

Notes Area Forum South

Tuesday 1 December 2015

Present:- Councillor Hayfield (Chair)

County Councillor Fowler and Borough Councillors Jones, Ingram and Watkins

In Attendance:

Jo Gordon (WCC) Parish Council representatives Richard Mason, Adrian White, Trevor Tennant, Gill, Gail Williams, Eric Fellows, Brian Martin, Derek Greedy and Paul Reader. PC Ellen Beaty (Police), Jeff Brown and Robert Beggs (NWBC) & 2 members of the public.

1. Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Hayfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies and Minutes from the meeting held on 17 September 2015

Apologies received from Cllrs Farrell, Smith, Simpson and Ferro, and Elizabeth Bradford (Corley PC)

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Correction requested: Page 3 of Sept 17th minutes: Should read: Ansley Parish Council (Not Ansley COMMON Parish Council). This was noted.

3. Police Update and agreeing the Priorities for the next 3 months

Safer Neighbourhoods Team - PC Ellen Beaty presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum.

The following priorities were agreed:

- Speeding/dangerous motorcycles in Gun Hill, Arley
- Dangerous/obstructive parking on Grimstock Hill/Wantage Road
- Lighter fuel canisters & gas lighters/sniffing concerns along Birmingham Road, Ansley

Robert Beggs (NWBC) presented the North Warwickshire Community Partnership update and reported on the Coleshill car cruising and racing issues.

Questions from attendees:

1. How many serious crime perpetrators released from prison are being monitored in North Warwickshire at this time?

PC Beaty stated that information is not available (may be a FOI request issue) and advised the current monitoring process for serious offenders.

2. Why is it so hard/time consuming to report an incident?

PC Beaty confirmed there are staffing issues and that are currently being looked into with a view to resolving this.

4. NHS North Warwickshire CCG – Jenni Northcote

Jenny gave background information on the Changes to Urgent Care consultation and advised how to take part in the process to have your voice and opinions heard. Consultation booklets were left for attendees to take and complete the questionnaire. Information was also given on how to take part in the consultation online. Email address:

<https://consult-engage.gemcsu.nhs.uk/ardengem/tell-us-what-you-think-improving-urgent-care>

5. Questions and Issues from the Parishes

Fillongley Parish Council

- Further concerns raised around Ousterne Lane and cars speeding/using as a cut through from Meriden. Councillor Hayfield confirmed the concerns had been noted at the September meeting, and he would be meeting with Graham Stanley (County Highways) to discuss this issue later this week. **Cllr Hayfield will feedback via the Parish Council.**

Arley Parish Council

- Littering: Paul Reader should have met with Waterloo Estates representatives. Waterloo need to acknowledge the problem and discuss solutions. **Paul Reader to pursue the matter with Waterloo Estates.**
- Problems at Sycamore re off-road motorcycles: Residents are attending a meeting next Thursday (10th Dec). Residents want NWBC to offer solutions regarding edging. Arbury Estates were going to erect fencing, but have allegedly done nothing. **Can NWBC report back to the meeting on 10th Dec to help with this issue? Jo Gordon (WCC) will pass onto NWBC to follow up.**
- Parking at the surgery in Old Arley; concern raised re the recent change to footpath layout – dropped kerb, footpath and bollard issues (sketch of problem given to Jo Gordon, WCC). **Jo Gordon will scan and forward concern to Highways.**

Any Other Questions:

Paul Reader asked about the Traveller Site situation. Cllr Hayfield advised that the County Council consultation had identified two preferred sites; one in the north of the county and one in the south. This is now going through consultation; a planning

consent will be needed and, if approved, further consultation will follow. Discussion took place around the process and requirements around providing Traveller Sites. Derek Greedy raised that the Core Strategy has clear criteria on where Sites should be located and North Warks does not fit this Core Strategy. Cllr Hayfield acknowledged Mr Greedy's view and reiterated that consultation is currently taking place.

6. Date of next Meeting - Thursday, 11 February 2016 (venue tbc)