

Weddington and St Nicolas Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on: Monday 19th September 2011 at St Nicolas Primary School, Windermere Avenue, Nuneaton

Councillors Present:

Cllr Alan Farnell, Cllr Tom Wilson, Cllr David Carr, Cllr Gerald Smith (Chair), Cllr Jim Foster

Officers Present:

Christine Tydeman – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Tricia Morrison – Warwickshire County Council
Dan Green – Warwickshire County Council
Sarah Elliott – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Sean Lawson – Rugby Borough council
PC Stuart Barnes – Warwickshire Police
Emily Smith – NHS Warwickshire

Attendance: Approx 35 total

1.	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u> Cllr Smith welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Councillors and Officers in attendance.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Jeff Clarke, Cllr Nick Grant,.</p>
2.	<p><u>NBBC Waste and Recycling Scheme</u> Sarah Elliot gave an update regarding the new recycling scheme due to start shortly in the Borough. Key points of the presentation and the new scheme were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refuse collection will move to a fortnightly collection• Recyclables and green bin will be collected on alternate weeks (each collected fortnightly). The recycling bin will take all recyclable products with a caddy for paper and cardboard. <p>Officers are working with residents of flats to establish individual arrangements for their waste collections.</p>
3.	<p><u>NHS Director of Public Health annual Report</u> Emily Smith gave a presentation regarding NHS Warwickshire's Direct of Public Health, Annual Report. The report seeks to identify key priorities and issues to address within public health over the coming 12 months. These have been identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obesity• Alcohol• Cancer and Screening• Mental Health and Wellbeing• Health Protection – Sexual Health
4.	<p><u>Civil Parking Enforcement</u> Sean Lawson (Rugby Borough Council) and Roger Bennett (WCC) gave a brief update on plans to implement Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) across the Borough. The anticipated start date for CPE is 7th 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> <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.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Community Safety</u></p> <p><u>Police Update</u></p> <p>PC Stuart Barnes introduced the work of the Safer Neighbourhood team and explained recent crime statistics for the area.</p> <p>Due to PC Barnes being deployed in London during the riots, there had been little progress made against the priorities identified at the previous meeting.</p> <p>The following 2 priorities were identified for the SNT over the next three months:</p> <p>1. Criminal Damage at Oaston Road</p> <p>Vehicles and property are being damaged late at night and early hours. It is believed to be caused by intoxicated people using the tunnel from Wheat Street.</p> <p>Proposed Action:</p> <p>Local PC, PCSO and SC's will conduct at least 2 late patrols per week. They will work with and support local residents to achieve a long term solution.</p> <p>2. Parking issues at Milby Primary School and Weddington Primary School</p> <p>Parents of school pupils are parking in a dangerous and obstructive manner during dropping off and picking up times. There are fears that a child may get run over of an emergency vehicle will not be able to get through to respond to an emergency.</p> <p>Proposed Action:</p> <p>Local PC and PCSO will conduct at least 2 visits per week. They will work with the school and local council to try and come up with a long term solution to the problem.</p> <p>The team can be contacted on 024 7648 3115 or via the Warwickshire safer neighbourhoods website: www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk</p>
<p>6. 6.1</p>	<p><u>Update from the Councils</u></p> <p>Following a question at the previous meeting, Cllr Smith reported that stray dogs can only be collected by wardens who operate during normal office hours. Outside of these hours, residents can drop stray dogs at Pheasant Nest Kennels (Pheasant Nest Farm, Smorrall Lane, Bedworth Tel: 01676 540 608), or keep the dog until the following day.</p> <p>Cllr Smith also updated the forum on the Borough Council Empty Property Strategy. The strategy defines a scoring system which prioritises workloads for the officers. The property identified at the previous meeting had not scored highly enough but will be revisited following the forum.</p>
<p>7. 7.1</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><u>Questions / New Issues from the floor</u></p> <p>An issue was raised regarding inconsiderate parking in Church Lane. Christine Tydeman responded that a request for double yellow lines has been made as part of the Civil Parking Enforcement process.</p> <p>There is a big pothole at the bottom of Brookdale Road – this can be reported by calling 01926 412515 or emailing countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk</p>



7.2	<p>Further information on highways maintenance can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes</p> <p>Items for next meeting Forthcoming Planning Application Sports and Active Recreation Strategy Police/ Safer Neighbourhoods</p>
8.	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 1st December at 7pm. Chine Hall, Higham Lane School, Nuneaton</p>

