

Area Forum South – Notes

Thursday 25 June 2015

Present:- Councillors Hayfield (Chair), Fowler, Simpson, Watkins, Jones, Farrell & Ferro, PC Ellen Beaty, Robert Beggs, Richard Dobbs, Jeff Brown & Jaki Douglas (North Warwickshire Borough Council & Jo Giblin (Warwickshire County Council) & 30 members of the public

1. Welcome

Cllr Hayfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and minutes from the last meeting

Cllr's Smith, Wright & Ingram. Minutes agreed by the Chairman.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

PC Ellen Beaty, Warwickshire Police and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. The full presentation can be downloaded at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/northwarks-southforum>.

Following discussion the priorities identified were:

- Parking problems in Willow Walk Old Arley (pay normal attention to Church Lane)
- Anti-social behaviour in Fillongley St Marys Play Area
- Anti-social behaviour Forge Road Shustoke

Action – Police to investigate

4. Local Community Projects Fund (Jaki Douglas, NWBC)

Jaki Douglas provided an update on the Local Community Projects Fund. There is a total sum of £17,500 available for distribution, with £1,000 allocated to each ward (with the exception of the Arley and Whitacre Ward, which has £1,500 available for disbursement). There is a presumption that awards will not exceed £500, although under exceptional circumstances higher grants may be awarded. Projects must contribute to one or more of the following Sustainable Community Strategy priorities:-

- Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment and Skill Levels
- Developing Healthier Communities
- Improving Access to Services

For more information please use the link below
www.northwarks.gov.uk/lcf)

5. Update on Rural/Fly tipping in North Warwickshire (Richard Dobbs, NWBC)

Richard Dobbs provided an update on how to report fly tipping, this can either be done online or by contacting the NWBC contact centre on 01827 715341 who will investigate and decide whether it's the responsibility of the Borough or the Environment Agency (Freephone 0800 807 060).

If you suspect someone is fly tipping, observe as many details as possible such as a description of the vehicle and registration number, description of the person(s) dropping the waste, the type and amount of waste, time/date and location.

Funding for mobile CCTV cameras has now been secured these will be located in designated areas.

Arley Parish Council reported that they had received complaints regarding general household rubbish collections, inner black trays not being put back in the red/black bins. Richard Dobbs advised to contact NWBC Contact Centre (01827 715341) to report the incident and replacement trays will then be distributed.

Concern was raised regarding the increase in traffic into Coleshill due to the closure of Maxstoke Lane where Warwickshire County Council made a Temporary Traffic Order closing Maxstoke Lane, Coleshill adjacent to the River Blythe to vehicular traffic.

The closure was required for necessary remedial works and maintenance due to the erosion of the riverbank.

Action - Jo Giblin to pass on the concerns to WCC Highways Team.

Arley Parish Council raised the following questions :-

- Pot holes in Charles Street & James Street – not all have been marked, none have been repaired. 3 months since reported on Fix My Street – When will they be repaired?
- Amended Planning Application for shop on Fir Tree Inn garden, NWBC planning team to investigate – concern re: traffic/highway implications and loss of amenity to local neighbours.
- Who owns the land at the rear of Coop on Gun Hill, which currently has garages on it? Has there been any discussions for either redevelopment of the land or the current shop itself?

Action – WCC & NWBC to investigate

6. Daw Mill update (Jeff Brown, NWBC)

The Daw Mill application was first submitted in June last year. It proposed around 750,000 square feet of B1, B2 and B8 use throughout the site. There was a good deal of objection to this particularly in respect of the potential traffic generation and the inclusion of the warehouse B8 use. The applicants therefore amended their plans and submitted a varied proposal a couple of months after the original submission. This was for around 500,000 square feet of just B1 and B2 use. There have still been significant concerns about the potential amount of traffic associated with the revised proposal; the growth of traffic in general terms and the capacity of the local road network particularly at three or four significant pinch-points. The applicant and WCC as Highways Authority have been in constant discussion since the revised proposals came in, particularly looking at the pinch points. These discussions are likely to result in WCC forwarding its formal response in a few weeks.

The length of time that this is taking is not at all unusual with large applications, and several of the big applications we have dealt with recently have taken over twelve months to determine.

We can understand the frustration about the delay but it does appear that the WCC Highways response will soon be forthcoming.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Cllr Hayfield asked for future meeting dates of Parish Councils to be attached to the minutes for Area Forum South – **Jo Giblin to action**

Area Forum South – Parish Council Meeting 2015

Parish Council	Date	Time	Venue
Ansley Common	21 July, 15, Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov & 15 Dec	7.00pm	Meetings are alternated between Ansley Village CH & Ansley Common, St Johns Hall
Arley	6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov & 3 Dec	7.15pm	Rowland Court Arley
Coleshill TC	29 Jul, 9 Sep, 25 Nov	7.30pm	Coleshill Hall
Corley	TBA		
Fillongley	16 July, 17 Sept, 15 Oct 15, 19 Nov & 17 Dec	7.30pm	The Edwin Thompson Room, Village Hall
Great & Little Packington	TBA		
Over Whitacre	9 Jul, 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, & 10 Dec		
Shustoke	14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov & 14 Dec	7.15pm	Shustoke Parish Hall