

# BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

Thursday 6 February 2020  
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,  
Rochdale OL11 4PZ

## MINUTES

**Present:** Dan Hall (Chair) and eight members of the public

**Councillors:** Angela Smith and Pat Sullivan

**Officers:** Rochdale Borough Council: S. Hay (Townships) and GMP: PC 15748 Martin Giblin and PCSO 71119 Becky Renshaw

**Apologies:** Councillor Jane Howard and two members of the public

### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

### 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 14 November 2019 were agreed and the following updates were given.

#### **Old Waggon and Horses Public House**

Further to the discussions about Planning Application number 19/00969/FUL to change the use of the old Waggon and Horses Public House into a seventeen bed house of multiple occupancy, it is apparent that the owners will be the same as Jannat House so it is hoped that the residents will be carefully selected and managed. Councillors Howard and Smith have been liaising with Rochdale Council's Planning Department to ensure correct conditions are applied.

#### **Holborn Street fly tipping**

Extensive fly tipping on Holborn Street since the last forum had been reported and cleaned up, however, part of the fence securing the gap next to 13 Holborn Street, opposite Westminster Street, has been removed and the area has attracted considerable fly tipping. A clean-up will be arranged. The area in question is privately owned and any fence replacement would be the responsibility of the owner (the owner has not been forthcoming).

#### **Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street rubbish**

The rear gated alley between Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street still contains a substantial amount of rubbish and bins are overflowing with the wrong items. This situation has attracted rats and it is a health hazard. Environmental Management Enforcement are aware of the problem in this area and they have been chased up for a response on any action they can take.

#### **Cotton Lane access**

Councillor Sullivan has again asked Rochdale Council's Rights of Way Officer to consider hard surfacing Cotton Lane in the next Municipal financial year from April 2020 onwards.

#### 4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PC Martin Giblin and PCSO 71119 Becky Renshaw presented the crime statistics from the date of the last forum on 14 November 2019 to today's date, November data was not available due to technical issues and they gave the following overview.

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
Burglary residential	0	3	3	6 (3)
2 x shed burglaries, 1 x business burglary – dentist's back doors broken into (overnight incidents).				
Criminal damage	0	1	1	2 (1)
Cars targeted conflicting MO's mainly evening times.				
Theft from motor vehicle	0	3	1	4 (5)
2 x number plates thefts/windows smashed and personal items taken (various times).				
Theft of motor vehicle	0	3	2	5(0)
The Neighbourhood Team conducted plain clothes patrolling at peak times between 2200–0300 hours. In addition, the team have provided updates and crime prevention advice to the area via Home Watch Coordinators, initiated additional Whats App Groups and GMP social media.				

#### OVERVIEW

##### Speeding

Serious concerns have been expressed about speeding on Bury Road and Norden Road. Neighbourhood PCSOs conducted a speed watch on Bury Road on the afternoon of Saturday 18 January 2020. Approximately 118 vehicles checked had an average speed of 31.4mph and letters have been produced to be delivered to those over the 40mph limit in that area. Officers have asked the community again for volunteers to carry out future Neighbourhood Speed Watches. Traffic Operation Considerate will take place in the area in February and March.

##### Half Acre Lane

The Neighbourhood Team have conducted high visibility patrols on Roch Valley Way and through Half Acre Lane where the no entry sign is located. These patrols have been at different times and days, however, no issues were sighted whilst patrolling.

##### Re-introducing surgeries

PC Giblin and PCSO Renshaw are re-introducing a surgery for the Bamford Ward with the first surgery being on Thursday 20 February 2020 in Bamford Chapel at 11am–12pm. An afternoon surgery is being considered possibly at Tesco's.

##### Pulse policing

Pulse policing is an operation where on night shifts a whole team in Rochdale bus up and visit various different hot spot areas which may be having problems regarding various issues such as ASB and burglaries, and they provide reassurance in the area.

##### Rabbit/Guinea pig theft (throughout the borough)

Local man arrested.

##### Cars obstructing and no tax

Three vehicles have been removed; one due to unnecessary obstruction and two for no Vehicle Excise Licence.

#### 5. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Ward Councillors have been working very hard with the Friends of Springfield Park to improve the park with the ambition of attaining Green Flag status. The overgrown grass tennis courts have been cut back and cleared for the planting this week of an orchard containing 36 fruit trees. The Mere

has been cleaned up and trees cut down to enhance the area.

Close work with Rochdale Council's Planning and Regulation Department has been ongoing to ensure the development of the old Waggon and Horses public house into a House of Multiple Occupancy is undertaken appropriately and in accordance with all regulations and conditions, and also the subsequent running and management of the premises.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

### **Fly tipping**

Thanks were given to Environmental Management for the speedy and efficient clean-up of all manner of fly tipping of the footpath from Mayfair Gardens to Mandale Park. Unfortunately, further fly tipping of black bin bags occurred straight away. Environmental Management will be asked to inspect for evidence and remove them.

Several bin bags have been left on Manchester Road which are attracting rats. Environmental Management will be asked to inspect for evidence and remove them.

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## **7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursdays at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church  
2 April 2020  
23 July 2020  
15 October 2020