



Area Forum South

Ansley, Arley, Astley, Coleshill, Corley,
Fillongley, Great and Little Packington,
Maxstoke, Over Whitacre, Shustoke

Area Forum South

Thursday 22 October 2009

The Area Forum South will meet at The Coleshill School,
Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EX at 7.00pm

Report available in large print if requested.

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For enquiries about specific reports, please contact the
officer named in the report.

6.30 – 7.00pm - Police Surgery

Call in if you have specific concerns that you would
like to discuss with your local Safer Neighbourhoods
Policing Team.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009, copy herewith, to be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising

4. Safer Neighbourhoods – Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Sergeant Ron Drake (Warwickshire Police)

Up to half an hour is available for this item. This will include an outline of the purpose and format of PACTs, feedback on actions undertaken since the last meeting and any other updates, details of current Community Safety issues identified within the Forum area and an opportunity for individual members of the public to raise any further concerns, advice on how these issues will be taken forward, and details of communications/publicity planned on Community Safety issues.

Community Safety concerns can be raised verbally or in writing at the meeting, or submitted in advance to Jo Roberts on 01827 719317 or via email to joroberts@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Public Questions & Parish Issues

Up to half an hour is available for members of the public to ask questions. Individual members of the public can speak for up to three minutes. To ensure that an answer to a question can be given at the meeting, details of it must be submitted to Jo Roberts or via email to joroberts@warwickshire.gov.uk. Otherwise, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Jo Roberts has notice on the matter on which you wish to speak.

**6. Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation – Joanna Rhodes (WCC)
“How to get involved in the Consultation”**

7. Future of Indoor Leisure Provision in Coleshill – A Verbal Update on Recent Consultation Activity (NWBC)

8. Speed Limit Review – Chris Fossey (WCC)

9. Funding in North Warwickshire – Jaki Douglas (NWBC) & Alistair Rigby (WCC)

10. Area Pledge Updates – Joanna Rhodes (WCC)

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Any Other Business

13. Future Meeting Dates

Please note the dates for the future meetings of Area Forum South are as follows;

Thursday 28 January 2010

Tuesday 27 April 2010

Tuesday 13 July 2010

Thursday 21 October 2010

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

14 July 2009

The Area Forum South met at 7.00pm at Maxstoke Village Hall

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Borough & County Councillors Sherratt, Fowler, Gordon, Fox & Hayfield

In attendance: A Rigby, Jo Roberts, Dave Clarke (WCC), R Beggs, A Wilson, M Dittman, D Barratt (NWBC) Sgt Drake, PC Hopkins, PCSO Owen, PCSO Waller (Warwickshire Police), A Bates (Warwickshire Fire & Rescue) J Poole (Maxstoke & Shustoke PC), S Wallace, B Stuart & J Stuart, G Ettheridge & B Coton (Shustoke PC), B Martin (Ansley PC), S Wallace, J Upton (Coleshill PC), P Osbourne, S Osbourne (Corley PC), B Stuart, J Stuart, J Jennings, G Greatorix, R Harris (Members of the Public)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Chris Page (Maxstoke PC), Clare Jolly (WCC), Cllr L Smith & Cllr T Welby

2. Minutes of the meeting held of the Forum held on 28 April 2009

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Local Development Framework – Core Strategy feedback & update – D Barratt

D Barratt advised that the Local Development Framework (LDF) is a new plan being prepared by the Council to guide future development. It is a folder of planning documents that will replace North Warwickshire's Local Plan.

The first stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy is the Issues and Options Consultation, which identifies the issues to be included in the Core Strategy and what the strategic planning options could be. The consultation will run until 6 August 2009

The Core Strategy Issues and Options is a comprehensive document which includes research and analysis and findings from public consultation on the planning challenges. The council is asking residents and all others interested, to agree the issues that North Warwickshire is facing to 2026, and select options to address those issues. In addition, the council would like to know if there are other planning issues.

Key issues have been identified which NWBC believe need to be addressed for planning the future of the borough over the next 15 years. The LDF proposes several different ways, or options, of dealing with these issues. The Consultation will provide the opportunity for local residents to decide which option will work best and whether the right issues and options have been identified.

The full document can be viewed on NWBC website www.northwarks.gov.uk.

All Parish Councils have been sent copies of the full document and been invited to comment. The closing date for comments is 6 August.

Further advice was given to those Parishes bordering other local authorities where their Core Strategy proposals could impact locally. For example a proposal by Coventry City Council is to create an eco-town type development in the Keresley area bordering with Corley. Similarly Tamworth Borough and Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Councils have Core Strategy proposals that could impact on villages in North Warwickshire.

5. Safer Neighbourhoods - Partners And Communities Together (PACT)

Sgt Drake presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken on the PACT priorities chosen at the last meeting: **Speed checks – Ansley Common (within 100 metres either side of Nursery Road) and Anti-social behaviour – Coleshill Youth Centre, Temple Way.**

R Beggs (NWBC) gave an update on the work undertaken by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership to deliver diversionary activities to young people through Activities 4U and this included weekly visits to the Coleshill Community Centre.

R Beggs also advised that the Community Speed Watch Scheme had started in Ansley village. The scheme trains local Volunteers to use speed detection equipment and monitor traffic at pre-selected locations. The details of vehicles exceeding the speed limits are passed to the police who send cautionary letters to the registered keepers. A similar scheme in Ansley Common is looking unlikely to happen due to a lack of volunteers.

Following the presentation Sgt Drake asked the forum to consider three Community Priorities to be taken forward to the PACT Panel from this round. A general discussion ensued and it was agreed that the priorities for Area Forum South would be:-

**Anti Social Behaviour – Birmingham Road & High Street Coleshill
Parking – Zebra Crossing / zig zags & Disabled Bay, Coleshill High Street.**

6. Public Questions/Parish Issues

Question from Kevin Winterburn (Maxstoke) –

Armed robbery of our rural post offices. Sue Lapin at Fillongley Post Office has been attacked three times. The last time at gun point. She is a very brave lady, and at very serious risk. What are the police doing to take these murderous criminals out of circulation?

Sgt Drake responded that 2 burglars were now in prison. The third incident is still being investigated.

Cllr Hayfield asked each Parish in turn to raise any issues they would like addressing:-

Shustoke PC – Problems with young people drinking at the back of the school
Action: Police to investigate.

Maxstoke PC – Provided an update on talks with Transport Planning Team, WCC on the introduction of 40mph speed limit in two parts of Maxstoke -

Request for Speed Limit Review results on B4114 around Blythe Bridge; also Duke Bridge at Duke End, Maxstoke

Corley PC– No issues reported

Ansley PC– No issues reported

Fillongley PC– No issues reported

Coleshill PC– No issues reported

7. Area Pledge (Update) – Dave Clarke (WCC)

D Clarke underlined the Area Pledge as a commitment by the public agencies to work more closely with the local community on locally important issues that bring benefit to residents and the local area. In April it was agreed that a draft Pledge would focus on addressing rural transport issues. Partners (NWBC, WCC, Voluntary sector etc) are currently gathering information on local transport services and drawing up a draft Pledge to develop in consultation with the Area Forum.

8. Green Space Strategy Fund - £10k – Alethea Wilson (NWBC)

Alethea Wilson reported that in December 2008 the Borough Council's Executive Board formally adopted the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy and approved, in principle, the supporting Action and Funding Plan. £10,000 has now been made available to each Area Forum for the implementation of projects that deliver key priorities identified in the Strategy. These projects may be on land within the control of parish and town councils, other organisations or on land owned by the Borough Council.

A Wilson advised that the Authority will be writing to each parish/town council and partner organisations to draw their attention to the key priorities in the Strategy for their sub Area, and ask that the relevant Parish Councils to indicate which projects they would like to be taken forward. If their choice is a project on land that they control, they will also be asked to complete an Expression of Interest form to indicate how much support they would be seeking from the Fund and, in outline, how this money would be spent in the delivery of the project. Submissions for projects that are not specifically identified within the Green Space Strategy will also be considered, provided that applicants clearly demonstrate how their proposal will advance the priorities of the Strategy itself.

The deadline for the return of this information will be early November 2009, in order to allow the necessary time for local consultations and the preparation of "bid" submissions. The results of the submissions from parishes and partners and any received Expressions of Interest will be reported to each Area Forum at its meeting in January 2010.

A Wilson advised that supporting information can be found on the Borough's website:- www.northwarks.gov.uk.

9. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies (NWBC)

The following representatives were appointed for a period of one year expiring in May 2010:-

Coleshill Grammar School Endowment Foundation
Dr Andrew Watkins & Cllr Sherratt

Market Town Initiative, Coleshill
Cllr Gordon & Cllr Fowler

10. Future Agenda Item

- Speed Limit Review of A & B Roads, WCC
Please use link below for all the latest information
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/speedlimitreview
- Future schemes / proposals for recycling in North Warwickshire, NWBC

11. Any Other Business

It was noted that the Councillors and local residents would like the police to be more approachable during the Police Surgery.

12. Next Meeting

22 October – The Coleshill School

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Area Forum Fund

Recommendations

- 1 That the two eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund be granted awards as indicated in the report.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Funds eligibility criteria and informs members of available funds and applications received.

2. Area Forum Fund

- 2.1 The Area Forum Fund was established following a report to the Executive Board in July 2003, which recommended setting up the Fund to support projects of importance to each local Forum area.
- 2.2 A total sum of £35,000 has been allocated to the Area Forum Fund, this figure being based on a formula of £1,000 per ward member. Following the May 2008 Forum boundary changes, this method of allocation results in each Forum having the following sums available for local disbursement: Area Forum North £10,000; Area Forum South £9,000; Area Forum East £8,000 and Area Forum West £8,000.
- 2.3 Officers were instructed to establish a system for administering the Area Forum Fund, according to the guidelines established by the Executive Board. Application Arrangements were developed along with an Application Form.
- 2.4 Organisations invited to apply to the Fund include parish/town councils and any formally constituted community group with its own bank account. Applicant organisations, however, must be able to satisfy each of three main eligibility conditions:
 1. Bids must be signed by a Borough councillor to indicate his/her support for the project.
 2. Bids should be for one-off projects that provide lasting benefit to the community.
 3. Projects will only be eligible for support from one source of Borough Council funding, of which the Area Forum Fund is one. Organisations will be signposted to other schemes of assistance if a more appropriate source of funding can be identified.

- 2.6 The Area Forum Fund was developed to support projects that address issues of importance to local communities. Accordingly, projects that satisfy the above eligibility conditions must also be able to identify a link to at least one of the seven key themes of the Sustainable Community Plan, which reflect priorities that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.
- 2.7 Awards can be made for up to 60% of the total annual fund available to the relevant Forum, resulting in maximum possible awards of £6,000 for Area Forum North, £5,400 for Area Forum South, £4,800 for Area Forums East and West. Community organisations must be able to provide at least 30% match funding for the project for which a grant is sought. Parish/town councils must provide at least 50%. This match funding can include in-kind support.

3 Changes to the Area Forum Fund Application Process

- 3.1 Members are reminded of the following changes to the Area Forum Fund application process:
- a That with effect from the 2006/07 financial year, applications to the Area Forum Fund are considered twice per annum, in the March/April and September/October cycle of meetings, with fixed application deadlines of 1 February and 1 August; and,
 - b That parish councils no longer be requested to submit a constitution or its annual accounts in support of any Area Forum Fund application.

4 Area Forum Fund Applications

- 4.1 The 2009/10 budgets for Area Forum South was £9,000. A single eligible applications totalling £5,400 was approved in April, leaving a sum of £3,600 available for disbursement at this time.
- 4.2 Two eligible applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. The total sum requested from the applicant organisations is £6,793. To ensure that the Forum does not exceed its budget both awards have been proportionately reduced.

5 Applications for Consideration

5.1 5th Coleshill Brownies

- 5.2 The 5th Coleshill Brownies provides an opportunity for young girls aged from 7 to 11 to make friends, learn new skills, contribute to society and have fun! The group wants to extend its current activity programme by purchasing camping equipment. The equipment will be shared with the 1st Coleshill Brownies who share the same base; Coleshill Community Centre.
- 5.3 The camping equipment will cost just over £1,500 and the Brownies are requesting a sum of £1,078 towards the project from the Area Forum Fund. The shortfall will be met from its own funds.

5.4 Recommendation to the Forum

- 5.5 The project links to the Sustainable Community Plan themes of Community Life, Education and Lifelong Learning, Young People and Their Families, Environment, Health and Well-being and Safer Communities. It is recommended that the project be awarded a proportionately reduced sum of £760. The Brownies will be allowed up to twelve months to source the additional funding required to purchase all of the requested equipment, or they could purchase a reduced amount (still funding 30% toward the project from their own sources).

6 The Old Barn Centre

- 6.1 The Old Barn Centre in Old Arley is currently being renovated to provide a much needed additional facility for the local community. The Centre's fund raising group has undertaken consultation with the local community and identified the type of activities that people would like to see provided. In order to encourage as many members of the community as possible to attend the activities, the Centre is upgrading the kitchen facilities.

- 6.2 The total cost to supply and install the kitchen is £5,750. This is being undertaken as part of a wider development of the building for which other fundraising has taken place. The Centre has requested a sum of £4,025 from the Area Forum towards this part of its project.

6.3 Recommendation to the Forum

- 6.4 The project links to the Sustainable Community Plan themes of Community Life, Education and Lifelong Learning, Young People and Their Families, Environment, Health and Well-Being and Community Safety. It is recommended that the project be awarded a proportionately reduced sum of £2,840. The Centre will be allowed up to twelve months to source additional funding to enable the project to take place.

7 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications

- 7.1 If the Forum grants the requests in the sum indicated in the report, it will have spent this years allocation. The next deadline for the submission of applications to the Area Forum Fund is 1 February 2009.