

# NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

**3 December 2013**

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm

**Present:** Borough Councillor A Forwood - Chair  
County Councillor A McLauchlan  
County Councillor N Dirveiks  
Borough Councillors, T Wykes, L Dirveiks, L Freer, D Pickard, M Davis

**In Attendance:** A Rigby, T De Kretser, T Willis – WCC  
R Beggs, R Dobbs - NWBC  
PC Carter, PCSOs L Udall – Warks Police  
J Mawson – Mancetter PC  
D Atkin D McMurdo, J McMurdo, R Cockayne, C Horton, A Horton,  
C Fox, A Gad, C Thay, S Holt, J Holt, B Brookes, M Thomas,

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from K Johnston

**2. Notes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Minutes of the last meeting under Police update should read:  
Hartshill Hayes access gate by cemetery should not be a RADAR gate.  
In response to this amendment: WCC, Rights of Way team installed the RADAR gates to improve public safety. The installations are supported by the police and could be legally authorised should they be challenged.

Matters Arising:

Castle Road, Hartshill - one more street light has been switched back on.

Ridge Lane speed limit review – request made for 50mph limit and extension of 30mph zone.

Church Road, Hartshill – cost prohibitive for a bus lay-by. Funding had not been ring-fenced for this project

Council House, NWBC – concern about number of office lights on during the evening

**3. Mancetter, Housing with care**

T Willis presented an update on the Housing with care project. Around the county there are nine sites under development including two in Bedworth and one in Rugby.

The Mancetter development, subject to planning consent will provide 80 housing units, made up of: 40 to let; 25 shared ownership; 15 for sale. The presentation showed the proposed architectural plans of the site.

Housing 21 are about to submit their planning application. Planning consent is likely to be granted in February after which a 3 month grace period is required to allow for a judicial review should it be needed. Building work could start in summer 2014 and completed within two years.

The following comments were made:

- The public has lost the use of green open space since the archaeological dig
- Archaeological dig uncovered signs of neolithic and roman settlements
- A significant archaeological find could hold up building development
- Request for regular newsletter / updates to keep community informed of progress once building works begin. Use of Parish notice board agreed
- Wilmot Dixon likely to be building contractor. Have good reputation in providing community newsletters
- Request for information on how local people can apply for a home
- Collapsed railings around the site should be removed imminently

#### 4. Police Update

PC Carter presented the Safer Neighbourhoods Team update. The following comments were made:

- North Warwickshire East SNT area has been designated a Priority Policing Area with PC Louise Baxter joining PC Carter as beat manager
- Parking causing an obstruction is down to the judgement of a police officer. Usually made when vehicles are blocking use of pavements and clear sight of road junctions
- Church Close, Hartshill – inconsiderate parking at end of cul-de-sac
- PCSO L Udall to contact Deb Brook, Head Teacher, Racemeadow Primary School re: anti-social behaviour outside school gates
- Graffiti tagging by 'blu' starting up again
- Margaret Road, Atherstone – car accident involving wall. WCC Highways to look at engineering solution
- Margaret Road, Atherstone – road verges need attention (bollards, posts) to deter parking
- PCSOs to be given the power to issue car parking tickets
- South Street / Wool Pack Way traffic island in wrong position

Three priorities chosen:

**Priority:** Parking on Long Street, Atherstone around 'Keep Clear' areas

**Priority:** Parking around turning circle outside Michael Drayton School, Hartshill

**Priority:** Parking at school times on Margaret Road, Mancetter (inc. Oakfield Gardens, Southlands & South Street traffic island).

C Fox, Community Safety Ambassador.

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Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December Atherstone Memorial Hall – Meeting of Ron Ball, Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Andy Parker. Open to members of the public to attend.

**5. Local council update**

R Dobbs, NWBC fed back and took questions on the new household recycling service that started in October.

The new service uses: 3 refuse crews; 2 recycling crews; 2 green bin crews – making 2 million collections per year.

30,000 recycling bins have been delivered to local households. The new scheme should make it easier for residents to recycle and should keep the streets tidier at collection times. The level of recycling has already increased significantly. Christmas collection times have been circulated.

In response to questions:

- Households will be logged that are not recycling
- New black bins to be sent out to flats that need them. Some will receive a weekly food waste collection
- Assisted collection database has recently been updated
- NWBC Street cleaning team has mechanical sweepers to clear gullies and footpaths of leaves and debris. Streets cleaned on a rota basis but can also respond to emergencies

**6. Tell us your issues**

None

**7. Any other business**

Preference to use Mancetter Church Room, St Peter's Church instead of Mancetter Memorial Hall

**8. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting**

None

**9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014