

ALVASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 July 2010 at Humber Close Community Room

Present:	Councillor Paul Bayliss	- Chair
	Councillor Linda Winter	- DCC
	Zoe Nettleship	- Street Pride Co-ordinator, DCC
	John Ball	- Resident
	Brian Farthing	- Resident/ Neighbourhood Watch
	Mark Varney	- Cygnet Health Care
	Bob Bridger	- Derby Fire & Rescue Service
	Tim Crow	- Enthusiasm
	Kathy Hardy	- Resident
	Jim Hardy	- Resident/Aorta
	Edith Lang	- Resident
	Jackie Blaney	- Resident
	Carolyn Zivoder	- Youth Service, DCC
	Michael Gray	- Resident
	Alice Buckle	- Resident
	Bob Bridger	- Fire Service
	Sgt John Booker	- Police, Derby East
	Tracy O'Connor	- Derby Homes
	Jonathan Till	- Derby Homes
	Maddy Hackett	- Resident
	Jenna Winson	- Resident
	Kevin Winson	- Resident / Neighbourhood Watch
	Stephanie Morley	- Minute Taker

Apologies: Councillor Graves
Jack Wray
Inspector Karl Mortimer
Skye MacArthur

10/10	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES Welcome by Chair and introductions were made. Apologies noted above.	<u>ACTIONS</u>
11/10	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST None.	
12/10	LATE ITEMS None.	

13/10	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING	
13/10/1	Accuracy These were agreed to be a true record.	
13/10/2	Matters Arising 3/10 – Councillor Bayliss had received the information re 50 empty properties in Alvaston and is happy to discuss this with members. It was however, suggested this be placed as an agenda item for a future Board meeting and all agreed. 5/10 – An update was given re Durley Close at the last Forum and Tracy will monitor the outcome. 5/10 – A formal motion will be passed on Wednesday re consultation for Derby to proceed with directly elected Mayors, the period of consultation to end in December 2010. The Board will be included in the consultation process as will all Forums.	
14/10	CYGNET HOSPITAL Following concerns re recent incidents, Mark Varney from Cygnet had come along to the meeting to answer members' questions. Mark explained however, that he was unable to comment on individual cases due to patient confidentiality. He did explain however, that whilst some patients using the facility were sectioned under the Mental Health Act, others were not and thus free to come and go and they pleased. However, he added that at a certain stage, those sectioned were encouraged to leave the facility in order to gain confidence before being discharged and on some occasions, they failed to return. He pointed out reasoned risk assessments were carried out in such cases and when people went missing, the appropriate authorities were contacted to help find them. Mark expressed disappointment with the Derby Evening Telgraph's recent article regarding one such incident and felt such views did not help matters. Concern was expressed that residents neighbouring the facility were worried and upset by the recent incidents and the community needed reassurance. The Chair thanked Mark for attending the meeting to respond to these concerns. <i>(Mark Varney left the meeting at 6.45pm.)</i>	
15/10	STREET PRIDE Zoe Nettleship, Street Pride Co-ordinator, gave an outline of this	

	<p>new initiative, which she explained as a 'coming together' of Council services to ensure street scenes were kept clean and tidy. Zoe is co-ordinating the initiative on a city-wide basis and will be going to all Neighbourhood Board and Forum meetings to deal with any issues residents may have.</p> <p>Concern was raised re the former B & Q property which is now empty, as posters are plastered all over the fencing here. The Chair pointed out posters required planning consent and was pretty sure this will not have been granted here.</p> <p>ACTION: Zoe Nettleship to investigate re posters on fencing around empty B & Q Property, London Road.</p> <p>Jackie enquired who had responsibility for the canal paths and Zoe confirmed this was the Park Rangers, who did not fall within Street Pride. However, others are now team and area based, and all work under one supervisor, and it is hoped this will ensure a more joined-up service.</p> <p>Enquiry was made as to the ownership on the land to the front of Brindley Court and Jonathan confirmed this was not owned by the City Council. Concern was raised however, that this land had a lot of litter on it, including used needles and Zoe explained that, even if the land in question was not in the Council's ownership, Street Pride would still respond to remove used needles.</p> <p>Kathy asked if there were quality assurance checks on grass maintenance as she was concerned that weed killer was excessively used. Zoe explained weed killer was used around the base of lamp posts and trees. She added however, that the Board may consider that strimming in such areas on their patch was a priority, in which case she could work with them to replace the use of weed killer with this alternative method.</p> <p>Kathy expressed concern re the amount of rubbish being left en-situ by workmen, e.g. gas works, and asked if this was supposed to be cleaned up at the end of a job. Zoe confirmed this should be done.</p> <p>Concern was raised that Amec did not properly fence their works.</p> <p>Edith stated that the paths by the canal were not cleared following strimming and this was hazardous when wet, especially for older people.</p> <p>Enquiry was made about the land at the bottom on Curzon Land and members were informed this was still in the ownership of the RAF. Zoe added however, that there were plans to cut this area back, although work cannot be done until September, when the</p>	<p>Zoe Nettleship</p>
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	<p>birds have finished nesting.</p> <p>Zoe went on to explain part of her role was to work with groups such as the Youth Offending Service to clear 'grot spot' areas, and additionally hoped people would volunteer to become community champions to keep an eye on their areas. Anyone wishing to put themselves forward for this role should contact Tracy at the LHO.</p> <p>Street Pride also has a large vehicle which can be brought to community events upon request.</p> <p>It was asked if the land next to the Total Garage on Harvey Road could be cleared. Although this is private land, Zoe agreed to investigate further.</p> <p>ACTION: Zoe Nettleship to investigate litter on land adjacent to Total Garage, Harvey Road.</p> <p>Jackie asked if protocol would be changed re calls to remove black bags, further explaining that at the present time, people were told an inspector would do a site visit before any decisions were made. Zoe stated there was no reason why someone could not be sent out immediately if the black bags in question were, for example, by the canal.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Zoe for attending.</p> <p><i>(Zoe Nettleship left the meeting at 7.20pm.)</i></p>	Zoe Nettleship
16/10	<p>FIRE SERVICE UPDATE</p> <p>Bob Bridger introduced himself explaining he had responsibility for the South Area Prevention Team and would attend future Board meetings where there is a priority with fire incidents. He will report on fire incidents on the Board's patch as well as city-wide and hoped to get a better response to problems by using this tack.</p> <p>Enquiry was made as to how many fire engines were at Ascot Drive and Bob stated one appliance. There is also 1 full-time engine stationed at Swadlincote, plus 1 retained duty appliance.</p> <p>Edith expressed concern that an Order against the land lord of Brindley Court stating he needed to bring this up to standard had run out in May and yet, despite a request since being made to the Fire Service to clear this out, nil has happened. Bob agreed to take this back to the Fire Protection Team for further actioning.</p> <p>ACTION: Bob Bridger to report concern re Brindley Court to Fire Protection Team.</p>	Bob Bridger

	<p>Bob went on to give the statistics for the past month: 1 deliberate primary fire to a vehicle on Beech Avenue, 3 x deliberate secondary fires. He added there was a meeting next week of the Domestic Refuse Action Group (DRAG) and information from this meeting will be reported back to the next Board Meeting. Tracy asked if Bob could let her know of any secondary fires in the area and she would ensure the LHO undertook a leaflet drop to raise awareness of the hazards that caused fires.</p> <p>ACTION: Bob Bridger to report any secondary fires to Tracy O'Connor, to instigate leaflet drop.</p> <p><i>(Bob Bridger left the meeting at 7.35pm.)</i></p>	Bob Bridger
17/10	ISSUES RAISED AT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM	
17/10/1	<p>Harvey Road Improvements</p> <p>Tracy reported the Harvey Road proposal had been presented to the South Board, who had duly approved it, and several items will also come back to this meeting, e.g. related Highways and crossings proposals, as these strands of the project would have to be funded by DCC's General Fund.</p> <p>Kathy enquired if there had been any change to the costings and the Chair confirmed there had not. He stated that, whilst there remained some issues regarding the details, works needed to commence whilst the funding remained available.</p> <p>Kathy felt the proposed works were not representative of issues raised during consultation. However, the original plan had been to spend far more money than is now the case. Of specific concern was the amount of money being spent on new trees, with costs here being cited as extremely high. A great deal of discussion took place regarding the consultation process. Concern was also raised regarding the fact that the new bollards to be put in along Harvey Road would not match those already in place and it was also felt the works to the grass verges had not been what residents had stated they had wanted.</p> <p>The Chair felt the crossing on Harvey Road by Cockayne Street would probably require to be funded out of the Section 106 monies for the Tesco development.</p> <p>Workshop: Involving Young People</p> <p>Tracy stated all Neighbourhood Managers and Boards have been asked to develop action plans for involving young people in their areas with the Boards and suggested Alvaston Board's Action Plan could be to include 2 young people on the Board. Members agreed young people should be invited to come along and have</p>	
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<p>17/10/3</p> <p>17/10/4</p> <p>17/10/5</p>	<p>their 'say' at meetings but felt asking them to become formal Board members may prove too much of a commitment. Following discussion it was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • try and obtain 2 young people to become Board members; • for Enthusiasm and the Youth Service to encourage young people to come along to meetings with any issues they had on an ad hoc basis, and; • to ensure young people be placed at the beginning of Agendas so that they did not have to stay for the whole meeting. <p>Section 106 Funding: Land on Harvey Road To be deferred to September's meeting.</p> <p>Bus Stop Near James Wyatt Public House Tracy reported back the suggested solution to this problem, which was to extend the road markings to the rear of the stop by 5 metres. The Chair however, felt the councillors would receive complaints from those who would be prevented from parking outside their properties here. However, members unanimously agreed to the proposal.</p> <p>Alvaston Allotments A meeting is planned for 12 July 2010. To date, 98 people have expressed an interest in having an allotment and at the meeting it will be proposed that 2 sites be opened.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor Graves to provide update on allotments at September's Board Meeting.</p>	<p>Councillor Graves</p>
<p>18/10</p> <p>18/10/1</p>	<p>BUDGET REPORT / FUNDING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager's report had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and was duly noted. The Highways Budget will be considered as a separate Agenda Item at September's meeting and members were asked to let Tracy know of any ideas they may have for this by 20 August 2010. A representative from Highways will be present at September's meeting to go through these with the Board, as well as present their priorities also.</p> <p>ACTION: Members to forward ideas for Highways Budget by 20 August 2010.</p> <p>Members proceeded to consider funding applications received.</p> <p>Family Action An application for £500 towards a national event, Play Day. The</p>	<p>All Board Members</p>

	<p>Chair expressed reservations re the application and Tracy explained the event was being held on Osmaston Park and the money requested was to provide extra activities for young people who would otherwise be unable to participate. Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
18/10/2	<p>Upbeat Community Dance An application for £1,000 to run Summer Dance School at Merrill College. Note was made they had not approached Boulton Neighbourhood Board for funding and it was therefore agreed to fund £500, with the proviso the group approached Boulton for the remaining £500. To also ensure feedback from last year's event is satisfactory and to find out how many people from the Alvaston Board area will benefit from the school. Unanimously agreed to fund £500 with above proviso.</p> <p>Members additionally asked that future applicants be invited to these meetings to present their applications in person.</p> <p>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to invite future applicants to meetings to present funding applications.</p>	Neighbourhood Manager
18/10/3	<p>Alvaston Neighbourhood Team An application for £2,000 towards provision of a permanent palisade fencing with lockable double gates to the boundary of the site on Durley Close, Alvaston. Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
18/10/4	<p>Field Lane Community Association An application for £600 to part fund notice board. It was felt £1,200 was an excessive amount for a notice board. Unanimously agreed not to fund.</p>	
18/10/5	<p>CSP Crime Prevention Team An application for £3,000 to ensure continuance of Burglary Reduction Project. The Police felt this initiative was important as it was the only one combating burglary in Derby. Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
18/10/6	<p>Alvaston Neighbourhood Team An application for £2,501.58 to improve lighting to one end of Brindley Court. Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
19/10	ALVASTON PRIORITIES 2010/11 & NEW BOARD / FORUM DATES	
19/10/1	<p>Priorities 2010/11 The Neighbourhood Manager's report was circulated and considered by those present. Tracy explained Ward rankings should be taken into account when considering the priorities and</p>	

<p>20/10/4</p> <p>20/10/5</p>	<p>Manager reported that to date, no responses have been received.</p> <p>Police ‘Have Your Say’ Event An event is taking place on 23 July 2010 between 10.00am and 4.00pm at the Harrington Arms. All were encouraged to promote this.</p> <p>Letter to Derby Evening Telegraph The Chair stated the last paragraph of Kevin Winson’s letter, printed in the Derby Evening Telegraph on 24 June 2010, had been incorrect in that mention of the Board had not been made. He therefore asked Kevin to write to them with this correction and added that all future photo shoots should include as many Board members as possible.</p> <p>ACTION: Kevin Winson to write to Derby Evening Telegraph with amendment to his letter printed 24 June 2010.</p>	<p>Kevin Winson</p>
<p>21/10</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Sgt Booker introduced himself as Kate Bateman’s replacement and was pleased to inform those present that crime is falling both locally and nationally at the present time. The amount of crime being reported to the Police is increasing also. Shed alarms are continuing to be handed out and Sgt Booker is currently looking at localised crime, e.g. Booth Street, and both individual and group crimes are being pursued. Unfortunately, perception of crime is still high and Sgt Booker stated a large part of his role will be to tackle this. He is also looking at ways of communicating the Police’s initiatives and successes to the public. Upon request, Sgt Booker agreed to provide ASB information at future meetings.</p> <p>ACTION: Sgt Booker to report on ASB in the Alvaston and Boulton areas at future meetings.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to contact Sgt Booker can reach him on telephone: 01332 222156.</p>	<p>Sgt Booker</p>
<p>22/10</p>	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>20 September 2010 at 6.00pm, Humber Close Community Room</p>	

ACTIONS:

- 1. Zoe Nettleship to investigate re posters on fencing around empty B & Q Property, London Road.**

- 2. Zoe Nettleship to investigate litter on land adjacent to Total Garage, Harvey Road.**
- 3. Bob Bridger to report concern re Brindley Court to Fire Protection Team.**
- 4. Councillor Graves to provide update on allotments at September's Board Meeting.**
- 5. Members to forward ideas for Highways Budget by 20 August 2010.**
- 6. Neighbourhood Manager to invite future applicants to meetings to present funding applications.**
- 7. Neighbourhood Manager to e-mail new Board / Forum Dates to Councillors for checking.**
- 8. Neighbourhood Manager to check available venues and dates for Forum meetings**
- 9. Kevin Winson to write to Derby Evening Telegraph with amendment to his letter printed 24 June 2010.**
- 10. Sgt Booker to report on ASB in the Alvaston and Boulton areas at future meetings.**