> <p>Visibility problems due to parking. Bollards will be put in to stop parking, scheduled mid January.</p> <p>Comment was made that the footpath on the left hand side finishes 50m short can the footpath continue without having to cross over, does the plan take this into account?</p> <p>The grass verge was to stay the same. Park Lane is a conservation area and widening the carriageway would narrow the road.</p> <p>Councillor Webb asked whether parking restrictions could be introduced. This will be looked at as Ambulances also have problems with access.</p>	

	<b>Action - To be reviewed</b>	
	<p>Ford Lane/Lambourne Drive through traffic alleviation.</p> <p>A letter was sent out to residents asking for opinion and 381 were returned, this was a 47% return. From this it was difficult to establish a common trend. (Results in document ??)</p> <p>There had been no injuries/accidents except due to snow which had taken place away from Ford Lane. There was no clear opinion to explore.</p> <p>When asked whether the petition organiser had been advised of the result of the survey, it was told that it would be done after the Allestree Neighbourhood Board meeting had taken place.</p> <p>A comment was made that Ford Lane was no more of a rat run than anywhere else.</p> <p>A suggestion was given that speed indicator signs could alleviate speed, but a response was given to say that there had been no indication of speed issues.</p> <p><b>Action: Copy of the report to be sent to originator.</b></p> <p>The Board agreed to the proposal that they resolve to take no further action.</p> <p><b>University Parking</b></p> <p>Restrictions are now in place in the Allestree area. The Board asked for ideas for next year.</p> <p>The money from Central Government and there would be smaller allocation of money, so the suggestion was that there be two priorities.</p> <p><b>Park Farm Drive</b></p> <p>A suggestion was made to extinguish the highway rights which were the responsibility of the landowner. This was found to be too expensive as it would involve the Magistrate's Court. Also Utilities would need to be moved. The other option would be waiting restrictions.</p> <p>The spaces are used at present by shoppers, businesses with rear access and residents. The residents of the flats had parking rights in Park Farm Car Park, but insisted on parking in front of the garages.</p> <p>The question was asked whether all the disabled spaces get used.</p> <p>Councillor Webb suggested that all the parking spaces on Park Farm</p>	

Drive be made Disabled, leaving the entrances to the garages free. There are a lot of Disabled Badge holders in Allestree. Some of the spaces in the Car Park are not Disability Act compliant.

Anne Morgan had an idea to solve the University and Park Farm parking issues. Can a multi storey car park be made either where the flats are or alongside Norbury Court?

Councillor Hickson replied that the cost would run into millions and that there was no money available and that they would not get planning permission as it would fall foul of Planning.

The University was working closely with the Planning Department. The Markeaton Park covenant would be withdrawn after 5 years. There were 3 ½ years left to run and that something may be seen from the University by that time.

### **Parking on Robincroft Road**

There have been many complaints about the parking on Robincroft Road as there were children crossing which was a safety issue.

Councillor Hickson felt that one priority is to look at the Car Park on Robincroft Road, the need to improve the layout of the “Rec” car park, with one entrance in and one out. It would double the size by using a one way system and by re-marking which would alleviate the car parking situation.

One comment was made that by taking down the hedges surrounding the car park it would solve anti-social behaviour.

A joint scheme between Highways & Planning Department to widen gateways.

### **Proposal – Highways Board funding for marking the Car Park and widening the gateway at Robincroft Rec.**

It was mentioned that an ambulance couldn’t attend recently due to double sided parking.

### **Markeaton Park.**

Since students have been using it, there were fewer spaces at Mundy Play Centre car park and that the other car park is always extremely full which irritates users.

There was resurfacing around Park Farm, and there was talk about speed humps from the Co-op to the Doctor’s surgery. It was felt that this would not be an option as the cost would be around £15,000.

A report was requested for the next Board meeting.

### **b) Highway Priorities for 2011/12**

Councillor Hickson proposed 3 priorities

Derwent Avenue

Robincroft – Part funded by Board

Park Farm – Blue Badge bays

### **Late items**

### **Website**

Jane Haresnape was asked if it would be possible to run a website at the school. She replied that it was and that it is low cost but that it needs a Board member to run it and that it can be used for information. It is low cost but a figure was not available.

### **Action - Is anyone on the board willing to undertake this?**

The question was asked whether this would be for the school or for the wider community. Is there a talented student who would be able to undertake this?

Contributions welcome. Police involvement required too.

Action: Jane Haresnape & ?? to talk together with ??

### **Bus Lanes**

Three cars have been involved in an accident recently. The bus lane was due for a review in 6 months with was in November. Allestree and Duffield Road residents want them to go.

There was a proposal to end the bus lane before Mile Ash Lane.

One of the residents protested on behalf of cyclists. There was an incident where a bus driver overtook a cyclist into the path of oncoming traffic.

Councillor Webb suggested that A Council Board member cycle along Duffield Road to see what it was like.

When asked whether it was too late to write in, the answer was that representations can still be made to Cabinet Member, he suggested writing in to Councillor Poulter. The more letters the better.

### **Mrs Ernestine Northover's petition**

The petition was presented in July signed by the users of Markeaton

	<p>Park. A lot of elderly dog walkers pay £1.50 for 4 hours = £10 per week which is a lot from a pension.</p> <p>The University pays £50. Per month.</p> <p>The Orangery owners found that when the car parking charges went up it had an effect on their trade. Could a two hour charge for half the price be introduced? The petition showed people were aggrieved.</p> <p>A Board member suggested that at Carsington Water you could pay £20 per year, would that be an alternative solution?</p> <p>Mrs Northover replied that pensioners would not have the funds to pay in advance.</p> <p>Councillor Webb mentioned that there will be a review of all the charges within in the City and that he would talk to Councillor Poulter to see if it would be possible to introduce a 2 hour charge. It is a possibility. The review will be coming to Cabinet in November for Mundy Play Centre Car Park and the main car park.</p> <p>All petitions given to Roy Webb were taken to the Board. The Board to make a decision.</p> <p><b>Action – Proposal for a 2 hour parking charge to be introduced.</b></p> <p>Mrs Northover mentioned that grandparents and mothers with toddlers would also be affected.</p> <p>The question was raised as to whether a season ticket could be considered.</p> <p>Councillor Hickson replied if that happened the car parks would be used as a Park and Ride facility so that it was not an option.</p> <p>Formal recommendation for a 2 hour charge. Motion carried.</p>	
7	<p><b>Police update</b></p> <p>Darren Roberts introduced himself and went on to say that he was previously the Section Inspector at Ripley and Ilkeston. He went on to ask what he would bring to the meeting, as all boards asked for different things. He would make sure he was aware of the highlights and trends.</p> <p>He gave some statistics to illustrate crime reduction in the area.</p> <p>Derby North will receive 5 of the last 20 new recruits and that PSO Candice Saint is assigned to this area.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Roy Webb said that when a new Inspector came in would it suggest that Park Farm will close. The answer was No. He went on to say do we have confidence officers would not be dragged to the city centre.</p> <p>Darren Roberts went on to say that the officers may be used in the city centre on Fridays and Saturdays, which would be when people from Allestree would more likely be in the city also.</p> <p>Councillor Webb mentioned that there had been an increase in incidents at Blenheim Parade and Allestree Recreation ground and asked if there will be resources used if necessary.</p> <p>He was told that the staff assigned will be happy to do this.</p> <p>Darren Roberts went on to say that the police budget announced a reduction of 20% over the next four years. He went on to say that the Chief Constable will keep as many police on the front line as possible.</p> <p>Priorities – University parking issue – enforcements have been made., 254 fliers issued. 100 Fixed Penalty Notices issued.</p> <p>Special constables required. There are 300 at the moment, but double needed. It works well for Allestree people to do this.</p> <p><b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b></p> <p>Bob Bridger is responsible for fire prevention in the South are, He works with the Station Manager at the Kingsway Fire Station, who is on the Board.</p> <p>He will try and bring to the Board details of the problems and spikes in activity plus trends in the city and initiatives in other areas. Also deliberate Primary and Secondary fires. He is open to any questions and queries.</p> <p>At the moment they are blue in the indicators, which is excellent.</p> <p>He mentioned the bin fires in Peartree which are now high profile. There will be a follow up in November to remind people to take their bins in.</p> <p>There is a 25% cut in the Fire Service in the next 4 years.</p> <p>A joint project Relentless is taking place in the next few weeks. There is a need for the residents to report bush fires.</p> <p>Councillor Roy Webb asked if it is possibly difficult getting to fires if the access is bad. Can the fire engine be driven round regularly to make residents aware of problems of parking. There is a need to raise</p>	
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	<p>public perception of the problems caused.</p> <p>The Highways department mentioned that there are 6-7 waiting restrictions currently in place.</p> <p><b>Allestree Neighbourhood Team update</b></p> <p>Toni Leatherland distributed a document she has produced giving the Neighbourhood Team update and asked for comments.</p> <p>She asked how this works with Councillors and the Board. Ideas required on how to distribute these to the community, crime prevention signage as an example.</p> <p>She is working with various people to be fully informed and to demonstrate everything being done. Suggests a quarterly update to raise awareness and develop community links. A notice board has been donated for the area,</p> <p>The document was a draft provided to the Board for feedback.</p> <p>Darren Pickering said that the Park Farm Centre notice board could be used and that there is a website being created.</p> <p><b>Action: Kate McLaughlin Community Safety Officer to be given a copy off the draft.</b></p> <p>A question was asked whether the Board had any young members, as Facebook is a good means of communication.</p> <p>The Board is looking to get younger members.</p>	
8	<p><b>Board Priorities for 2010-2011</b></p> <p>Board priorities to be set for next year. No need to set for each year. Looking at how these are being met. What have we achieved within 12 months.</p> <p>Do Councillors/Board members need to change priorities?</p> <p>A suggestion was made that Services Development for Older People should be changed to Older and Younger people. Youth provision needed.</p> <p>60% in the Older category so the priority for both should be kept separate. There is currently only short term funding for Youth in Allestree so there is a need to look at what we have as a priority,</p>	



	<p><b>Proposal – Youth provision and Engaging Young People “Improving offer for young people in Allestree”.</b></p> <p><b>Environment and Open Spaces</b></p> <p>Brought in re activities re development to stop basic development. Back gardens are now listed as Green Space.</p> <p>Tony Johnson (?) suggested the maintenance of grounds standards needs keeping.</p> <p>The reply was to make sure priorities were focussed on the needs of the inhabitants to show delivery of improvements.</p> <p>Tony went on to say that Allestree Park had 3 rangers and it was now down to 1. Can we guarantee that this one ranger be maintained?</p> <p>Councillor Hickson said that there were no guarantees, 28.4% reduction in funding for the council in the next four years which is the biggest hit of local areas. The 1 ranger in Allestree Park cannot be protected.</p> <p><b>Health</b></p> <p>Health – is the best provided in the area.</p> <p><b>Action - “Health” to be removed.</b></p> <p><b>Project to support local community groups. No 1. Priority.</b></p> <p><b>Improving communications and internet</b></p> <p>Allestree will have the best access to the internet once the Libraries have been updated.</p> <p><b>Proposal – Communications will stay but internet will be removed.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Youth Services – Intergenerational</b></p> <p>Jasvir Kaur Balith made her presentation on behalf of the Derby City Youth Service. Since 2008 Intergenerational Annual Event celebrating cohesion. What will the Board like them to do for the next event?</p> <p><b>Proposal – Feed ideas to Toni</b></p> <p>Get together with Park Farm Manager Art Application suggested.</p>	

	<p>Allestree group of churches to involve all the churches on the same day.</p> <p>More groups are needed to make it Allestree Day.</p> <p><b>Action – email to Toni or Jasvir</b></p>	
10	<p><b>Budget Outturn report 2010-2011</b></p> <p><b>Lighting column wickerslet close/The Crest Area</b> Allocation of £3,000 was made from Allestree Board. However match funding from Darley has been refused. There is a need to decide what to do with the funds.</p> <p><b>Portway Infant School</b> Application for funds to develop Library provision within the school. This supports young people in their learning and promotes the use, the use of the Library at Park Farm.</p> <p>Assessing officer Kimani Chikwendu. The Board agreed funding for this project.</p> <p>Speech and language support skills needed. Could be funded out of the community budget, the Board agrees.</p> <p><b>Lawn Primary School</b> Funding application re the need for study support for disadvantaged children. Some children arrive late and some arrive early, and some have had no breakfast. By offering breakfast it gives them a healthy start to the day whilst offering a learning provision to targeted children. The idea of the breakfast club is to target a certain group – those disengaging or not achieving their potential. The club would run 0745 to 0845, but is not being offered as childcare provision.</p> <p>Councillor Saadia Davis asked that if there are no kitchens can this be sustained for the next year? The reply was that no kitchen is required as this is for breakfast only, and it can take place in the school hall. Funding is for start up costs and the club aims to provide study support.</p> <p><b>Recommendation – Two conditions, quotes to be provided and proof that the £2000 has already been raised.</b></p> <p>At this stage, the fire bell sounded and the school was evacuated pending investigation.</p> <p>The councillors will discuss the rest of the budget at a later date.</p>	

11	<p><b>Allestree Board Meeting (continuation of meeting 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010)</b></p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 1pm</b></p> <p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Cllr Saadia Davis(Chair), Cllr Webb, Rod Straw, Peter Steer, Tony Johnson, Darren Pickering, Nicola Murton, Toni Leatherland/</p> <p>Apologies - Cllr Hickson</p> <p><b>Lawn Primary School funding application</b></p> <p>Cllr Webb has serious concerns about the development of a breakfast club at lawn primary as there is already a breakfast club at St John's and 80% of the pupils that attend are from lawn Primary School. He said that this facility is rated as outstanding by OFSTED and has taken 7 years to develop providing in and out of school activities all year round.</p> <p>Cllr Webb is concerned that if Lawn Primary develops a breakfast club, it will have a negative impact on St John's facilities. Nicola Murton stated that the development of the breakfast club at Lawn Primary is to target children not attending St John's, who are hanging around the school grounds way before the school day starts and who are at the lower end of the attainment level. The facility would provide for a maximum of 20 targeted children and it is not a child care facility. Nicola pointed out that St John's are not doing homework and providing a focus on raising innumeracy standards. Cllr Webb again expressed concern about putting St John's out of business.</p> <p>Nicola will request that Lawn Primary need to clarify the purpose and criteria of the club. Rod Straw sees it as a completely different service/issue. Board members were in favour of this application as long as it is not going to impact on or target service users of St John's</p>	NM
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	<p>breakfast club.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Nicola Murton to speak with representative of Lawn Primary for clarification and assurance on the purpose of the breakfast club a decision will then be made whether to fund this.</p> <p><b>Arts Application</b></p> <p>Toni Leatherland and Darren Pickering have held discussions about the potential to develop the proposal in the application and extend activities that would encompass young people and older people. Darren stated that there will be a gallery and Workshop in November and artwork shops in December. A team of 3 people will be demonstrating and teaching creativity through art. Park Farm will lead on the marketing of these activities which will take place at Big Choices Unit 18. Councillor Webb thinks this project is a good idea and board members expressed that they thought this would be a good experiment. All agreed to award the funding.</p> <p><b>Laser Gun</b></p> <p>Councillor Webb stated that this is equipment that the police should have, and that we should not have to pay for police equipment, he said that Inspector Keene said that we would have our own but we have never seen it, Councillor Webb wants to know the whereabouts of the laser gun and also the cycle that was purchased for the police. Toni will look into this</p> <p><b>Action: Toni to look into the whereabouts of the laser gun and cycle.</b></p> <p>If the laser gun initiative involves the public as in other wards, members would have serious concerns about safety. This funding application was rejected.</p> <p><b>Speed indicator display unit (SID)</b></p> <p>Toni explained the city wide initiative and that 7 were being purchased to be shared across the city. Following discussion unanimous agreement was made to purchase a SID for Allestree and ring fence money for deployment, to a total of £5100.</p> <p><b>Friends of Allestree Park</b></p> <p>The board all agreed to fund the proposal to purchase and install signs about facilities at Allestree Park. A discussion took place about different</p>	<p>TL</p>
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locations and Tony Johnson agreed to look into installing them in the main car parks.

### **Youth Service**

All agreed to fund the proposal to pay the venue costs to continue the Youth Club in Allestree.

### **Benches**

Toni Leatherland and Councillor Davis explained the background to this proposal to install a seating area for young people on Allestree rec. The board felt that this was a move in the right direction and agreed funding of £1200.

### **Cycling Activity**

The proposal is for a Cycling scheme at Woodlands School to improve young people's safety and cycling skills. The Board members agreed to fund this activity.

### **Library**

£2000 for the installation of Wi Fi at Allestree Library. Councillor Webb stated that this is a lot of money for Wi Fi and Darren Pickering felt this was a high cost. Councillor Davis will ask for a breakdown of costs and will get clarification from David Potton on the maintenance for future years. Councillor Webb is in favour subject to full costing.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm– Toni will send out a next meeting reminder by e-mail