

## MACKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 July 2010 at 7.00pm at the Diocesan Centre

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Tuplin	- Chair
	Councillor Higginbottom	- Derby City Council
	Councillor Whitby	- Derby City Council
	Joanne Lawton	- New Zealand Resident
	Mandy Coons	- New Zealand Resident
	Lynn Marley	- New Zealand Resident
	Terry Rogerson	- Mackworth Resident
	Ray Baxter	- Mackworth Resident
	Judy Kelsall	- Mackworth Resident
	Paul Pegg	- Mackworth Resident
	Steve Ratcliffe	- Derbyshire Fire & Rescue
	Pete Matthews	- Neighbourhood Manager
	Helen Faulconbridge	- Neighbourhood Team
	Emma Tidbury	- Derby Homes
	Chris Morris	- Youth Service – Derby City Council
	Inspector Keene	- Police
	Martin Follows	- Street Pride – Derby City Council

<b>Apologies:</b>	Nathan Lucas	- Enthusiasm
	Janet Winter	- PCT
	Nicola Murton	- Extended Services
	Angela Bird	- New Zealand Resident

<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS &amp; APOLOGIES</b>  The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made.	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</b>  Councillor Tuplin declared an interest in Item 9.4, funding application from the Mackworth Live at Home Scheme.	
<b>3.</b>  <b>3.1</b>	<b>LATE ITEMS</b>  <b>Street Pride</b> Martin Followings, Acting Head of Street Pride West, gave a presentation on this new initiative and additionally circulated information to those present. Kully Raju will be the West's Area Co-ordinator, she will begin in this role on 1 August 2010.  Martin explained the initiative, originally launched in May 2010, was a move towards area based working for any works concerning the 'street	

	<p>scene', as listed in the booklet also circulated to those present. It is hoped this new way of working will develop ownership and accountability and all workers would also be ambassadors for Derby and will be able to signpost the public to services they may required.</p> <p>A certain amount of the Street Pride budget will be available for Neighbourhood Boards, who will be able to spend this as per their priorities. The amount awarded will be based upon the number of people in the Ward and the length of highway in the Ward, although it is not yet know how much will be available to specific Boards.</p> <p>A Street Pride Service Standards booklet is currently being compiled and will be delivered to every household in Derby City by October 2010.</p> <p>Ray Baxter expressed concern that there were 3 levels of management in Street Pride, and felt this to be excessive, especially in light of the coming cutbacks, and felt the job was already being done by others in the Council. It was explained there was no duplication, but merely a restructure of former services, which would hopefully improve service delivery and accountability.</p> <p>Paul Pegg expressed concern that Mackworth could suffer under the new regime as the estate had large portions of open green spaces when compared to other estates in the city. Martin however, clarified that each Neighbourhood Board would have a Street Pride budget dependant upon the number of people living in their Ward and the length of highway in the Ward.</p> <p>Mandy Coons expressed concern that New Zealand Community Centre would be charged by the bin if they wished to have the 3 recycling bins, and felt this was not satisfactory.</p> <p>Terry Rogerson enquired who carried out public footpath inspections as some paths on Mackworth Estate were not properly maintained. Martin explained there was a team of Highways inspectors who walked the estates at least once a year, and reported defects back to Highways. He agreed not all work was completed but stated the best was done with the budget available.</p> <p>Judy Kelsall expressed concern re the state of the footpaths on Balham Walk. Judy was therefore sceptical that the planned slurry surfacing would be effective because of this. Martin agreed to take this concern back to Highways on Judy's behalf.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Martin Follows to feed back to Highways, concerns re the state of the footpaths, Balham Walk.</b></p> <p>Enquiry was made as to whether the planned job cuts at the Council would impact upon Street Pride and Martin stated he did not know the answer to this.</p>	<p><b>Martin Follows</b></p>
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3.2	<p>Councillor Higgingbottom enquired how many posts were in the new structure and Martin stated 500, approximately 20 of which were not yet filled.</p> <p><i>(Martin Follows left the meeting at 7.30pm.)</i></p> <p><b>Property on Handford Street</b> (Richard Gerrard declared an interest in this item.) Councillor Whitby raised the excellent multi-agency working that had recently solved the ASB problems occurring at a property on Handford Street, formerly leased out by Derventio Housing. He was pleased to inform those present that Derventio had now given up the property and the ASB problems have resolved.</p>	
4.	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Accuracy</b> Agreed to be a true record.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Vacant Land, Finchley Avenue</b> Upon enquiry, the Neighbourhood Manager confirmed this had gone to auction, although it was uncertain as to whether a sale had been made.</p>	
5.	<p><b>FIRE SERVICE</b></p> <p>Steve Ratcliffe reported several nuisance calls were being received and fires were continuing to be a problem to the rear of Mackworth College. A gentleman on Hampstead Drive had experienced some domestic fires but is now in respite care, and it is thought this will become permanent. A call out to 101 Cobden Street found 60 cans of lighter fuel and all were asked to be aware of this resident, who had an addiction to lighter fuel. A garage fire also occurred at the bottom of Cobden Street and the Methodist Church on Prince Charles Avenue may be a problem re ASB, as one of the boards has been ripped off, thus enabling youths to congregate inside.</p> <p>Steve suggested plans for Bonfire Night should start as soon as possible and Councillor Higgingbottom stated she had already invited a representative from the University to attend the Board re parking arrangements for Markeaton Park's bonfire. The representative for the Council, responsible for organising this bonfire, will also be invited.</p> <p><b>ACTION: To invite above to next Board meeting to discuss Markeaton Park bonfire.</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager added that a request will be made to fence off the grass verges along the A52 to prevent people from parking</p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Manager / Councillor Tuplin</b></p>

	<p>there.</p> <p>Discussion continued about the land to the rear of Mackworth College. Paul Pegg asked that this be redirected to Mickleover Board as the land was within their Ward and the Neighbourhood Manager added that the matter could be raised with the Street Pride Co-ordinator when she was in post. He added however, that the railway cutting was in private ownership.</p> <p>Ray Baxter asked if the Fire Service could resume training activities at the old Arthur Neal Home site on Hanwell Way. Steve however, stated they had been informed by Social Services that asbestos was present here. Ray thought this had been removed and it was agreed Social Services be contacted to clarify the situation.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Steve Ratcliffe to contact Social Services re asbestos at the old Arthur Neal Home site.</b></p>	Steve Ratcliffe
6.	<p><b>POLICE</b></p> <p>Councillor Higgingbottom raised the issue of a licence application, Drayton Avenue and asked if Inspector Keene could speak with the Police Licensing Section regarding this matter, bearing in mind local people were against the application. She felt Licensing Committees should make decisions that reflected the views of the local community, and this was not happening in this case.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Inspector Keene to request appropriate person from Licensing contact the Neighbourhood Manager re licence application, Drayton Avenue.</b></p> <p>It was added there was a covenant in the area and this may have some bearing on the situation.</p> <p>Inspector Keene informed members of his impending move to Peartree and stated he was being replaced by Darren Roberts from Ilkeston. He was sorry to be leaving Derby North and added that it was not through choice, as he felt a lot had been achieved during the past 3 years and he had worked hard to build good relationships.</p> <p>The Chair wished it to be formally noted that the Board wished to thank Richard for his excellent work in the area.</p> <p>Hot spots for non-dwelling burglaries are being targeted and there has also been a focus on drugs in the area, with 2 successful warrants and one person arrested for dealing drugs on the street. Offences detected are up by 150% for drugs this year as well.</p> <p>The offenders who incurred the recent damage to the Community Centre had been dealt with via restorative justice, and this has proved a</p>	Inspector Keene

	<p>positive outcome.</p> <p>Residents from Holly House have been arrested and prosecuted for a variety of offences.</p> <p>Positive feedback has been received re the recent Street Briefing on Hambleton Drive and the Police's Foot Print initiative has continued, with leaflets putting advisory information through the doors of those properties seen to be insecure.</p> <p>The PCSOs are now undertaking cycle training in local schools.</p> <p>ASB is falling as hot spots are successfully tackled. Statistics however, are a mixed bag, with overall crime up 16%, equating to an extra 50 crimes so far this year, when compared to last year. Dwelling burglaries are up by 6 offences, non-dwelling burglaries are down by 15%. Vehicle crime is up 50% (but figures last year were extremely low). Criminal damage is down and violent crime is up by 2 offences on last year's figures.</p> <p>Judy Kelsall enquired about the Church Watch, as this had seemed to disappear off the radar recently, and Inspector Keene agreed to speak to Sgt Frost regarding this.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Inspector Keene to contact Sgt Frost re Church Watch initiative.</b></p> <p>Upon enquiry about the recent cuts by the new Government for policing, Inspector Keene confirmed budgets were being slashed, adding that no recruitment was now taking place to replace PCSOs.</p> <p><i>(Inspector Keene left the meeting at 8.05pm.)</i></p>	Inspector Keene
7.	<p><b>YOUTH ISSUES</b></p> <p>Enthusiasm had pre-circulated their report with the Agenda and this was duly noted. Plenty of activities are taking place for young people over the Summer Holiday and Enthusiasm are currently working to encourage as many young people as possible to be involved in the Youth Forum.</p> <p>Young people will be encouraged to become involved with this year's Operation Relentless, which will from 27 September to 8 November, with activities being organised for themed weeks during this time and especially during Half Term. During these, the Youth Team will also be seeking young people's opinions as to what they would like to see on the Estate. It is also envisaged these activities will tie in with Board priorities.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Board Sub-groups to discuss activities for Operation</b></p>	Board Sub-groups

	<p><b>Relentless further at Sub-group meetings.</b></p> <p>Chris Morris asked that Board members promote the activities currently taking place at the Youth &amp; Community Centre, as these were not being as well attended as they could be.</p> <p><b>ACTION: All to promote activities for young people at Youth &amp; Community Centre, Summer Holidays.</b></p>	<b>All</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager's report, setting out priorities for the coming year, had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and was duly considered and members were also informed this year's works would now be completed during August 2010.</p> <p>For consideration for 2010/11, Highways suggested the continuance of the dropped kerb programme and the skimming of pavements with a top coating of slurry, although members felt this latter item should not be considered until the outcome of the works to Balham Walk were seen.</p> <p>Also suggested for consideration were parking issues, especially as the Fire Service were unable to access certain streets due to double parking. Resident consultation could be undertaken to see if there was a desire for the introduction of parking permits or parking restrictions on streets. Councillor Higgingbottom added she had already spoken with David Gartside regarding the University Parking Group meeting and he was aware that proposals needed to be taken to the Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p>One-way systems for the New Zealand area were also suggested for 2010/11 and the Neighbourhood Manager has already met with Highways and requested they investigate the possibility of making Stepping Way one-way. He added that he and Helen would be undertaking some survey work in this respect, the results of which will be fed back to New Zealand Forum.</p> <p>High Safety Activity Packs could be purchased for the 3 local primary schools, which teach young children how to cross the road. Helen felt these, which are aimed at Year 2 children, were important as crossing roads was no longer included within the school curriculum.</p> <p>A Cycle track and training area could also be provided on a piece of land identified in Mickleover, in partnership with Mickleover Board, to provide an area where Cycle Derby could do cycle proficiency training. This would cost £20,000 for the basic track and £40,000 for the additional maintenance area to the centre. Following discussion, members were not in favour of this option.</p>	

	<p>Discussion took place regarding the junction at the bottom of Prince Charles Avenue with the A52 in light of the recent fatality, and it was confirmed no pedestrian crossing would be put in here, nor opposite MacDonalds further down the road.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager requested members consider the above options, for a decision to be made at the next meeting, re the Board's Highways Budget, 2010/11.</p> <p><b>ACTION: All to consider options for Highways Budget before next meeting.</b></p>	<b>All</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>BUDGET REPORTS &amp; FUNDING BIDS</b>	
	<p>These had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and were duly considered.</p>	
<b>9.1</b>	<p><b>Section 106 Funding</b></p> <p>There is currently £10,500 of unallocated Section 106 funding available for the Mackworth area and the Board may recommend how this is spent although it was noted such recommendation may not be successful. The provision of play equipment and lighting on Cheviot Street was suggested, as well as lighting on Knightsbridge near to the Play Area.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to forward suggestions to appropriate person.</b></p>	<b>Neighbourhood Manager</b>
<b>9.2</b>	<p><i>(Paul Pegg left the meeting at 8.45pm.)</i></p> <p><b>Derby Crime Prevention Team</b></p> <p>Funding application for £3,000 for the continuance of their proactive crime prevention service in Mackworth Ward. Members felt £3,000 to be excessive and the Neighbourhood Manager therefore suggested the Board may wish to consider awarding £1,000, any further request to be evidenced by a list of addresses where support had been given. Following discussion it was agreed to grant £1,000 with the proviso suggested above.</p>	
<b>9.3</b>	<p><b>Unanimously agreed to fund £1,000, with above condition for further funding.</b></p>	
<b>9.4</b>	<p><b>Mackworth Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p>Funding application for £600 to purchase window alarms and 2 CCTV cameras for community use, to combat ASB. It was added the CCTV cameras would be held by Helen and the PCSOs, for use as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</b></p> <p><b>Mackworth Live at Home Scheme</b> (The Chair declared an interest in this item.)</p>	

	<p>Funding application for £1,000 for room hire to the Youth &amp; Community Centre for the continuance of coffee mornings for older people for a further year. Upon enquiry it was confirmed they had previously received £1,000 of funding from the Board, and concern was raised regarding sustainability. Following discussion, members felt they would like to invite the author to the next meeting to discuss their bid in further detail.</p> <p><b>Agreed to defer decision to next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to invite author of bid to present at next meeting.</b></p>	<b>Neighbourhood Manager</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>SUB-GROUP UPDATES – MACKWORTH / NEW ZEALAND</b></p> <p>All reports had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and were duly noted. The Neighbourhood Manager felt these were providing most successful and now recommended a Highways Sub-group be formed, to comprise 2 New Zealand Resident Board Members, 2 Mackworth Resident Board Members and one councillor.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM REPORT</b></p> <p>The report had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and was duly noted. The Neighbourhood Manager added the funding outcome re Mackworth Allotments would be known by the end of September / beginning of October 2010 and work towards the creation of an alcohol free zone was ongoing.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>AGENCY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Reports had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and were duly noted.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>13.1 The Big Wish</b> All were asked to complete these forms, which were self-explanatory.</p> <p><b>13.2 Cheviot Street Park Gala Day</b> This takes place on 7 August 2010, all welcome.</p> <p><b>13.3 Relocation of Bus Shelter, Highgate Green</b> The Neighbourhood Manager reported the Board would be required to fund this at a cost of £3,600, if they wished to proceed with putting in one of the disused shelters from the city centre at Humbleton Drive.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Wednesday 29 September 2010 at 6.30pm, to be held at Mackworth Library.</p>	



## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

- 1. Martin Follows to feed back to Highways, concerns re the state of the footpaths, Ballam Walk.**
- 2. To invite DCC colleague responsible for organisation of Markeaton Park bonfire above to next Board.**
- 3. Steve Ratcliffe to contact Social Services re asbestos, old Arthur Neal Home site.**
- 4. Inspector Keene to request appropriate person from Licensing contact the Neighbourhood Manager re licence application, Drayton Avenue.**
- 5. Inspector Keene to contact Sgt Frost re Church Watch initiative.**
- 6. Board Sub-groups to discuss activities for Operation Relentless further at Sub-group meetings.**
- 7. All to promote activities for young people at Youth & Community Centre, Summer Holidays.**
- 8. All to consider options for Highways Budget before next meeting.**
- 9. Neighbourhood Manager to invite author of bid from Mackworth Live at Home Scheme to present application at next meeting.**