



Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday August 7 2021 at Pocket Park 10am

ARA works with: CCAG, Worcester Baptist Church, European Community Centre, Worcester Bowls Club, Canal Group.

Pocket Park Gardening Club: every Saturday 9 am in Summer.

Canal Group Litter Pick: last Saturday of every month at 10.30 Lansdowne Park

Present – Matthew Jenkins (Green Party Councillor and chair of this meeting), PC Amanda Gregg, PC Molly Keeler, Jenny Barnes (Labour Councillor), Liz Brookes, Nicky Bettinson, Matt Kendrick, Tomasc Jarecki (European Community Centre), Sharon Griffiths (secretary), Nicky Johnson, Stephen Brohan, John Kemp, Alison Kemp, Matthew Walker, Stephanie Walker, Samuel Walker, Daniel Somerville, Tony Quinnell. Jeff Grayson

1. Welcome

2. Apologies Bob Whitelaw (chair), Clare Harker (treasurer) Ian Mackey (CCAG), Stuart Minchin (Worcester Community Services), Jan Jackson (Worcester Bowls Club), Ella Hyland, Mary Jenkins, Nicky Bonfield, Kate Brookes

3. Minutes of last meeting. 17 July 2021 minutes seconded as correct.

3. Pocket Park feedback and review

Issues. Anti-social behaviour continues, such as: drug taking and dealing, using park as a toilet, shouting and swearing. Always the same people and meet at 4 pm till late.

Police are short-staffed

Drug-dealing suspects in cars are regularly seen by the bollards by the viaduct Westbury Street trees near canal and houses on corner are very tall and dangerous. It was feared that a storm could bring down the branches.

Solutions. Police patrol. This has increased and will continue to do so. Suggested that police monitor at twilight when anti-social behaviour tends to take place.

Reporting. Police advised residents to keep calling 101 where incidents can be acted upon, recorded and analysed. Ring 999 if serious e.g. feel threatened, fighting. The more incidents recorded then the more funding provided to tackle the problems.

Community cameras. A bid has been made. Cameras have to be overt and comply to health and safety measures. Private cameras have disadvantages as any member of the public caught on camera can demand to see footage.

Community Protection Notice. This has been applied for by the police but unfortunately only lasts for maximum of 6 weeks.

Motion-sensitive lighting.

Prickly bushes and trees. Plant to deter garden being used as toilet

Trees and bushes pruning. Some felt that cutting some back would prevent use of garden as a toilet but others felt it wouldn't make a difference and that tall vegetation offered privacy for some residents in their gardens.

4. Lansdowne Park feedback

The park is quieter

Chestnut Street Alleyway is being used for drug dealing.

Drones are still in operation on race-horsing days. A meeting at the police station has been planned to involve drone pilots, specialists and police to look at criteria for flying.

5. Arbo-created signs to encourage respect

To be discussed at the next meeting when those who are the creative key movers and shakers are in attendance.

Police to provide signs to go in notice boards.

6. PACT (Police and Community Together) meeting

Anti-social behaviour has increased in the city centre and thought as result of holidays and lockdown easing. *A committee is working on issue.*

Each City Councillor has £2000 fund. County Council also has funding. Some of which could be used for tackling Arboretum issues

7. Inland Waterway Association- Festival of Water at Perdiswell 29-31 August

2020. The stretch of canal from Perdiswell to Diglis Basin will be used for narrow boats. People will be encouraged to walk and cycle the tow path along the same route.

CCAG (Chestnut Community Action Group) are being involved with an archaeological walk around the Arbo. ARA will give help where needed. See Ian Mackey if you would like to help.

8. Swimming Pool Site Update. Housing to be carried out by Sanctuary Housing. To consist of affordable housing. There will be parking for the Sanctuary Housing residents and also 26 parking places for those in Chestnut Street who have previously had permission to park at site. The demolition is separate from the new development. The housing proposals have not reached the planning stage.

Feedback. Councillors complained at there being only 2 weeks to give feedback and so late comments by residents are still being considered.

Demolition. The chimney is down but demolition is noisy

Heat pumps. Concern about how much room they will take up and how positioned and amount of noise they will make.

Traffic. Concern about traffic on Chestnut Street as this will be the main access into the development. Can't have entrance on Samsone Walk due to safety concerns about it being on a corner.

9. AOB

Anti-social reporting monitor. Please log all reporting on the google link created by Ian Mackey. <https://forms.gle/k46XdUYunUaeELug8>

Also log on the Police's Neighbourhood Matters link: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk.

Chestnut Street access. Some residents were concerned that fire engines and ambulances do not have room to drive and turn round at the top of Chestnut Street. It was noted that the top of Chestnut Street is two-way even though the signage is confusing.

Speeding. It was reported that 20-mile speed limit is also being broken in Arboretum.

Pavements. Cars are parking on the pavements so pedestrians, people with pushchairs and people using mobility transport cannot get by. Unfortunately, the parking officers cannot penalise cars parked on pavements. It was advised to take a photo and inform police.

Litter. A lot of litter in East Street. Think the seagulls are ripping black bags. Perhaps more plastic bins needed. If the litter is on own property, then council cannot remove. Mire litter patrols needed on Sansome Walk

Drains. Can apply for deep cleans. Concern that drains are not being cleaned and householders having problems such as foul smells. Leaves pile up in drains

Car Boot/Table Top Sale. Residents in favour of European Community Centre having a sale of goods e.g. records and planned for a Sunday in Mid-September/October 2021

Treasurer. A huge thank you to Clare Harker our new treasurer and much thanks too to Claire Durrant who was our treasurer for many years.

NEXT MEETING: Monday Saturday 18 August 10am Pocket Park if weather is agreeable. At Corner Café, European Community Centre if weather not so kind.

Action Point	Allocated to
Community cameras- park	Jenny, Matt, Police
Community Protection Order-park	Police
Drones	Police. Meeting with pilots and experts
Good behaviour signage- park	Arbo volunteers
Signs in notice boards	Police. Sharon has notice board keys
Westbury Street tall and dangerous trees	Matt. Will contact Highways
Drain blockage	Matt. Public health issue

Build-up of leaves in drains. Apply for deep clean	Matt
Table Top sale	Tomasz
Waterway Festival help	See Ian of CCAG