

# BEDE AND POPLAR COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on: Tuesday 27th September 2011 Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rye Piece, Bedworth, CV12 8JH

## Councillors Present:

Cllr Richard Chattaway (Chair), Cllr Julie Jackson,

## Officers and Speakers Present:

PC Stuart Powell – Warwickshire Police  
Nick Gower-Johnson – Warwickshire County Council  
Dan Green – Warwickshire County Council  
Phil Richardson – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council  
Sean Lawson – Rugby Borough Council  
Roger Bennett – Warwickshire County Council  
Gail Hudson – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council  
Chris Simpson - Warwickshire County Council  
Cllr Bob Hicks – Warwickshire Police Authority  
Graham Thomas - Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

**Apologies:** Cllr John Haynes, Cllr Bob Copland, Cllr Bill Hancox

**Attendance:** Approximately 40 total

1.	<b><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></b>  Cllr Chattaway welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Councillors and Officers in attendance.
2.	<b><u>Formal Notices</u></b>  <b>Future Youth Provision in Bedworth</b> Nick Gower-Johnson introduced a briefing note explaining future youth provision in Bedworth. Copies of this briefing note will be circulated with the minutes. <b>Recycling Scheme Update</b> Sarah Elliott introduced the new recycling scheme due to start shortly in the Borough. Key points of the presentation and the new scheme were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refuse collection will move to a fortnightly collection</li><li>• Recyclables and green bin will be collected on alternate weeks (each collect fortnightly). The recycling bin will take all recyclable products with a caddy for paper and cardboard.</li></ul>
3.	<b><u>Tesco Bedworth Traffic Management Scheme</u></b>  Chris Simpson (WCC) explained the changes to traffic management in Bedworth town centre as a result of the development of Tesco.  The plans for the area include the revocation of a one way system on the George Street Ringway. George Street Ringway would have additional demands as it would provide access to the Tesco store car park. There would also be opportunities to reduce the demand on other roads, such as



	<p>Mill Street and Leicester Street, which would greatly benefit from having less traffic. It is hoped that the alterations to the road system will make the town centre more pedestrian friendly and will direct traffic flow towards the market area.</p> <p>Plans for the scheme will be available at a number of locations in the town, prior to implementation.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Dog Wardens</u></b></p> <p>Graham Thomas (NBBC) gave an overview of the dog warden service and their work within the locality. The service is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Protection</li> <li>• Pest Control Service</li> <li>• Dog Warden Service / Animal Licensing</li> </ul> <p>The team consists of 1 Operational Team Leader, 1 Pest Control Officer, 1 Pest Control Officer/Dog Warden and 1 Dog Warden. This means a full time equivalent of 1.5 Dog Wardens to cover the borough (96 square km) in 1 van.</p> <p>Patrols are carried out on foot and within the vehicle. Foot patrols provide more of a visual deterrent whilst vehicular patrols cover a wider area and result in more penalties. It is important to strike a balance between the two.</p> <p>Between January and September, 24 Fixed Penalty Notices have been served, with 3 prosecutions (press releases issued after each case), resulting in 2 fines of £488 in total and 1 fine of £578 in total.</p> <p>The service is most successful when community intelligence is forthcoming. The information needed to effectively tackle dog fouling is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and address of offender, if known</li> <li>• Description of offender and dog</li> <li>• Location where offence is occurring</li> <li>• Time that the offence (typically) occurs</li> <li>• Frequency the offence is occurring</li> </ul> <p>Information can be reported to the Borough Council by emailing <a href="mailto:customer.services@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk">customer.services@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk</a> or telephoning 024 7637 6405</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Civil Parking Enforcement</u></b></p> <p>Sean Lawson (Rugby Borough Council) and Roger Bennet (WCC) gave a brief update on plans to implement Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) across the Borough. The anticipated start date for CPE is 7<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The Police will continue to deal with traffic related issues, including the obstruction of highways, but Rugby Borough Council will enforce on street parking restrictions where they exist. This can include double yellow lines, disabled parking schemes and residents parking schemes.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council are currently revisiting all relevant traffic orders to ensure that they are still relevant and enforceable.</p>



	Residents are able to notify the team of potential areas which require attention by completing a form (attached to these notes) and returning to the WCC Area Team.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Community Safety</u></b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b><u>Police Presentation</u></b></p> <p>PC Stuart Powell introduced the safer Neighbourhoods Team for the area and reported on their work over the previous three months. The team had been heavily involved in the community action week, which had resulted in many positive outcomes. On the back of this success, it may be that the initiative is rolled out to other areas.</p> <p>Parking had been highlighted as an issue in the locality and over 150 patrols had taken place resulting in 384 warnings, 10 fixed penalties and 2 vehicle seizures. Reports of anti-social behaviour in Walter Scott Road had resulted in 55 additional patrols and 3 arrests for drug offences.</p> <p>The forum had identified Nuisance Motorbikes on Marston Lane as being a priority for the team. Multiple patrols of the area had taken place, one section 59 warning issued and many other youths spoken to. The team will look at bringing in specialist help from the 'off road team' though the resourcing of this team is an issue across the County.</p> <p>The team can be contacted via: Email: <a href="mailto:be.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk">be.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk</a> or Telephone: 02476 483365</p> <p><b><u>Warwickshire Police Authority</u></b> Cllr Bob Hicks gave an overview of the function of the police authority. He also reported that the new non-emergency police number (101) is expected to go live on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b><u>Questions / Comments</u></b> The team were thanked for the presentation as this had been missing from previous forums meetings.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>Action:</b> Dan Green to relay thanks to Chief Inspector Musgrove</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Hicks was asked to raise concerns regarding the resourcing of the Off Road team, through the Police Authority</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b><u>Local Policing Priorities</u></b> The following policing priorities were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Antisocial behaviour on Walter Scott Road</b> The team will increase patrols of the area at the mentioned times and deal with the offenders as deemed necessary at the time of the incident.</li> <li><b>2. Drug use in the Bede and Poplar area</b> It was acknowledged that this would need significant police resource and as such, a third priority was not identified.</li> </ol>
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Update from the Councils</u></b>
<b>7.1</b>	Cllr Chattaway updated the forum on the issues log, containing long standing issues as well as those raised at the previous meeting. The log will be updated ahead of the next meeting with items that have been resolved, remove from the list. Key points from the discussion included:



## 7.2 Issues resolved from previous meetings

The issue with **bins being left out on Wotton Street and Park Road** has now been resolved. Letters were issued to all of the households and follow up action was taken against those who continued to cause obstruction. Thanks were offered to all Councillors who had helped to resolve this situation.

A temporary solution has been put in place to resolve the **parking issue at the Miners Welfare Park**. The forum was thanked for taking up the issue and working towards an effective solution.

Residents had raised concerns regarding **street lights in the area being switched off**. Nick Gower-Johnson had raised this issue within WCC and had been informed that consultation with the forum would take place ahead of any proposals. It was recommended that the forum look at this in more detail at the April 2012 meeting.

The **leaking pond in Hawkesbury Village** has been investigated. The issue has been raised with WCC and NBBC Officers – subsequently the land owner has agreed to repair damaged underground pipe. Repairs to be made once the frogs vacate the pond. The forum thanked Lynne Price for her help in dealing with this matter.

Following the issue being raised in a community forum, a programme of **road sign cleaning** has commenced in Bede and Poplar and will continue until the whole area has been covered. A record is also being compiled of any signs which will not clean up because of deterioration of their faces, so that the fitting of replacements can be considered.

## 7.3 Issues which require further action

Investigate possibility of bollard being reinstated in All Saints Square per Town and Country Planning Act

***Dan Green has now spoken to Highways Officers. There are some complications around ownership of the site, but further discussions with planners and Town Centre Manager may produce a way forward.***

Estate Agents signs being illegally attached to lamp posts

***WCC Highways Team have been investigating and have contacted a number of offending estate agents. Problem is that as soon as some signs are removed, others go up. Please contact the County Highways team with further incidents (countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk)***

Litter Picking - why has this changed to the day before recycling collections

***Need specific details of which round this applies to. Please liaise with Phil Richardson NBBC who will speak to necessary officers.***

Concerns raised about shrubs not being controlled by contractors

***Any future instances should be raised directly to Paul Daley at NBBC. If the issue persists across numerous areas, then please raise this at a future Community Forum (with specific details of when and where there have been issues).***



8.	<p><b><u>Questions / New Issues from the floor</u></b></p> <p>A number of new issues were raised – attendees were encouraged to use the new ‘Residents Issues’ form. This will enable officers to thoroughly investigate the issues and provide feedback prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request was made for double yellow lines on Ironbridge Way as people were parking too close to the junctions</li> <li>• A question was asked as to when the traffic lights on Blackhorse Road would be in place and operational.</li> <li>• The reduction of the 778 bus service from Hawksbury Village was raised. Residents are no longer able to travel on bus from the village to the town</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Officers and Councillors will investigate these issues and feedback by the next forum</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting:</u></b></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 – Bedworth Civic Hall</p>

