

Community Forum for Arbury and Stockingford

Held at **Stockingford Sports and Social Club**,
Arbury Road, Nuneaton, CV10 7NJ

on **5th February 2018**

Present:

Cllr Chris Watkins - NBBC (Chair)
Cllr Patricia Elliott - NBBC
Cllr Gwynn Pomfrett - NBBC
Cllr Clare Golby – NBBC/WCC

In Attendance:

Chris Florance (WCC)
Tamsyn Keyte (WCC)
PC Andy Morrissey
Approximately 10 members of the public present

Apologies:

Cllr Barry Longden - NBBC
Cllr Caroline Philips - NBBC/WCC

1. Welcome and Introduction

1.1 Cllr Watkins introduced the councillors and officers present and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Police

2.1 PC Andy Morrissey gave an update on the crime statistics for the local neighbourhoods. Two Safer Neighbourhood Teams cover the community forum area, Nuneaton West and Nuneaton South. PC Morrissey stressed that the police have amended the way in which some crimes have been recorded, which will have an impact on the statistics.

For example, a shed break in will be reported as a burglary or a taxi fare dispute will be recorded as anti-social behaviour.

The latest Police and Crime statistics can be accessed via www.police.uk.

The highlights were:

Barpool

- Most statistics are down except theft from vehicles, which is up slightly.
- There are ongoing issues with one way system around Cliff Road. Drivers have been saying that there are insufficient signs to indicate the direction of traffic. Cllr pointed out that new signs had been put up recently.

Arbury

- There was a reduction in theft from motor vehicles. Hospital staff and visitors had been leaving valuable equipment in view in their cars. The SNT had worked with the hospital to encourage staff to remove their valuables from sight.

Kingswood

- The SNT have recently undertaken bike marking sessions at Stockingford Library and a new one is planned for 16th February from 3 to 4pm.
- A 'Hate Crime' tea party was held during Hate Crime Week.
- There was a neighbour dispute around the area of *Poaches Close*. *This has now been addressed.*

General

- There have been 'age-test' purchasing across the area. All retailers passed, which is good news.
- There is still an ongoing issue with off road motorbikes and occasional quad bikes. The police do pursue off road when they can and issue tickets. Police are also looking at dealing with bikers that ride in gangs that have a mixture of legal and illegal motorbikes. Members of the public can continue to contact the bike police officers on duty directly by texting 07870 163291 or using 'Whatsapp' as well continuing to use 101. '**Dob em in**' is still a live campaign and incidents can be reported online via: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin. Craig Sweeney mentioned that he knows of a project based in Coventry called Motorvate which can work with young people and motorbikes.

The police left the meeting

3. Councillor Updates

3.1 Cllr Elliot - Bar Pool

- There have been several improvements to Tomkinson Road Rec. including improved fencing and signage.
- They have been promoting the 'Passport to Leisure' Scheme. It is underused in the Stockingford area.
- The local Children's Centre campaign is now part of a national campaign.
- Continuing to work with Square Peg at Stockingford Community Centre who worked with Asda to have an 'Autism Hour' every Sunday morning.

3.2 Cllr Golby – Arbury

- Has worked with Highways to get several road resurfaced
- Worked to improve 'Signage' in Bermuda for HGVs
- Working with residents on parking issues in hospital area.
- Organising clean ups in Bermuda, around Walsingham Drive

3.3 Cllr Pomfrett – Bar Pool As Cllr Elliot

4. Local Issues

- 4.1 A member of the public had understood that there was going to be a road built through the Arbury estate to go onward to Bedworth. The response was that it was not going to happen, at least in the medium term. Any development of this type would have to be linked to the borough plan.
- 4.2 A consultation regarding the 20mph zone and road safety issues in Stockingford closed last week and has gone to the WCC portfolio holder.
- 4.3 There is no further news to report regarding the unadopted roads highlighted at the last meeting by Cllr Watkins.
- 4.4 Greenmoor Road / Croft Road junction. A highways safety officer had been out to look at the safety of pedestrians at the junction.
- 4.5 Craig Sweeney from Positive Impact for Young People spoke about some of the projects they are running locally.
- A Youth Club for 11 to 16 year olds is starting this week and every Wednesday at Stockingford Community Centre from 4.30 to 6.30pm.
 - The Bakery is open every Thursday morning from 7.30am to 1.00pm at Stockingford Community Centre. It is a social enterprise that makes and sells artisan bread and cakes.
 - Reach is an employability programme for 16 to 19 year olds.
 - Grow is an allotment project for young people aged between 11 and 16 years and is based in Camp Hill.

More information on Positive Impact for Young People is available via www.positiveimpactcic.org, Facebook, Twitter or you can call Craig via 07444789505.

- 4.6 Concern was expressed about the land that had been the site of St Paul's Church Hall in Church Road. The boarding had come down leaving the site exposed.
- 4.7 There was concern that Lorries were not parking properly to make deliveries to the One Stop in Wiclif Way causing damage to the footpath.
- 4.8 Councillors reported that NBBC are cleaning the sides and verges of some of the major roads in the borough, including the A444
- 4.9 A local resident expressed concern at CJs and is regularly having to sweep up broken glass. Cllr Longden had taken the issues raised at the last forum about CJs to NBBC licensing.

5. WCC Updates

- 5.1 Chris Florance said that the Locality team for Nuneaton and Bedworth are co-ordinating a series of events to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th. Publicity will be out shortly.
- 5.2 The Locality team were working with the Canal and River Trust to organise a Clean Up day along the towpath of the Coventry Canal on Saturday 17th February from the

Tomkinson Road Bridge (Bridge 21) and the Wharf Inn Bridge, Coventry Road (Bridge 19). Residents and Volunteers are needed to help make the day a success. Meet at Tomkinson Road Rec Car park at 10.00am until 1.00pm.

6. Meeting Closure

- 6.1 The meeting was closed by Cllr Watkins and all participants thanked for their contributions to the meeting. The next meeting date will be announced as it soon as it is known.