

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

Tuesday 27 April 2010

The Area Forum South met at Corley Village Hall, Corley at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair.

Councillors Fowler, Fox, Gordon, Sherratt, Smith, Zgraja

In Attendance: Steve Maxey, Robert Beggs, Jaki Douglas – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Joanne Rhodes, Cheryl Jones & Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Sgt Ron Drake, PC Andy Hopkins, PCSO Jane Owen, PCSO Phil McGuinness – Warwickshire Police
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
A Johnson, S Ricketts, W Hill – Ansley Village
L Finch, C Dyson, C Atkin, A Gale, G Gibson, K Ward, M. Hartley, H. Ciccantelli – Corley
G Read - Fillongley
J Poole – Shustoke & Maxstoke Parish Council Clerk
B Martin, K Sansome – Ansley Parish Council
P Wardley – Fillongley Parish Council
J McDonald – Corley Parish Council

Plus 13 other members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

None received

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 28 January 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

The business case for the development of the new medical centre off Rectory Road, North Warwickshire, is going to the PCT Board on the 12th May 2010. The developers of the new medical centre are Brackley Investments, an experienced Primary Care Centre development company. The development should be delivered by Autumn 2011.

4 Safer Neighbourhoods Update

Sergeant Ron Drake, Warwickshire Police and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken to address the three priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

Steve Maxey informed the Forum that work was still on going by Borough Council officers with regard to abandoned vehicles in Ansley Common.

Issues raised included:

- The visibility of Police involved in speed checks. It was explained that as part of the risk assessment process all involved in speed checks were required to wear high visibility jackets.
- Motorbikes on the A446 towards Bassetts Pole Island on Tuesdays

Discussion then followed about the next set of priorities. It was then agreed that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum South were:-

- Nuisance motorbikes, Gun Hill, Arley
- Travellers site, Highfield Lane, Corley
- Fly tipping, especially tipping of vehicle tyres (particularly in Packington, Maxstoke, Corley and Fillongley)

5 Public Questions & Parish Issues

No public questions were received.

The issue of the continued occupation by travellers of a site in Highfield Lane Corley was raised. It was agreed that the County Councils Gypsy & Traveller Services Officer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Forum to provide an update on this site and more generally with regard to travellers issues.

It was also agreed that responsibility for paying utility costs at the site would be confirmed and the information circulated.

6 Promoting Local Volunteering

Jane White North Warwickshire Volunteer Centre introduced the issue of volunteering. It was recognised as an important issue for community groups and organisations. In response to a question Jane indicated that whilst there was no minimum age for a volunteer most are 16 and older due to issues of insurance, health and safety, child protection etc.

7 Sustainable Community Strategy – Developing Forum Priorities

Joanna Rhodes introduced the new Sustainable Community Strategy for the Borough and what it means for Area Forum South. Following the introduction a number of issues were raised including:

- a. The link between health, young people and the Play Strategy for the Borough
- b. The need to inspire children, in particular the importance of the role parents can play
- c. The impact of children going out of the area for their education particularly into Coventry

It was agreed that consideration to the priority of Educational Attainment, aspiration and skills should be considered at the July meeting.

8 Funding including Area Forum Fund

The following grants were agreed:

Ansley Parish Council – Improvements to play facilities – grant £2520

Arley Parish Council – Purchase of 2 grit bins – grant £130

Shustoke Parish Council - Fencing around play area – grant £570

9 Items for Future Meetings

Playing Pitch Strategy

10 Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday 13 July 2010 – Coleshill Town Hall

Thursday 21 October 2010