

**Whitestone & Bulkington
Community Forum
(including parts of Attleborough)**

Thursday 15 September 2011 at 7pm
Chetwynd Junior School, Caroline Close, Nuneaton, CV11 4SE

Notes

In attendance:

Cllr John Ross, Chair
Catherine Marks, Project Manager, WCC
Ron Williamson, Head of Resources, WCC
Simone Donaghy, Head of Finance, NBBC
PC Barnes (Whitestone)
Sgt Spedding
PCSO Barlow
Cllr Julian Gutteridge
Cllr Nick Grant
Cllr Peter Fowler (representing the Police Authority)

16 residents signed in

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| <p>1. Welcome and Introductions Apologies from - Cllrs Martin Heatley, Des O'Brien, Kris Wilson - PC Powell and Sgt Kemp</p> | |
| <p>2. Matters Arising from Last Forum: It was asked that minutes and any update on action are e-mailed out to residents prior to the meeting so that it can be read beforehand.</p> <p>Stagecoach Route 56 Review Communications with Stagecoach earlier in the year indicated that they would be carrying out a 'major review' of this route in the second half of the year.</p> <p>Stagecoach have recently confirmed that the review of the Matrix 55/56/57 group of services has been delayed. This is due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dealing with the changes in service delivery as a result of reduced subsidies from local Councils; and- Tying it into the Coventry area Network Review due to its links into the city. <p>The review has been rescheduled to be introduced at the end of January 2012. Stagecoach will ensure that this request to divert Service 56 via Wolvey Road and the turning circle there is given further consideration as part of this Coventry Area Network Review. As I am sure that you are aware Services 55, 56 and 57 link Nuneaton-Bedworth-Coventry and it is, therefore, appropriate for us to look at this group of services as part of the Coventry Network Review.</p> <p>Grit bin, Barbridge Walk CM is liaising with Father Messam and Paul Ison to look at whether they are able to purchase one and place it in this area for winter use. This will depend on getting permission from WCC Highways.</p> | Action CM |

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| <p>Coventry Road WCC Highways acknowledge that it is in poor condition, and currently seeking finances to allow resurfacing works to take place. They are fairly confident it will be done before this winter.</p> <p>Bulkington One Way System – Review Garry Palmer, Traffic Project, WCC who carried out a traffic flow review found that there has been a slight decrease in the number of vehicles entering the village centre following the new scheme being introduced but nothing that would be considered as significant. No further comments or complaints have been received since the Order was approved to deliver the scheme. There is a slight suggestion that vehicles may be missing the right turn at the Bedworth Road / Coventry Road / School Road Junction and continuing straight on rather than turning left. This may be worth monitoring and re-looking at signing in the future if it proves to be an issue and funds become available.</p> | |
| <p>3. Community Safety Whitestone – PC Stuart Barnes Whitestone Supermarket Nuisance Youths: The Police have visited the area on a number of occasions in order to help address this issue. At the time there were not many incidences or young people present but PC Barnes is aware that there have been some more recent issues. He is looking to increase patrols in the area and use special constables to assist with this. One particular youth was mentioned who has been banned from the shop but the owner does not feel he can enforce this.</p> <p>Thornhill Estate Anti Social Behaviour: A number of local residents attended to raise this increasing problem in the area. Over the last few months there has been consistent problems with a group of approx 15 young people (ages 15 – 21) who come into the area (some from further afield via car/scooter) to ‘hang –out’, smoke, drink and cause disruption to local residents. This is having a big impact on local residents and needs to be addressed both by the Police and wider partners.</p> <p>PC Barnes stated that this was now his priority and would be arranging a Week of Action whereby he, his team, and Special Constables would be carrying out a full week of consistent attendance at key evening times (late shifts) and cover the identified hotspots in a bid to be present and deterrent, talk to the young people and issue Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) if appropriate.</p> <p>He will keep the local residents apprised of things and speak to them directly when appropriate. Residents did express concern over contacting the Police and the difficulties they have had in speaking to someone and being transferred to PC Barnes; he said the best way to contact him is via e-mail which is stuart.barnes@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk but that he will raise the issue of messages not reaching him and the contact centre not knowing who he is.</p> <p>If residents do have problems they are asked to ring and report all incidences as the records then help PC Barnes get resources to help address the problem.</p> <p>What else can be done? Brief discussion about the design of the estate with hidden spaces, alleys and nooks where people can hide or escape. Is there anything the Council can do? Cllr Nick Grant agreed to meet with the residents to look at this.</p> <p>Could social networking be used to help this issue? A Facebook or Twitter page set up for local residents to raise issues, not feel as isolated and for the Police to disseminate information? PC Barnes was not sure but would ask the question back at base. Warwickshire Police do have a facebook and twitter page but this is more generic.</p> | <p>Action SB</p> <p>Action Cllr Grant</p> <p>Action SB</p> |

Dangerous Parking (raised after PC Barnes left) at the junction of Waverley, Ivanhoe, Leyland and Lutterworth Roads. Can this please be looked at?

Bulkington – PCSO Barlow

PCSO Barlow gave a brief overview of the crime rates in the area compared against the same period last year. It showed that generally crime figures have been reduced although the number of ASB incidences had increased by 2.

Coventry Road Speeding: since the last Forum the Police have run 15 sessions with the speed camera on the Coventry Rd in an attempt to reduce the amount of speeding. Over 400 vehicles were clocked during these sessions and 4% were exceeding the posted speed limit. They have been issued with fixed penalty notices.

Residents asked that School Road and Nuneaton Road were also looked at as they is consistent speeding on these especially School Road through the centre of the village (in particular between the Church and War Memorial Club).

Cllr Ross stated that he has requested a raise table in the road at the Leicester Rd / School Rd unction which would hopefully slow traffic down. He will keep raising this but resources are an issue so no guarantees.

PCSO will take this speeding issue as a priority along with continuing on Coventry Road.

Cash Points: there have been 4 recent incidences at the cash points at Coop and Spar whereby skimming devices have been used to commit fraud. In the past few days 3 people have been arrested whilst trying to install a device on the 3rd cash point in the village. Residents are asked to remain vigilant.

Parking Enforcement in Bulkington: this is an on-going issue that needs addressing as it affects local people trying to visit the shops, disabled visitors and buses turning. It is asked that the Police look at this in the short term until the new parking enforcement arrangements come in. In the meantime residents are asked to use the forms regarding the introduction of the new civil parking enforcement to flag the area as a hotspot. Information required includes:

- where is the problems
- what is the problem
- who is affected
- how does this affect the community
- what road markings / signs exist
- Please send these details to nuneatonandbedworth@warwickshire.gov.uk

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4. New Recycling Scheme: Sue Cummine, NBBC

The new scheme will mean that each household will have 3 wheelie bins:

1. Black – general waste /refuse which cannot be recycled / composted
2. Black with coloured lid and caddy insert – recyclables > paper and card in caddy; glass, plastics; cans etc in main bin.
3. Green – garden waste and vegetable peelings

Refuse collection will move to a fortnightly collection

Recyclables and green bin will be collected on alternate weeks (each collect fortnightly).

There will be no boxes or bags as part of the scheme.

Drop in sessions across the borough are being held during September so if people would like to find out more they can attend one of these.

Bins are being delivered across the Borough currently but they should not be used until the

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| <p>start date which is 24th October. Every household will receive a leaflet with their bin detailing what can go in each and a calendar for the next 12 months showing collection days. For more information contact Recycling Hotline: (024) 7637 6170 contact.centre@nuneatonandbeworth.gov.uk</p> <p>Q. Bins left on streets. A. SC can carry out enforcement measures if the bins are left on the highway. If they are within the boundary of the house then there is nothing that can be done from an enforcement perspective. If you do have problems with them on the highway please report to her.</p> <p>Q. Bins blocking sight line on Lutterworth Road. A. SC can write to local residents asking them to keep them further back to prevent this.</p> <p>Q. Garden Waste> will it cease for winter months? A. Yes, from Dec – march. SC is unsure as to whether this will be the same next year.</p> <p>Q. Large Cardboard that won't fit into the insert caddy. A. Place it to the side of the bin, weighted down and flattened and it will be collected. No side collection for black bins, only recyclables.</p> <p>Q. Black bin too big, are there smaller ones? Yes, ring the council and ask to have your big bin swapped for a slim back bin and it will be arranged.</p> | |
| <p>5. Wider Issues / Further Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NBBC Sport and Active Recreation Strategy Consultation – yes people would be interested n hearing about this at the next meeting - Parliamentary Boundary Changes (proposed) – Bulkington will be brought back into the Nuneaton constituency along with some rural areas of Rugby Borough. Full proposals can be seen here: Consultation closes on the 5th December. http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/ - Bulkington Library – decision will be made on the future of the library will be made at WCC Cabinet meeting on the 13th October. - Gypsy Lane Closure: what work and for how long? Railway bridge strengthening and the sign says end of 16th Sept. - Street Lighting changes in Bulkington > old columns are being replaced with taller, brighter columns. Will this increase light pollution? What is the current programme and is it a bid to reduce the number of columns and thus money? - Dog Fouling – seems to be ever increasing and the lack of responsibility by dog owners is becoming a bigger problem. Is there something that can be done to publicise the consequences of dog fouling, enforcement, name and shame campaign? CM to talk to NBBC enforcement team about this. Particular area of concern was Ladybrook, Whitestone. - Street Light permanently on opposite 35 Turnberry Drive. CM to check and report | <p>Action CM</p> <p>Action RW/CM</p> <p>Action CM</p> <p>Action CM</p> |
| <p>6. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 1st December 2011 7pm St James CE Junior School, Bulkington</p> | |