

## **MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH**

**Thursday 27 October 2011**

The Area Forum South met at Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor Sherratt in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Ferro, Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Turley, Watkins

**In Attendance:** Bob Trahern, Cheryl Bridges – North Warwickshire Borough Council  
PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager) – Warwickshire Police  
Joanna Rhodes, Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council  
Gordon Etheridge, Barry Cotton – Shustoke Parish Council  
John Poole - Shustoke Parish Council Clerk  
Richard Williams – Corley Parish Council  
Brian Martin – Ansley Parish Council  
Sheena Baird, Gill Guy, Eric Fellowes – Arley Parish Council  
Bill Richards, Harry Taylor - Coleshill Town Council  
Sue Taylor – Fillongley Parish Council

Derek Axe, J Hoyle, Jillian Wall, John Wall, Marie Stephenson, G Coxall., F Briscoe, M Booth, T Booth, Sebastian Green, Jack Stuart, John Taylor, Joan Barry

and others. (39 people attended)

### **1. Welcome**

Cllr Gordon Sherratt welcomed all present to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for absence/ Minutes & You Said We Did**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Les Smith,

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 12 July 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Joanna Rhodes provided an update – You Said We Did concerning progress made in addressing issues raised at the previous meeting of Area Forum South. A copy of the presentation can be viewed on the Councils website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes online

### **3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update**

PC Ellen Beaty, Warwickshire Police and Cheryl Bridges, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. A copy of the summary detailing

these actions can be viewed on the Council's website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes online.

Following discussion the priorities identified were:

- Drivers turning right out of Church Hill on to High Street, Coleshill
- Thefts from/safety of allotments
- Anti social behaviour behind the Bretts Hall Estate, Ansley Common

A number of other issues were highlighted including theft of metal (including cabling) vandalism at Coleshill Cricket Club, problems at the Memorial Park, cars parking at the former Coleshill Youth Centre.

#### **4. Police Authority Update**

Update given by Peter Fowler, Police Authority representative.

- Keith Bristow, Chief Constable, has been appointed to head the National Crime Agency and Andy Parker, currently deputy Chief Constable, has been appointed to replace him on a temporary basis.
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections to be held on 15 November 2012. Commissioner to appoint Chief Constable.
- Police Authority to be replaced by a Crime and Disorder panel made up of 10 councillors and 2 independent co-opted members. Home Office could give permission for up to 20 people to be on the panel. The Panel's role is one of scrutiny.
- New police telephone number to be launched in November. Dial 101 for non urgent matters.
- Team of senior officers to oversee the new strategic alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia Police. The alliance formally starts on 1 November 2011.

It was confirmed that the Police buildings in Coleshill are still in use though some parts are empty. The building will be vacated once alternative premises are found for the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. No date can be confirmed at this stage when the buildings will be sold.

#### **5 Health Update**

Nicola Wright, NHS Warwickshire, presented the Annual Report by the Director of Public Health.

The five key priorities for public health in North Warwickshire were:-

- Obesity

- Alcohol
- Cancer and Screening
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Health Protection – Sexual Health.

A copy of the full report was available to view on the NHS Warwickshire or Warwickshire County Council websites.

The transfer of the Public Health service from NHS Warwickshire to the County Council was highlighted. It was indicated that the funds will be ring fenced and cannot be spent on anything else.

Concern was expressed about the difficulties facing local residents in accessing health facilities due to poor public transport within the Borough.

## **6. Public Questions and Parish Issues**

Bill Richards asked for a brief statement from WCC/NWBC elected members on their views about the proposed boundary changes for the new Meriden Constituency?

In response it was indicated that the Borough Council position was that it was up to the respective parties to provide a response to the consultation.

Bill Richards asked NWBC elected members to give an up-date on timescales for the proposed Morrison's supermarket development in Coleshill.

It was indicated that an application had been received and the receipt of the application will be reported to Planning Board on 14 November with a further report for a decision to be made probably in December. The application is seeking to amend the existing permission. It is not a new planning application.

Bill Richards also asked for confirmation that the capital raised has been ring-fenced for leisure development in our Town. Following the meeting an update has been provided by Richard Dobbs as follows:

*"The resolution of the Executive Board on 5th May, 2009 that any receipts from the future sales of the adjacent car park and the existing Coleshill Leisure Centre site be ring-fenced for a replacement indoor leisure facility in Coleshill, subject to the future preparation and acceptance of the required sustainable and viable feasibility studies and business plans remains unchanged."*

Ansley Common – Clarification was requested concerning who funded the street lights from Hill Top – Gun Hill.

The parking of vehicles for sale in a number of locations across the village were highlighted and asked to be investigated.

## **7. WCC Updates**

### Libraries

Joanna Rhodes (WCC) reported on the outcome of the proposals to provide community libraries in North Warwickshire had been considered and approved by WCC's Cabinet at their meeting held on 13 October 2011. Consultation on the opening hours of the County Council provided libraries would be subject to public consultation starting on 14 November.

## **8. NWBC Updates**

### Draft Core Strategy

Bob Trahern (NWBC) reported on the Draft Core Strategy that had been prepared which would, in part, take over from the North Warwickshire Local Plan 2006. The consultation on the Draft Core Strategy would last for 12 weeks running from late October 2011 until mid January 2012. The Council's Forward Planning team would be contacting all Parish Councils to arrange presentations on the Draft Core Strategy. Parish Councils would also be sent a paper copy of the document.

### Creating a Community Hub

Bob Trahern (NWBC) presented a briefing note on Community Hubs. It was noted that an open meeting had been arranged for 8 November 2011 at 7pm at the Council House, Atherstone, for those interested in the Community Hub project.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be on 23 February 2012 and not 14 February as indicated on the agenda. Venue to be confirmed.