

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OADBY RESIDENTS' FORUM HELD AT THE  
OADBY BAPTIST CHURCH HALL, LEICESTER ROAD, OADBY ON 16 JUNE 2010**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor D A Gamble – Chair

Councillors M O Carrara, Mrs S A Dickinson, M Griffiths Mrs S Z Haq, J Kaufman and  
J Vickerstaff.

Officers in Attendance: C Howe and Ms S Malik (Leics County Council), G Waterfield (Oadby and Wigston Borough Council), Sgt. A Sibson, PC A Raybould and Mrs L Spencer (Police)..

Residents in attendance: A Bond, D Bromley, N Alam, P Bliss, S Bolton, J Bunce, D and M Burton, D Carter, A Corbett, B Culpin, D Critchley, P Baulch, J Dobney, A Everitt, P Lip, A Day, D Tomkins, G Tomkins, K Sharma, M Ellis, R E Evans, R Franklin, A Gaffar, G Gardner, R Garner, S Gill, Z Haq, H J Heath, E J Henry, J Hier, D Honeywell, D and H Hudson, B Hyman, M Irons, D Kent, J Pooley, K Relf, G Smith, C Swan, A Torr, H Thiaray, K Turner, N and D Wheeler.

Minute Ref.	Narrative	Officer Responsible
1.	<p><b><u>LOCAL POLICING ISSUES</u></b></p> <p>PC Reybould reported on the three Police priorities for Oadby. Apart from anti-social behaviour on The Parade and Fludes Lane, the Police were now also treating as a priority reducing problems in the Severn Road area.</p> <p>An update was given on the latest crime statistics for Oadby. Whilst the numbers of burglaries and vehicle thefts were up on the same period last year, the figures for robberies were down.</p> <p>The meeting noted that the Order giving powers to the Police to confiscate alcohol in the Fludes Lane area was now in effect and that the Police had already made use of these new powers.</p> <p>Mrs Spencer reported on the football coaching initiatives being undertaken by the Police across the Borough, aimed at 14 to 16 year olds, which were running until the end of August.</p>	

2.	<p><b><u>HIGHWAYS MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>Mr Clive Howe of the County Council's Highways Department circulated at the meeting an information sheet highlighting highways works being carried out across the Borough in the coming months.</p> <p>In particular, Mr Howe drew attention to the works to be carried out on the A6 Harborough Road, as part of the scheme for the construction of the new Waitrose supermarket.</p> <p>With regard to works on Rosemead Drive, to repair the speed humps concern was expressed at the noise nuisance created by vehicles passing these features. Mr Howe undertook to report back to the next meeting of the Oadby forum on the effective of these repairs.</p> <p>Mr Howe undertook to draw attention to relevant County Council officers the matter of the adequacy of the phasing of the lights at the junction of the A6 and Uplands Road and also to the faded road traffic regulation order markings at the junction of New Street and The Yews.</p>	
3.	<p><b>BOROUGH IN BLOOM</b></p> <p>Mr Simon Lucas encouraged residents to become involved in the Borough in Bloom project. In particular, he welcomed nominations for the environmental awards that were being run this year. The meeting heard that the volunteers forum had made a significant contribution to this years scheme.</p> <p>It was noted that judging for the East Midlands in Bloom competition was to take place on 13 July, with results expected in mid-September.</p>	
4.	<p><b>PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>Gary Waterfield referred to the recent Parliamentary election and encouraged the meeting to complete and return customer satisfaction questionnaires circulated at the meeting, in order that any comments made could be taken into account when planning for future elections.</p>	
5.	<p><b>N.H.S. PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Mr Ali Rashid of the local Primary Care Trust addressed the meeting on the subject of pharmaceutical needs for Oadby and surrounding area and handed out a questionnaire on the matter.</p> <p>The meeting was generally of the view that the "8 to 8" Centre in Oadby was a success, but it was noted that it was sometimes difficult to find pharmacies on the south side of Leicester that were open outside daytime hours.</p>	

	<p>The matters around the affect of the “8 to 8” Centre on local general practitioners (GPs) were discussed. Mr Rashid informed the meeting that it was not acceptable for local GPs to withdraw their services to one of their patients if that patient used the “8 to 8” Centre.</p> <p>There was a general view that, whilst the “8 to 8” Centre was a success, there was still a great deal of ignorance of its existence in Oadby.</p> <p>Mr Rashid concluded by urging the return of questionnaires to himself at the Primary Care Trust.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS</b></p> <p>The chairman referred residents to the briefing note which had been circulated.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERSONALISATION AGENDA</b></p> <p>The chairman referred residents to the briefing note which had been circulated. In addition, it was reported that a public meeting to discuss the matter had been arranged to be held at Parklands Leisure Centre on Tuesday, 20 July 2010.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WORKSHOP UPDATE</b></p> <p>Ms Sabrina Malik reported on progress in bringing to fruition the schemes agreed at the Participatory Budgeting Workshop held in April.</p> <p>Ms Malik undertook to check that an amount of £2,000 was agreed for the Rosemead Drive Park garden scheme, and not £1,750.</p> <p>The meeting felt that an improved scheme for adult exercise equipment on parks should be included and Ms Malik undertook to obtain details and arrange a site meeting to view equipment as soon as possible.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES</b></p> <p>The Chairman drew the meeting’s attention to a briefing note providing information about the following Borough Council matters, copies of which had been circulated at the meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Projects Update</li> <li>• Summer Holidays Sports Activity Programme</li> <li>• Community Facilities Available in the Borough</li> </ul>	

	<p>In connection with the Capital Projects Update, it was agreed that a report be brought back to the next forum meeting on the viability of improving the standard of bus shelters in the Borough, to make them more comfortable.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON FORUM BUDGET</b></p> <p>The following matters were raised by residents and the Forum agreed that the Council be requested to fund the following schemes from the Residents Forum budget:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chicken Walk Refurbishment Project - £6,000</li> <li>2. Adult Play Equipment (to supplement provision made in participatory budget fund) - £4,000</li> </ol> <p>In addition, it was agreed that the matter of the provision of a new litter bin at Rosemead Park be deferred to the next forum meeting.</p>	

**The Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.**