

## **NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST**

### **10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Michael Drayton Junior School, The Woodlands, Hartshill, Nuneaton CV10 0SZ

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

**In Attendance:** Jo Gordon – WCC (taking minutes)  
Dan Green and Rob Leahy – WCC  
Jeff Brown (NWBC)  
Sgt Mitch Oakley and PCSO Lauren Hughes, Warwickshire Police  
J Northcote and J Solanki – WN CCG  
R Jones – Community Safety Ambassador  
T Hopkins, J Arrowsmith – Mancetter PC

Also in attendance - P Moore, J Chinn, D Davis, R Cockayne, L Power, S Moorcroft, T Moore, P Pegg, J Downing, A-M Currier, S Currier, L Mayors, T Mayors, M Pearson, S Pearson, S Barnes, D Atkin

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

County Councillor Chris Clark welcomed attendees to the meeting and apologised for the delay in entering the building. This will be investigated.

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

Apologies received from Councillor Davis. Minutes of Sept 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were agreed as a true record.

##### **Matters Arising**

Lewis Close Mancetter: Kissing-gate removed, staggered gate installed. Mobility scooters now cannot get through – issue being addressed by engineers.

#### **3. Police Update**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Sgt Mitch Oakley presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. Sgt Oakley advised that parking in Atherstone will be decriminalised with a proposed date of June 2017, enabling Traffic Wardens to issue tickets and enforce parking that way.

Cllr Clews requested update regarding heavy lorries misusing the bridges. Sgt Oakley advised PC Louise Baxter is leading on this matter and will request feedback for next meeting.

David Atkin shared information regarding Rural Watch and NW Neighbourhood Watch for advice on protecting your property. Recommended accessing these websites for useful information.

Following discussion the priorities identified were:

- Continue to monitor parking on Victoria Road and surrounding roads/school parking (Hartshill)
- Continue to monitor dangerous parking at the bottom of Market Street (Jezebels area) regarding cars having to drive on pavement and putting pedestrians and shop-fronts at risk (Atherstone)

- Speeding on Ridge Lane

**4. NHS North Warwickshire CCG - Changes to Urgent Care Services Consultation**

Jenni Northcote gave background information on the Changes to Urgent Care Consultation and advised how to take part in the process to have your voice and opinions heard. Consultation booklets were left for attendees to take and complete the questionnaire. Information also given on how to take part in the consultation online. Link: <http://bit.ly/1TcpWof>

**5. NWBC Planning – update re Mancetter Chicken Broiler Application**

Jeff Brown advised that the second application will be going to Planning Board for decision soon (most likely February Planning Board). NWBC has received over 500 letters objecting to the proposal. An Environmental Permit is required from the Environment Agency (EA) else the proposal cannot go ahead. NWBC is still awaiting this decision from the EA. The EA Report will be publicised ahead of Planning Board.

Cllr Bell advised that she has contacted the EA to raise the issue of effects on the local community of any breach in safety systems should the proposal be approved, eg release of dangerous chemicals/ammonia into the air. Cllr Bell is awaiting the EA response. Discussion took place around air pollution/filtration and health hazards and importance of adequate and effective monitoring systems and methods.

**6. Warwickshire County Council, Dan Green and Rob Leahy – Update re Emergency Stopping Site for Gypsy and Travellers**

Dan Green clarified what an Emergency Stopping Site is, and advised that users are required to:

- provide ID
- provide a bond to cover any damage caused during the stay
- pay ground rent
- The maximum permitted stay is 28 days

The County Council consultation had identified two preferred sites; one in the north of the county and one in the south. Statutory consultation ended on 3/12/15 and planners are now working through responses. The application is due before the committee in Jan 2016 and if agreed work will begin in early 2016 with a view to the site being operational by mid 2016. Councillor Clark advised that Tom Evans will accept comments on the application up to the day of the decision. Comments should therefore be in by Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the presentation to Elected Members.

**7. “Have Your Say” – Questions and Issues - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised**

No further issues raised.

**8. Any other business**

Nothing raised

**9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 23 February 2016. Partnership Centre (Age UK), Coleshill Road, Atherstone.