



## **NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Hartshill Hub and Community Centre

**Present:** County Councillor – C Clark (Chair)  
Borough Councillors – M Bell, D Clews, B Henney and R Jarvis  
County and Borough Councillor – N Dirveiks

**In Attendance:** L Harvey – WCC;  
PC's Louise Baxter and Dave Tew – Warwickshire Police  
Tony Hardman and Phil Bud – Neighbourhood Watch  
T Hopkins– Mancetter PC; G Roberts – Hartshill PC  
Jane Kearns, David Davis, Donna Hughes, R Smith, H Blackburn, S  
Sailsbury, Simon Stokes, J Downing, Amanda Yates, Rachel Rowntree,  
Robert Rowntree and R Rowntree.

### **1. Welcome from the Chair**

Cllr Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any agenda items for both this and future meetings.

Items raised – Housing in NW, Gypsy Site Oldbury Road, Flooding issues on Coleshill Road and Atherstone Road

### **2. Apologies and notes of last meeting**

Borough Councillor L Dirveiks and John Randle.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed pending a change from J Kearns

### **3. Police Update**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team –PC Louise Baxter presented a summary of progress and actions taken since the last Forum meeting.

The following comments were made:

- In addition to the presentation Louise added that 48 large cannabis plants were seized from an Atherstone address.
- An number of residents asked for an update on the recent vehicle crime/thefts. Louise recognised there have been a number of problems and there are a number of initiatives being undertaken to tackle the issues
- CCTV and its uses were questioned – Louise informed that the Police do use all CCTV available in the area including NWBC's.

- Cllr Bell asked if any arrests had been made following the burglaries and thefts and Louise confirmed 2 arrests had been made.
- Some problems were flagged with the SNT website and Louise was asked to update Lori with the Web link
- Louise introduced new safer Neighbourhoods Officer PC Dave Tew.
- Tony Hardman from Neighbourhood Watch updated the group/individuals on the scheme and offered support to any groups looking to start up a local scheme. Also included update on various equipment to add to personal and home safety.

Three priorities were agreed:

**Priority 1** Parking at Racemeadow Primary School, Atherstone

**Priority 2** Parking Plough Hill Road, Hartshill

**Priority 3** Crime in Atherstone - to include vehicle theft, vehicle breakins and burglary

#### 4. "Have Your Say" – Questions and Issues

- Cllr Clark updated the group on a number of questions asked of the group prior to the meeting –
  1. When will the Hartshill Hayes Country Park Business Plan for 2016-2020 be published?
  2. What is the timeframe for the dog fouling bins to be installed which was requested at Area Forum in Spring be installed at the two locations in the Hayes?
  - 3 Does the panel have any further updates to share with members about the development of temporary traveller site on Oldbury Road.
  4. Could the temporary car parking area outside Hartshill Hayes next to house 163 be looked into for police patrol due to excessive noise in the evening. The area also needs re surfacing and the addition of fire proof bins be installed to stop nuisance fly tipping, littering.
- Dog fouling in Hartshill Hayes – Cllr Clark informed the group that he believed this issue to be resolved but asked that the parish council work with NWBC to have the bins installed and emptied.  
Oldbury Road – Cllr Clark informed that the judge favoured the County in the judicial review and recently we have seen the installation of a passing space on Oldbury - servicing the ESP site, and that a number of questions still needed to be answered around drainage, speeding, waste and other areas.
- Cllr Bell asked that a liaison group which was to be set up as part of the process be chased with WCC.
- Cllr Clark will also raise issues of police resourcing at the next WCC meeting.
- An enquiry was made of an upcoming meeting regarding the issues being held in Nuneaton Lori was asked to find out more information on behalf of the group and feedback.
- Hartshill Hayes temporary car park noise, fly tipping.

- Cllr Clark informed the group we would need to look into ownership of land, and the police would need more information before acting on the noise complaint as dependant on type of noise may be an environmental health issue.
- The Borough Council is responsible for the fly tipping and all Cllrs agreed that the streetscape team do as best they can. They asked the group to inform others to report any instances and Cllr Clark suggested inviting Richard Dobbs to a future meeting for an update.
- Flooding on Coleshill Road was raised as an ongoing worsening issue which will be made worse with proposed housing developments.
- Cllr Bell informed the group of the lessons learnt from the Hartshill bridge flooding.
- Very important to report every occurrence to Severn Trent and also make it clear that it is Sewerage as this could pose health and safety issue.
- Also Cllr Bell said that if the proposed houses go ahead severe flood mitigation may improve the issues that currently present.
- Cllr Dirveiks backed up Cllr Bells suggestions and reiterated health and safety issues with raw sewerage.
- Glenys Roberts asked that with the proposed houses Cllr Clark initiate some partnership working between Ansley Common and Hartshill Parish Councils.
- Cllr Clark closed the discussion by asking the group to forward any suggestions for future meeting themes to Lori Harvey and also any further police issues.

#### **5. Any other business**

- Cllr Dirveiks informed the group that the flooding work on the railway is making slow progress and also that NWBC are working with the hat factory on the Coleshill Road to make the building safe.
- Atherstone road traffic lights – some issues with HGV's getting stuck.
- Cllr Clark informed the group that WCC are working on the development of a Sat Nav Application for safe HGV routes.
- The group also informed that the work on the bridge was ongoing and that the road would be closed over the Christmas period.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

TBC – Venue in Mancetter

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