



RUGBY TOWN EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: **Tuesday 8 March 2016**

Paddox Methodist Church, Dunsmore Avenue, Rugby

Councillors Present: Cllrs Noreen New (Chair), Jerry Roodhouse, Kathryn Lawrence, Neil Sandison, Sue Roodhouse

Officers and Speakers Present:

Johanne Thomas – Urban and Civic
 Sophie Peacock – Dog Warden, Rugby Borough Council
 PC Ruth Elridge – Rugby Town East Safer Neighbourhood Team, Warwickshire Police
 Sgt Sam Watkins – Rugby Town east Safer Neighbourhood Team, Warwickshire Police
 PCSO Caroline Taylor – Rugby Town East Safer Neighbourhood Team, Warwickshire Police
 Hannah Cramp – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council
 Sarah Butter – Warwickshire County Council

Total attendance (including above): **approx 30**

1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Cllr Noreen New welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone present to sign in. The fire exits were identified.
2.	Matters Arising 2.1 Our Rugby Our Future: 11 November – Cllr New reported that the OROF Partnership Event held in November had been successful with a good turn out from the public and the voluntary and community sector. A further event is being planned for November 2016 and further details will be provided as available.
3.	Update on Mast Site Development Johanne Thomas provided a detailed presentation of the Rugby Rugby Station Mast Site development. A copy of this presentation is attached with these minutes on: http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eastlandshillmortonforum The following questions and comments were raised from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a church planned as part of the development? <i>This will depend on demand but there is not one planned currently.</i> Where will people come from to move into the houses? <i>A proportion of the new homeowners will come from within Rugby. Others will move to the area from elsewhere due to the desirable location of Rugby.</i> Are any new cycleways planned? <i>Specific request for cycle route to be considered to the new secondary school and back into town. No changes are planned to the existing</i>

	<p><i>infrastructure but cycleways will be provided as part of the new development. JT happy to talk to Sustrans about specific routes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What about the new link road? <i>Early planning consent has been granted for the link road so it is hoped that this will be in by end of 2018 (earlier than is required). The new road is currently being designed and it is expected that the plans will be available to local residents by summer 2016.</i> • Plans show that you won't be able to turn left from Lower Hillmorton Road onto the new road as restrictions are in place. <i>JT to look into this.</i> • What consideration has been given to the impact of the new development on local hospitals? <i>The new development includes provision for an 8xGP Doctors Surgery. NHS England have discussed early provision of this facility so could be built before the current trigger point.</i> • What is the expected cost of the new houses? <i>These will be costed at market value.</i> <p>For more information, please contact Johanne on: johanne.thomas@urbanandcivic.com</p>
4.	Safer Neighbourhoods
4.1	<p>PC Ruth Eldridge (Beat Manager, Rugby Town East Safer Neighbourhood Team), gave an update report including an Update on Priorities from last meeting.</p> <p>A copy of the SNT presentation can be found with the minutes of this meeting on the Rugby Area Team webpage at: http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eastlandshillmortonforum.</p>
4.2	<p>Public Questions (relating to Community Safety)</p> <p>The following questions and comments were raised from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking restrictions to be implemented as part of the planning conditions for the extended Paddox Primary School have not been fully met. WCC have been made aware of this and the traffic restrictions will be put in. • The SNT have been patrolling around all the schools in the locality. For 2 weeks warnings will be issued to those parking illegally. After Easter, people continuing to do so will be fined. • Speed camera on Crick Road is not effective – the camera needs to be in position at shift change times.
4.3	<p>Agreement of Local Policing Priorities</p> <p>The following priorities were agreed as the SNT priorities for the next 3 months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct high visibility speed checks on High Street/Crick Road area of Hillmorton 2. Conduct high visibility patrols around Ashlawn School, Rugby to detect and deter inconsiderate parking, including patrols of the alleyway which links the Ashlawn Road and Dunsmore Avenue, Rugby.
4.4	<p>Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>The following statement was read out by Trish Trimble (on behalf of the RTE Community Safety Ambassador, Hugh Trimble) on behalf of Ron Ball, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner...</p> <p><i>"Ladies and Gentleman</i></p> <p><i>A major part of my role is engagement with the public so that I can accurately reflect their views to the police. The excellent Police Authority that I replaced had seventeen members who were able to take responsibility for different geographical areas. As an individual I had to develop a mechanism to enable me to engage with the public of Warwickshire. For that reason I devised the Community Safety Ambassador scheme where I appointed one person to each of the community forum areas to be my "eyes and ears". For a modest retainer the Ambassadors were required not only to attend their community forum meetings, but also to develop knowledge of their local area. They were then required to submit quarterly reports</i></p>

	<p>to me.</p> <p><i>Since I have decided not to stand again for re-election in May, it will be up to my successor to determine how he or she chooses to discharge the responsibility of engaging with the public. For that reason Community safety Ambassadors will finish at the end of April.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the varied group who have undertaken their role on my behalf and to my policy officer Cheryl Bridges who has over seen this scheme. Apart from the very valuable work they have undertaken, it has given me the opportunity to get to know some enthusiastic and likeable individuals who have made a major contribution to enable me to liaise with the people of Warwickshire. As an individual, that would have been impossible for me without a team to assist. I am in their debt”.</i></p>
5.	<p>Dog Warden Scheme</p> <p>Sophie Peacock, Dog Warden, Rugby Borough Council provided an overview of the Council’s Volunteer Dog Warden Scheme with the request for more people to join this initiative. The purpose of the scheme is to provide information about incidents of dog fouling to help identify areas where patrols can be targeted.</p> <p>Sophie’s Team also deal with stray dogs and the licensing of animal establishments</p> <p>Questions and comments were raised in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat fouling (this is not an offense as law states that cats are free to roam) • Effectiveness of the “we are watching you” signage • The need to change people’s behaviour
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The following points were raised from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food waste should be put in green bins NOT black bins
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Community Drop-in – TBC Saturday in June.</p>