

**Allestree Neighbourhood
Board Wednesday 24 July
2013
Woodlands School, Sports
Hall**

Chair: Councillor Roy Webb

Roy Webb	Councillor		Peter Mitchell	Viking Canoe Polo Club
Saadia Davis	Councillor		Tony Johnson	Friends of Allestree Park
Philip Hickson	Councillor		Anthony James	Resident Board Member
Darren Pickering	Park Farm Centre		Rod Straw	Allestree Preservation Group
Peter Steer	Resident		Clifford Johnson	Local Resident
Zoe Nettleship	Derby City Council		Anne Morgan	Friends of Markeaton Park
Paul Cannon	Section Inspector Derbyshire Police		Wendy Hargreaves	Allestree Police

1	Welcome, introductions and apologies Welcome by the Chair and introductions were made. No apologies received. Inspector Paul Cannon was introduced to the Board.
2	Declarations of interest – personal and/or prejudicial None
3	Late items See AOB.

4	<p>Minutes of the last meeting – 24 April 2013 and Matters Arising</p> <p>Community buildings/assets – The Evergreen and Memorial Halls</p> <p>Action</p> <p>This has been worked on and a list will be provided of assets and what type can be made available including community buildings and substations, timber board housing, toilets, sheds, orangeries, cafes etc</p> <p>Allestree Hall including the Golf Shop was the subject of a council review of assets.</p> <p>Councillor Webb said that included would be community centres, pubs, clubs and Evergreen, Memorial and church halls. If these were to be disposed of once they had been established as community assets the community will have first choice to provide a use for them if feasible. There would be 6 months to make a bid. The assets to be listed formally. Information can be obtained from S Wheatley Parks Department.</p> <p>It was stated that issues can be minuted and progressed. Zoe has made some effort to get something done and will push this forward.</p>
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	<p>A meeting took place between Councillor Davis, Sarah Dosunmu, Rod Straw and Darren Pickering about the football pitch but it was not progressed. Zoe has also been asked to progress the issue of the funding for it.</p> <p>When asked if the Board had to accept that the Local Authority is not taking an interest in providing for youth provision and the community at large, Councillor Hickson pointed out that there was a reduction in Local Authority funding as more money was being spent on Adult Social Care as the bill is rising due to people living longer. The priorities would be adults, disabled and children in care, and that leisure centres, parks, etc would not be statutory services. He went on to say that within the next 5 years the council will not be involved in parks, leisure, flowers etc and if communities did not take over they will disappear.</p> <p>Action: To remain on the Agenda and to be pushed as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Place check. 6 month schedule, what streets and what time of day – walkabout required Lea Close – pensioners bungalows – daytime Jitties Path from Evergreen to the Park Hawthorn badly overgrown Thirlmere/Blenheim – Streetpride Church Walk last property on the right very overgrown which impacts on route of access – Streetpride</p>
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5	<p>Neighbourhood Reports</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Inspector Cannon referred to a report circulated on 4 June. The main crimes reported were:</p> <p>Shed breaks Vehicle Crimes due to vehicles being left unlocked Cycle thefts from sheds/garages</p> <p>There was a small increase in these crimes in the Allestree area, though still fewer than in other areas.</p> <p>Youth Service</p> <p>Chris Morris sent his thanks to the Board for the continued support of 2 Youth Workers on Friday evenings and detached work in Allestree. During the summer there was a decrease in the number of attendees. The community will retain 2 workers from September</p> <p>Councillor Davis said that the building above Boots has been empty for a time, and that when Chris returns he will look at it with a view to using it as a youth club. It is accessed by the door adjacent to public toilets, across from the library, it just needs a good clean.</p> <p>There is a Youth Initiative run by Derby College to design and raise funds for projects (16 & 17 year olds) which can get involved. Zoe has the contact details.</p>
	<p>Fire and Rescue</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>Councillor Davis remarked on an East Midlands news report for a potential for firefighters to go on strike re pensions. Provision has been made to carry out statutory duties – they were asking for volunteers prepared to help, given the appropriate training.</p> <p>The report can be seen at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-</p>

6	<p>Allestree Neighbourhood Budget</p> <p>Pop handed over two figures:</p> <p>£2,326 – 2013/2014 Community Budget, minus <u>£2,000</u> – Junior Football Pitch £326</p> <p>£1,861 - Streetpride budget, minus <u>£1,349</u> - Youth Club £512</p> <p>£3,279 - Underspend from previous years, plus £3,077 – Youth provision <u>£145.79</u></p> <p>£4,000 – Still to allocate</p> <p>A suggestion was made to use the money for the football pitch elsewhere and just to put up goal posts at a cost of £800.</p> <p>The Board was advised that there was a football club who were interested in using the pitch but found somewhere else. It was suggested that if another club wanted to use the pitch they could do so but Zoe only had contact details for one club.</p> <p>The changing facilities could be provided by the cricket club. It was said that the senior football club and the cricket club funded the pavilion on the assumption that it would be used by both the football club and cricket club for changing facilities.</p> <p>Rod pointed out that he had been approached by a J. Dawkins who was interested in using the football pitch, but Councillor Webb said he had no knowledge of this, and suggested that Rod ask J. Dawkins to email Zoe.</p> <p>£326 – suggestion for Streetpride - to be used to fill grit bins</p> <p>Purchase speed indicator device if some funding available. £350 per location, one to go near 297 Duffield Road.</p> <p>£350 x 2 to be used in existing locations.</p> <p>Youth provision - £3,077.</p> <p>Review of staffing of youth club. Budget discussions ongoing for next year. Councillor Davis keeps Chris up-to-date.</p>
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	<p>Bid from Police for shed alarms. Research shows that sheds are still vulnerable. Bids around £150. Signs etc given out. Alarms with sticker "provided by Allestree Board"</p> <p>Bid accepted.</p> <p>It was asked if there was a stock still in the Police Office, but there were none left.</p> <p>Ibrah and 1 Neighbourhood Watch member still did monthly meetings. The bid would</p>
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7	<p>Streetpride, Highways and Transport and Section 106</p> <p>LTP Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road markings – altered and drop kerb provision, Local Authority piloting enforcements on yellow zigzags, as those outside Woodlands School now conform they can be enforced. Portway also fits into legislation. Only 20 in the city fit two of which are in Allestree. • Lawn Primary kerbing has been completed and the residents are delighted. • Norbury Close – ongoing, in public consultation stage and could be complete late August. • Portway might be possible for dropped crossing and alter Keep Clear notices. To be submitted to the Board in October. • Cornhill/West Bank Road. Public notice application stage. If it goes ahead complete late August. <p>Local Transport Plan Priority 2014/5. John Pumfrey needed ideas by the end July. Suggestion from Board and Officers to be presented in October.</p> <p>Congestion/Safety issues in Allestree Investigations/design/implementation Parking Markeaton Lane</p> <p>A list of streets in priority order required, and will be worked upon from the top down. This has to go to the Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>Robincroft Road top St Edmunds Close Park Lane Markeaton Lane Devonshire Avenue next to Palm Court Blenheim Shops at Blenheim Parade</p> <p>Footway reconstructions/footpaths and jitties were thought to be Highways maintained. The Councillors were not aware of the priorities, but should have by the end August the streets on the list for improvement next year.</p>
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	<p>Kedleston Road slip road has a sign “Access Only” – needs updated signs. Should these say No Access instead of Access Only. It was suggested that residents take numbers of the cars and let the Police know, they will action. They have to be seen doing it,</p> <p>Police to give suggestions to the Board.</p> <p>Section 106 Funding</p>
8	<p>Issues and Events</p> <p>Allestree Day – was fine and went well though the weather was bad. There were a lot of volunteers. The next event planned will be Haloween at Park Farm, a “Scare Fest” in a marquee.</p>

Any Other Business

Parking Issue – Resident woman parked in Park Farm Car Park went to the bank and to Birds, then went to the Hospital. She went away and came back within 1½ hours so she was issued a ticket. Her attitude was very bad so she was told to follow the process to apply for a refund.

Councillor Webb responded to an enquiry re Allestree Hall by saying that he will give information as soon as he has something positive to report.

The banner outside the Birchover Apartments is still on display though it is illegal.

Action: Zoe to pass information back to the relevant officer.

Page 5: Board Priorities – to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mrs Morgan mentioned that Markeaton Park has received lottery one and expressed her thanks to Councillor Webb who spoke to the Council officer heading the project. They have finally been given a Management Plan. More pressure is needed to take on comments on what they do if they don't get the matched funding. She went on to say that her husband read a report 2000-2002 suggesting A38 Highways Agency Consultation re approving the final report which stated that the entrance be closed. The Highway Agency will not allow an entrance onto the A38. There was a picnic in the Park today and a Landscape Architect was there. She will get information from Highways Agency as to what they plan to do.

The paths in Allestree Park were discussed, and efforts were made re the muddy sections from Evergreen and Allestree Park and these have now been done.

	<p>The question was asked about what would happen to the brown bins if they are not being used. Could they be converted into water butts?</p> <p>On 14 June two Harpers Coaches came into Allestree, but it was felt that the roads should not be used for that size of vehicle. It was pointed out that these vehicles are OK if they are picking up from the school.</p> <p>Fly tipping at The Crest/Wickersley Close/Slack Lane, and an attempt was made to contact Streetpride but nothing has been done. Weeds were also reported on Allestree Lane/Ferrers Way, but there are no side streets being done.</p> <p>Foxlands Avenue off Ferrers Way has been resurfaced with micro asphalt which prevents the surface breaking up.</p> <p>Issue raised re problems with ease of getting into plastic doors by breaking the locks. Councillor Webb mentioned that a gentlemen went to the Allestree Day to demonstrate this. The Police have the information on this. Analysis has been done but it was found that there were no issues in this area. There had been no information from insurance companies. Leaflets can be found in the office.</p> <p>Councillor Webb said he had received a letter from the MP Pauline Latham asking if there was any support the Board can give to commemorate the beginning of WW1 in August 2014. The Royal British Legion are doing a real poppy campaign and have thousands of Flanders Poppy seeds available. They are looking for potential sites for poppy displays. Suggestions were Allestree Park, Markeaton Park etc. It was suggested that this be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Put onto the Agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>Zoe met with residents of Bancroft Drive who want to block the entrance to the drive with a wooden fence. They may come to the Board for funding. It is not designated a road through Bancroft to the park. They could go through the process but they could get objections – they are looking for similar cases before committing to putting up fences. An example was given of Quarn Drive/Welbeck Grove.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to get Planning Solicitor to advise</p>
10	Date of the next meeting 9 October 2013 6.00 pm