



Area Forum South – Minutes

Tuesday 29 November 2016

Present:

- Borough/County Councillors: Hayfield (Chair), Ferro, Farrell, Gosling, M Jones, Simpson and Wright.
- Parish/Town Councillors: Fellows, Green, House, L Jones, Mason, Pargetter, Tennant and White.
- 13 other residents of the Forum area.
- PC Ramsell, SC Cook, PCSO Beard, PCSO Owen and PCSO Russell.
- WCC officers: Poynton, Stanley and Barlow (Minutes)

1. Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Hayfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies and minutes from the meeting held on 15 September 2016

Apologies received from Councillors Fowler and L Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Police update and agreeing the priorities for the next 3 months

PC Ramsell explained that PC Beatty had left Warwickshire Police and is to be replaced by PC Chris Bell from 3 December.

In respect of the priorities set in September:

- Antisocial behaviour in Gun Hill, New Arley. A target of 25 patrols was set and well exceeded. Since the increased patrols there have been no issues of note to report.
- Parking on Coleshill High Street. A large number of tickets have been issued by the Safer Neighbourhood Team and they will continue to monitor the situation.
- Antisocial behaviour in the Memorial Park, Coleshill. A target of 25 patrols was set and exceeded by some margin. Since the increased patrols there have been no incidents of note to report.



The following priorities were agreed for the next 3 months, with PC Bell to apply appropriate targets upon taking up his new role:

- Speeding traffic on Pipers Lane, Ansley Common.
- Speeding traffic on Packington Lane, Maxstoke.
- Parking on the junction of Oak Avenue and Rectory Road, New Arley.

PC Ramsell made the following further comments:

- Communities are encouraged to initiate Speedwatch schemes. **Action: PC Bell to address this at the next Forum meeting.**
- All telephone enquiries to the Safer Neighbourhood Team should go through the 101 number. Any numbers previously given out should be discarded. 101 operators will route any calls through to the relevant officer.

4. Update from Graham Stanley – Traffic and Road Safety Unit (WCC)

Mr Stanley gave an update on ongoing projects in the Forum area:

- Nursery Hill, Ansley Common. The speed limit is to be reduced to 40 mph and officers are continuing to work with the Parish Council and Primary School to improve safety around the school.
- Astley Crossroads. A three week consultation has been carried out in respect of reducing the speed limit to 30 mph in the vicinity of the crossroads. The consultation was supported by media coverage. Improvements to signs and road markings will be completed by March 2017.
- Ransome Road, Arley. Work continues to explore how the parking issues can be tackled. The issue appears to be exacerbated by the school carpark not being open at dropping off and picking up times.
- Fillongley Crossroads. Improvements to the crossroads are due to start in March. In addition there has been a recent traffic count at key junctions in the village to ascertain traffic flows. Modelling will now take place to see how traffic flows can be improved and in particular how traffic can be reduced on Ousterne Lane and Church Lane. Officers will revert to Fillongley Parish Council in January/February. In response to a question regarding traffic lights on the crossroads, Mr Stanley responded that although perhaps technically possible, there was no funding available to pay for these.

In response to other issues raised Mr Stanley made the following observations:

- Work continues to tackle speeding vehicles and antisocial behaviour on the A446 at Coleshill. Cllr Farrell advised that the Borough Council is making progress on applying for an injunction to help prevent antisocial behaviour on this stretch of road.



- Officers will explore the possibility of reducing the speed limit through Maxstoke from 40 mph to 30 mph. However, Mr Stanley did explain that a reduction is unlikely because of Department for Transport guidance on speed limits.

Mr Stanley and Ms Poynton offered to attend the next Forum meeting to give a further update on projects. **Action: Item to be included on next Forum agenda.**

5. Questions and Issues from the Parishes

Maxstoke. Continuing issue of fly tipping on Arnolds Lane. Cllr Hayfield advised that any incidents of fly tipping should be reported to the Borough Council via the Contact Centre number 01827 715341. Mr Richard Dobbs from the Borough Council will be requested to attend a future Forum meeting to explain the approach being taken by the Council to tackle the issue. Cllr Simpson commented that the Borough has a good track record in prosecuting fly tippers, but that the burden of proof for a successful conviction is high. Photographic evidence of tipping is helpful, but people should not put themselves at risk by collecting this. Cllr Ferro observed that many times it is people travelling from outside of the Borough to fly tip. **Action: Mr Dobbs to be requested to attend next Forum meeting.**

Coleshill:

- Little Packington Lane. Continuing issue of flytipping.
- Cllr Farrell requested a note in the minutes regarding the draft Local Plan site proposal on Packington Lane that has now been removed but still features in papers.

Over Whitacre. Cllr Mason observed that existing traffic issues were likely to be exacerbated if development at Daw Mill goes ahead. Appeal costs are likely to be in the region of £30,000. Other local parishes are being asked for a contribution towards these costs.

New Arley. Parking issues continue at Hill Top.

Ansley Common. Local residents raised concern about the site proposals in the draft Local Plan, specifically:

- Building on Moor Wood.
- Provision for infrastructure.
- Removal of allotments and an apparent tension with healthy living initiatives.

In response Cllr Simpson made the following observations:

- Residents' views' on site proposals are welcome and there are likely to be changes to some proposals.



- A consultation event is taking place in Ansley Common on 5 December. Residents are urged to attend this.
- Where site allocations are eventually decided there will be further consultation on issues around layout and design.
- All brownfields sites in the Borough had been considered, although there are very few of these remaining.
- The importance of a robust Local Plan cannot be underestimated in terms of protecting communities against speculative development.
- In deciding the approach towards dispersing development around the Borough, other approaches had been considered, including the creation of a new settlement.

Chapel End. Flooding in Coleshill Road continues to be a problem at times of heavy rainfall. **Action: WCC Localities Team to refer issue to WCC Flood Management Team.**

6. Date of next meeting/venue

To be confirmed.

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