

Arbury and Stockingford Community Forum

Minutes from meeting held on 30th May 2019 at the Bermuda Phoenix Centre

Councillors present:

Cllr Chris Watkins (NBBC Kingswood) - Chair
Cllr Caroline Philips (WCC Stockingford)
Cllr Barry Longdon (NBBC Kingswood)
Cllr Bill Olnier (Abbey)

Apologies received:

Cllr Tricia Elliot (NBBC Barpool)

In attendance:

Mike Slemensek (WCC)
Chris Florance (WCC)
Sergeant Adam Skelsey (Warwickshire Police)
PCSO Anjie Gavin

6 members of the public

1. Welcome Introductions and Apologies:

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 22nd October 2018

2.1 Cllr Philips said that that Tomkinson Road Rock and Rollers should read Tomkinson Road Rec and Rollers (3.2).

2.2 Mrs Gadjic said that the minutes were not a true reflection of what she had said at the meeting with regard to bulky rubbish collection. She said that she had asked that in order to alleviate fly-tipping, would it not be prudent to have rubbish collected by the Borough council? She had said that they had had this service in Camp Hill and asked why this service was not available across the Borough.

2.3 The Chair responded that this question had been addressed at previous meetings and that there was no funding available for free rubbish collections. Camp Hill was subject of an independent arrangements.

3. Matters arising from minutes

3.1 None

4. Safer Neighbourhood Team update:

4.1 Crime Statistics

1st Nov to 28th Feb

1st Mar to 24th May

Arbury

Burglary	5	1
Theft	43	4
Vehicle Crime	59	3
Damage	9	0
Anti-Social Behaviour	64	7
Drugs	2	0

Barpool

Burglary	4	4
Shed/Garage Break	-	4
Vehicle Crime (incl. Damage)	10	20
Anti-Social Behaviour	32 (4 nuisance bikes)	45 (22 nuisance bikes)

Kingswood

Burglary	12	4
Shed/Garage Break	4	2
Vehicle Crime (incl. Damage)	11	13
Anti-Social Behaviour	38 (1 nuisance bike)	39 (7 nuisance bikes)

Up to date crime statistics are available via: www.police.uk

4.2 **Arbury**

- There has been a number of crime prevention stands at the George Eliot Hospital, for members of the public and staff, giving out vehicle crime packs and crime prevention advice.
- Police drop in sessions at the Bermuda Phoenix Community Centre. They have been advertised locally and on Facebook. The next drop in session will be on Tuesday 4th June from 10.00am to 12.00pm.
- PCSOs have been out in push bikes patrolling the parks, Bermuda Lake and Ensor's Pool. This should be a deterrent for ASB and nuisance bikes in these areas.

4.3 Barpool and Kingswood

- Nuneaton West SNT and WCC Trading Standards have completed a number of test purchases in the area. Seven premises were tested and three out of seven were positive for the sale of alcohol to under age people. Two were in the West beat area.
- Speed checks were carried out by Nuneaton West SNT on 16th April in targeted streets. All the drivers found over the speed limit have been sent warning letters. The team will continue to carry out checks and issue tickets and warning letters where appropriate.
 - Ansley Road – 70 checks were completed. No one was found to be over the speed limit.
 - Kingswood Road – 100 checks were completed. 4 vehicles were found to be over the limit
 - Haunchwood Road – 65 checks were completed. 1 vehicle found over the speed limit
- Carried out drop in surgeries with both borough and county councillors at Black-A-Tree Court, Byford Court and Arthur Russell Court. More are planned.
- Steering group has been set up by residents in the Grove Farm area for local projects in the area.
- A bid has been made to the Woodland Trust for more trees.
- Sergeant Skelsey said that the Police are tackling vehicle crime through Operation Diorite. Some key offenders have been convicted, two 18 year old offenders from Coventry someone from Camp Hill.
- Volunteers can take part in and organise a community Speed Watch if they believe there is a speeding problem in particular roads. Contact the Nuneaton West SNT. Church Farm Neighbourhood Watch is working with PCSO Kerry Owens to organise a Speed Watch in Ansley Road.
- Residents would still like the 30mph speed limit to be extended along Ansley Road to beyond Park Lane Primary School. This request has been made to the Highways on several occasions.

WCC Action – Raise the issue with Highways

- The Chair said that the Slow Down markings on the road need repainting.
- The Chair suggested that the police put out warnings about vehicle crime to drivers in the warm weather as car windows tend to left open and unattended.
- A resident asked whether the turning off the street lighting had affected the crime levels. Sgt Skelsey responded that street lights can be switched on at a request from the police, however unfortunately there can be a time delay between the request and lights coming on.

5. Councillor Updates

- 5.1 Cllr Barry Longdon updated that the inspector has approved the Borough Plan
- 5.2 Cllr Caroline Philips said that the costings and drawings have come through for the road junction near the Lamb and Flag. There will be illuminated signs, rather than major rather than creating a 'sausage island'. There will be crossings put in on Greenmoor Road, near the school.
- 5.3 Cllr Philips said that she would allocate some of her Highway budget to more road markings and a crossing on Tomkinson Road near Northumberland Avenue.
- 5.4 Cllr Watkins said that Highways reported that the following schemes for the current year's programme with regard to surface dressing, structural patching (carriageways), footway reconstruction and footway slurry seal.
- Bede Road, Stockingford (St Pauls Road to Meldrum Road) - Surface dressing Treatment.
 - Granby Road, Stockingford (junction Tomkinson Road) - Structural Patching.
 - Pool Road, Stockingford (junction Hilary Road) - Structural Patching.
 - Kingswood Road, Stockingford (Pennine Way to Thorntons Way) – Footway Reconstruction.
 - Huntingdon Way Link Footpath (Norfolk Crescent to Huntingdon Way) - Footway Slurry Seal Treatment.
 - Silver Walk, Arbury - Footway reconstruction
- 5.5 Cllr Oler said the Bermuda Bridge had been agreed by the County Council and that work should start early next year. There was a question from a member of the public asking how much the project is going to cost. Cllr Oler responded that we will only know when the tenders are in.

6. Local Issues

- 6.1 A question was asked as to whether there could be more law enforcement for parking on pavements. It was stated that the enforcement for illegal parking is the responsibility now of Warwickshire County Council who employ NSL parking to deal with parking issues. (The contact details were circulated on the minutes of the previous meeting www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parking). The police will only get involved if it causing an obstruction.
- 6.2 A question was asked as to whether a white line could be put on some pavements so that cars could park on half the pavement and pedestrians could use the other half. It has been used in some other areas. Could Warwickshire County Council look into this?
- 6.3 A question was asked about the advertising of this forum and whether notice could go in the free newspaper. Notices are sent out via Keep Me Posted with a link to the poster. Posters are sent to key community venues and a notice went onto Facebook (*via @NBCommunities*). Forum members said they would speak to Clare Harrison to look at the possibility of advertising through the local free newspaper.

- 6.4 The chair asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Glendale on behalf of the forum to complement them on the good maintenance of Ensor's Pool and in particular the path around it.

7. Warwickshire County Council updates

- 7.1 Mike Slemensek said that the County Councillor Grant Scheme is open for applications. The closing date is 7th June. Leaflets are available or go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants

Mike asked whether the forum may consider inviting a local group to come and talk about the work they are doing locally. Friends of Whittleford Park was a suggestion. There followed a discussion as to whether the forum could hold an event and award certificates of recognition.

- 7.2 Mike notified the forum of two events: *a Volunteer Awards event organised by Warwickshire CAVA on Thursday 6th June at the Life Church in Bedworth for Volunteers Week. Warwickshire County Council is also hosting a special countywide 'Celebration of Volunteering' event to be held at the Ambleside Sports Club on Tuesday 11th June.*
- 7.3 A member of the public asked when details of the Bermuda Scheme would be available? He was concerned that the maps being used are not detailed enough and there may be some errors. Details should be on the WCC website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/bermudaconnection>

8. Summary and closure

- 8.1 The Chair thanked everyone for attending. It was agreed that there would be two meetings of this forum a year. The next meeting will be held in October on a date to be agreed.

Additions and Updates Received

- 1) **Received from Highways** - Remedial works have been completed on the Coton Arches junction to remove the hump/undulation experienced when travelling A444 southbound straight across the junction.