

APPENDIX

Details of Changes to Polling Places

1. Upton Ward

District MB:

Minute 21 – Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved the use of Upton Victory Hall in substitution for the former polling place, St Mary's Church Hall for the elections to be held in May 2015.

This changed was necessitated by the fact that St Mary's Church Hall was to undergo renovation works. The building owners advised that the works should be finished in time for the May 2016 elections.

A recent enquiry has established that the works will **not**, in fact be completed in time for the May 2016 elections.

Acting Returning Officer's Comments:

The Council must designate and have available for use at the forthcoming combined Local government Elections and Police and Crime commissioner elections a suitable polling place for polling district MB. Indeed the uncertainty cannot be allowed to carry on from year to year so it is recommended that The Upton Victory Hall should become the permanent polling place for polling district MB.

Recommendation:

That the Upton Victory Hall should be the polling place for the MB polling district of the Upton Ward at the District Council Election on 5th May 2016 and at all future elections thereafter.

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2. Pensby and Thingwall Ward

District FB:

Minute 19 – Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved that the matter be adjourned to a future meeting in order that further discussions could take place between Electoral Services and The Thingwall Leisure Centre.

The advice of Highways as to the extent of the adopted highway and Transformation & Resources Health, Safety & Resilience Team Legislative Compliance was also sought.

The advice of Transformation & Resources Health, Safety & Resilience Team Legislative Compliance is set out in the attached schedule.

The items listed in the schedule involve expenditure which the club does not wish to incur, especially given the rather modest hire charge that they are proposing. Electoral Services are willing to accept the charges which will be approximately £1,100.

It is proposed that marshals should only be employed between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. when it is anticipated that traffic will be at its heaviest. As can be seen from the attached photographs both ends of the lane can be clearly seen so drivers exercising normal caution should ensure that it is safe to proceed.

Sunset on 5 May 2016 is at 8:31 p.m. so light should be good for most of the day.

The Borough solicitor advises that there is no power for the marshals to stop all traffic – members of the club especially, having a contractual right to use the track to engage in activities such as bowling on the adjacent greens that will not affect the conduct of the poll and such members being drawn from a far wider area than polling district FB.

Recommendation:

That Thingwall Leisure and social club is confirmed as the polling place for Polling District FB

Thingwall Recreational Centre and Social Club. Sparks Lane

Approach

The facility can be approached from two directions, small single track access road via Sparks lane and via a footpath from Barnsdale Avenue.



Barnsdale Avenue Footpath access

The footpath from Barnsdale Avenue is even with a slight gradient down towards the facility. There is a Bollard in the middle of the path that requires repainting and a reflective strip added to each side to enable users of the path to clearly see its location. The path has debris in the form of leaves and green moss. It would be advisable to ensure the debris is removed and the path cleaned, possibly with a jet washer.



At the junction with Barnsdale Avenue, there is a large metal rod sticking up out of the path and could be a hazard during the hours of darkness for anyone not familiar with the route. It is recommended the rod is removed.

Sparks Lane Single Track access

The single track access road has a speed hump and a street light. Both require attention.



Access for pedestrians and cars during peak times would require marshals to ensure pedestrian safety is maintained.



Recommendations

Action point	Actions	Responsibility
1	Bollard requires repainting and Reflective strips added to both sides	
2	Metal rod to be removed from footpath	
3	Road hump required to be repainted	
4	Hedge around street light requires cutting back	
5	Street lamp requires checking to ensure it works	
6	Marshals required during peak times to ensure pedestrian safety	

