

SOUTHGATE GREEN WARD FORUM MINUTES

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2017

GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendees: Councillor Claire Stewart (Southgate Green, Minutes) Councillor Daniel Anderson (Southgate Green, Chair) Councillor Alessandro Georgiou (Southgate Green) Councillor Dinah Barry (Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield West)

Local Police:

PC Jason Kaye (Southgate Green Safer Neighbourhood Team)

PCSO Anjan Deb (Southgate Green Safer Neighbourhood Team)

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Anderson chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the councillors.

Cllr Anderson announced the sad passing of Jane Schneidelhotz who was a local resident and trustee of the Millennium Green. The meeting held a minute silence for Jane.

2. Apologies for Absence: Raman Tailor, Alok Agrawal, Andrew Irvine, Felicity Brown, Paul Mandel, Gonul Daniels, Shantilal Shah, Jigna Depala, Litsa Worrall

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

4. Matters arising

Ritz Parade Update – Consultation is ongoing and wider development plans won't come forward for some time.

Medical Centre – Cllr Anderson had visited the Medical Centre last week and had written a letter with Cllr Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) supporting the centre to be extended. NHS England has expressed their support and they were now waiting for the CCG to respond.

Drug dealing and drinking in stairwells on Palmers Road blocks – Cllr Anderson reported that this was being dealt with and additional powers for Public Space Protection Orders would soon be coming forward.

Police Update (Police update was taken before other business so that the Police could then leave)

The Police had completed leaflet drops and patrolled on late shifts and have experienced a mixed reaction. They will increase their presence to try and build up a bigger picture of the issues on the Palmers Road blocks.

Burglaries – 39 in the last three months (15 in the last month)

Robberies – 4 in the last three months (1 in the last month)

Criminal Damage – 17 in the last three months (7 in the last month)

Theft from Person – 5 in the last three months (1 in the last month)

Vehicle Crime – 27 in the last three months (11 in the last month)

Predictive mapping is being used to determine where each crime might take place and then patrols are carried out in those areas.

Winter time results in increased crime figures. Police advised to leave lights or a radio on and noted that Smartwater is being offered in Southgate Green now. The offer is based on demographics so not every resident will receive an offer of Smartwater. The Police advised that all the crime figures are online on the Met Police website.

A drug dealer had been arrested on Seafield Road and Police in the Arnos Grove area frequently.

There is one beggar outside Sainsbury's in Arnos Grove who can become aggressive.

Harry from the Millennium Green reported that there had been criminal damage at the Millennium Green where a young gang had broken trees, sprayed black paint on trees and stuffed number plates under the bushes.

Ernie Chinnock reported that a woman was attacked in Arnos Park in October while she was walking along with her dog. Police have patrolled and followed up with the woman and CCTV has been checked.

Mohammad highlighted that Thames Water land had bin bags, food waste and rats all over it. Although the situation was getting better it still had not been completely resolved.

5. Notes from CCG Consultation Meeting

Derek Honnor had provided these notes and reported that it had been a positive meeting and that the Over 50s Forum had been very critical of the CCG's plans.

Julia Mountain highlighted that the CCG will be going ahead with most of the proposals and it is happening across 5 boroughs. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny across the five boroughs were not in favour of the CCG's plans. The five Council Leaders had written to NHS England about the proposals.

6. Public Space Protection Orders

A 12-week consultation had taken place and it has now been agreed to bring in these orders that enable the Council's Environmental Protection Officers to deal with some of the following problems with a Fixed Penalty Notice: against drinking on the street, vehicle cruising, revving engines, holding fireworks, controls on dogs, loitering, aggressive begging, the use of psychoactive drugs, smoking in playgrounds and flying drones to spy. From late Winter/early Spring signs will be put in place however Cllr Anderson reassured residents that a balanced approach will be taken.

Denise Ghandi reported that there were a lot of revving engines along Waterfall Road and wanted to know how the culprits could be caught. Cllr Anderson responded that if this is happening every night then the Council Officers can observe the area. It was also stated that there are three or four boy racers speeding along Morton Way.

The FPN is maximum £100 under the law.

Terry Peacock highlighted that the High Road Open Space, which recently had a lot of money spent on it to regenerate it, is constantly vandalised and very recently a bin caught fire.

Terry wanted to make sure that our community resources weren't being written off and that we encourage them to be used so that they are not vandalised.

The High Road Open Space also becomes a 'swamp' at the main entrance near Garfield School when it rains.

7. Montmorency Park (Written Update)

A hard copy of the update was circulated. Phase 1 is now up, open and occupied by some residents. Some phases have been put on hold as various delays have been caused.

8. Air Quality (Written Update)

Cllr Anderson reported that the plans for the Ultra Low Emission Zone does not benefit people in Southgate Green as it will only extend to the NCR. This will push traffic into our area. Residents were asked to take part in the consultation so that SG is considered properly. Poor air quality blights the area and we have two schools very close to the NCR.

Julia Mountain spoke about car clubs and suggested that this could be considered and promoted. Julia suggested that Planning Officers could ask developers to give cheap membership for car clubs.

9. Broomfield House Update (Written Update)

A complete condition survey of the house is taking place and soft market testing will take place. Colin Younger wanted there to be a more positive view of what could be done with the house and wanted everyone to know about the huge community potential and that it doesn't have to be inevitable that it will be demolished.

Cllr Georgiou noted that it needed to be a private sector solution as the money cannot be found in the Council's budget.

10. Garfield School update

There are plans for an autistic unit in the Key Stage 2 building and a planning application would have to come forward prior to this.

Terry Peacock stated that local residents felt left out of the loop on decisions like this and asked that residents are kept aware of what is happening.

11. Councillor Updates

Cllr Georgiou reported that he had been dealing with a lot of planning casework and reminded residents that they should contact the planning department about any issues. Cllr Georgiou also highlighted that a lot of planning issues are over boundary disputes and this can lead to neighbour disputes which are tricky for Cllrs to get involved with.

Cllr Stewart reported that she had been dealing with casework around suspected illegal HMOs on Fox Lane, anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes in Brookdale and housing cases on Palmers Road. Far-right hate mail had been delivered to the High Road blocks and a resident had passed this on to Cllr Stewart who then alerted the Police. While out speaking to residents in Southgate Green, Cllr Stewart had found a school bag in the High Road Open Space belonging to a pupil at Garfield School – the bag belonged to a four-year-old had a photo of him inside the bag, his name and his class name. Cllr Stewart returned the bag to the school and highlighted that this could have been a safeguarding issue if the bag had gotten into the wrong hands.

Cllr Stewart also reported that since the last ward forum she had attended Full Council and spoken on a motion on Universal Credit, which is due to come to Palmers Green Jobcentre next year and will potentially cause huge problems for some residents in Southgate Green. As

the Majority Group Chief Whip, she chairs the Councillor Conduct Committee and this had met in October to consider complaints against Councillors and to suggest training for Councillors. She had also met with the Joint Consultative Group for Teachers and Staff Forum which is a forum for Councillors, officers and trade union reps from Enfield Schools to meet and discuss various issues in our schools, and she had met with the Broomfield House Partnership Board.

Cllr Stewart has visited local residents who had concerns about the consultation the Council was holding over proposed changes to Adult Social Care charges. Cllr Stewart had argued against the charges and reported that the consultation resulted in the administration not going ahead with any increases.

Cllr Anderson reported that he had gone on a walkabout with the street cleansing team to make sure they were as effective as possible and reported that he had been dealing with a lot of ASB cases in the Palmers Road blocks.

Cllr Anderson had attended the Green with Southgate Green Association and the Minchenden Estate Residents Meeting. He had also been dealing with cases with the Police and about overflowing bins and fly-tipping.

Cllr Anderson had attended Cabinet meetings, the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, of which he is a representative for the London Lee region. He had also attended London Councils Transport & Environment Committee meetings and the North London Waste Authority meetings, both of which he is a representative for the Council.

Cllr Anderson had also worked on re-dedicating a War Memorial in Broomfield Park which was supported by local schools and will be working with Harry to install a memorial to Jane on the Green.

13. Any Other Business

Residents raised issues about the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhoods programme. Liz was concerned that both the Mall and Selborne Road were not included in the plans and they were the only two roads that lead on to Canon Hill and had no traffic calming measures proposed.

Andy raised issues about Amberley Road and the need for traffic calming measures there. Lorries use the road the private school bus uses both Amberley Road and The Mall.

Cllr Anderson reassured residents that any concerns would be picked up in the consultation and that there will be contingency funds if any measures need to be changed further down the line. Cllr Anderson affirmed that the plans needed to work for all residents that the consultation is there for the Council to listen to and that we need to have residents on board with the plans.

Cllr Georgiou was concerned that changes to Green Lanes may distort the consultation.

14. Date of next meeting

A meeting will be held in February/March 2018.