

Camp Hill and Community Forum Meeting 15th September 2011

Haunchwood Sports and Social Club, Valley Road, Galley Common,
Nuneaton CV10 9NH

Attendees: Cllr Jim Foster, Cllr Frank McCarney, Cllr Sid Tooth, Chris Egan, Dawn Dawson, Jackie Earl, PC Iain Sherwin, PSCO Natasha Malone, PCSO Jenny Fildes, Sophie Dangerfield, Sarah Hunt and DCFO Gary Phillips

Apologies: Cllr Dennis Harvey, Cllr Ian Lloyd, Dan Green, Heather Lowe

Chair: Cllr Jim Foster, meeting started 7.00pm

Approximately: 5 Residents from Camp Hill 12 Galley Common, and 3 Whittleford Road, residents attended the meeting.

Recycling – Sophie Dangerfield from NBBC advised that the new recycling bin has now started to be delivered to homes across the Nuneaton and Bedworth area. It is anticipated that the new bins will be with residents across the Borough within the next few weeks. Leaflets have been distributed along with the bins to advise the days that bins will be emptied.

Unfortunately we can no longer take car oil or batteries, any more. However Judkins will still be able to take car oil and batteries. Judkins, as well as some of the local supermarkets are also able to recycle energy light bulbs.

It was asked why the recycling system had already started, when a Petition had been put forward to halt the scheme while additional community consultation was undertaken. Sophie was not aware of any motion being passed and that she would take this back to NBBC and discuss this with the rest of the recycling team.

The **Police priorities** going forward from the last meeting. Were:

- Motorbikes on the Dingle in Camp Hill
- Nuisance Youths Beechwood Road.
- Road Safety, Cedar Road Junction.

The police gave out handouts showing the crime statistics. Burglary has seen a rise, in particular in Camp Hill.

In relation to Nuisance Bikes, 6 bikes have been seized, one parent has been issued with a warning that if their child is seen on the motorbike again they will seize the bike and prosecute. It was asked what happened to the motorbikes once they are sized. PC Sherwin advised that sometimes the bikes are crushed, sometimes they are in the compound awaiting the owners to pick them up. Because there is a cost with recovery, owners are often reluctant to pick them up.

It was asked if PC Sherwin thought if Neighbourhood Watch groups were effective. PC Sherwin advised that any deterrent for thieves was worthwhile, if anyone wanted to set up a neighbourhood watch group, PC Sherwin would pass their details onto Heather Lowe.

Anti social behavior has seen the most decrease in the last 3 months, however, this may change during the winter months. Anti-social behavior was shown to be more of a problem in the Camp Hill area.

Graffiti in Camp Hill had been reported. Community payback has been engaged to help clean up any graffiti. It was also advised that the Council also has graffiti clean up team.

Cllr Frank McCarney, for the Police Authority, explained that there will be a new number to call the police for non emergency incidents this number will be 101, it was explained that this was a new national initiative which we can anticipate it will be published over the next couple of weeks. It was also advised that residents would still be able to use the 999 for emergencies.

Chris Egan advised that the Cedar Road junction is still a live building site and the Road is not yet adopted. Pride in Camp Hill is working with Lovell Partnerships on this issue. Directional signage is due to go up on the new road layout as part of the adoption process.

Local Issues for the Agenda

1. Police's response to Residents calls – A resident informed PC Sherwin that they are still having problems with the police call handlers dealing with their calls. Cllr Frank McCarney advised that this new number should help with the issues of call handlers and that your phone call will be directed to your local station. PC Sherwin confirmed that he would take this issue back and report residents concerns with the Police call handlers.

2. Crime – discussed earlier.

3. Disrepairs of Roads – In particular Edinburgh Road along the edge of the south side in Camp Hill and Dickens Road with regards to pot holes and dips in the roads.

No white lines at the end of Green Lane junction into Edinburgh Road and no white lines on speed reduction humps on Edinburgh Road, making it difficult to see the humps at night. All these items had been previously reported but no response has been received.

It was agreed that Cllr Sid Tooth would take the Camp Hill issues back to County Highways as part of the estate walkabout process.

In relation to Dickens Close, Cllr Jim Foster advised that he has had the opportunity review with County Highways and it was confirmed that although the road does look in disrepair it is not at intervention level.

Following discussion it was advised that the reporting mechanism for repair and pot-holes would be circulated with the minutes of this meeting so that residents can report issues direct.

4. Orchard Way – Dawn Dawson advised that Severn Trent had repaired leaks from their pipes, however it is only when the wet weather is back which effect the local water tables, will it be known if this problem has been fixed in this area. In addition to the water problem, residents raised the concern that the water leak may have caused additional damage and caused movement to the retaining wall. Dawn Dawson will look into this.

5. Street Lighting – It was asked if Street lights will be switched off during certain periods of the night.

Cllr Foster and Tooth advised that a decision has been made in principle (though not in detail) that some street lighting will be switched off over night.

The date that this will happen has not been set and will vary from area to area. Which lights will be switched off and between which hours is yet to be decided, though it is likely that this will be between 0000hrs and 0530.

Lights will not be switched off in areas which are considered to be 'safety critical' or where lighting is mandatory. In areas where lights can be switched off an assessment is yet to be made as to the extent of the switch off.

The situation is still, that no decision has been made yet as to which lights will be switched off. In making the decision WCC will be encouraged to inform the Locality Forums.

6. School Lane School – Parents parking outside the school and blocking residents in their properties. The police are working with the School to try and address this issue. A resident showed the Police photographs of illegally parked cars and reiterated that this problem is not getting any better.

7. In drawing the discussions to a conclusion Cllr Foster agreed to take up the issues that Galley Common residents have and have a discussion with their concerns after the meeting.

8. Overgrown Vegetation – This is still an issue in which nothing has been done about it. In particular Tuttle Hill and the Dingle. Galley Common residents also had issues with overgrown vegetation. Both councillors again to talk to County Highways.

9. Galley Common Residents expressed that they had concerns that the Localities forum were not working and wish to split from Camp Hill

Following the debate, it was evident that clarity on the terms of reference for the meeting was required and these would be circulated.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

There are no Key Priorities going forward for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday 15th December 2011 at 7pm

Venue: CHESS Centre, Cedar Road, Camp Hill, Nuneaton CV10 9EN