

Arbury & Stockingford Community Forum

Tuesday 3rd February 2015
Grove Farm Community Centre

Notes of Meeting

Present:

Cllr B Longden (Chair)	NBBC
Cllr C Watkins (Vice Chair)	NBBC
Cllr B Olnier	WCC
Cllr T Elliot	NBBC

In Attendance:

A Rigby, J Kaur	WCC
M Byrne	NBBC
Sgt D Williams, PCSO Owens	Warwickshire Police

J With, R Wills, B Holland, P Houghton, G Smith, S Pidhajeckyj, J Delaney, T Wykes, L Thomson, G Daffern, B Berry, P Montgomery, P Bambury, J Masters, D Rudkin, R Welsh, C Welsh, L Mason, R Palmer, AWaine, P Crutchlow, M Wileman, S McCarthy, E Sidwell, O Ritson, D Blease, E Moore, J Knight, G Crabtree, M Crabtree, M Gee, T Grant, J Lane, P Walker

Apologies:

C Phillips, D Navarro, G Pomfrett, E Price, P Speddings,
I Powell, M Ryder, N Staite, H Woodhams

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Cllr Longden welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) update

For further information about the Safer Neighbourhood Teams please visit:
<http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/nuneaton-and-bedworth-district>

Sgt D Williams gave feedback on policing issues over the last 3 months which included:

- Sgt Martin Hewish newly appointed to the team
- Cars ticketed around Stockingford Primary School
- No calls received about Arcade supermarket since 7 January
- Arbury area – cannabis factory closed down. Prolific offender evicted
- Across Nuneaton East & Bedworth there's been a spike in vehicle crime with cars having keyless access.

3. Estate - physical improvements

Jasbir Kaur, Economic Growth, WCC gave an update on the highway adoption of Grove Farm Estate by Warwickshire County Council (WCC). The roads around the estate were formally adopted in February 2014. As a result sections of road have been surface dressed, parking bays resurfaced and future works included in the highways maintenance schedule.

Acknowledgement was given to Cllr Watkins for his part in securing WCC road adoption.

Street lighting around the estate has been improved using LED lanterns as standard WCC replacement fittings.

4. Park Lane development

Matt Byrne, Property Services, Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council gave an update on the Park Lane 'Needed Houses' development. The first self-financed home building scheme by NBBC in 30 years. The 36 properties will provide a mixture of housing options including two bungalows.

The development is expected to be completed by November 2015.

In response to questions:

The development will be off Robins Way and Park Lane. It won't be connected directly to Kingswood Road.

The approximate cost is £5 million for 36 properties.

Capital spend on repairs to older council properties has increased to £7 million per year. 300 kitchen / bathrooms are being fitted each year. 25% more boilers are being fitted since new gas contractor appointed.

5. Community development update

Roy Wills, Grove Farm Community Centre Management Committee welcomed everyone to the Community Centre. The Centre is attracting more users with a wide range of activities including:

Weight Busters; Line Dancing; Kick boxing; Coffee mornings; Friday Fun for children etc.

Latest information on Grove Farm Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grovesfarmcommunity>

The Grove Farm Family Fun Day in September was a great success. The organising committee is looking for new people to join to help with September 2015 event.

Resident observations:

Grass cutting contractors are not picking up litter before mowing

Trees dying back by old tunnel

Palisade fencing along railway track vandalised

Footpath to Galley Common needs improving

Cars to be kept off grass verges

Why are dog bins being removed? Prosecutions needed to reduce dog fouling

[Response: NBBC now replace dog bins with bins that accept waste of any nature]

6. Summary & Close

Cllr Longden thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting to be arranged.