

Minutes of the Bede and Poplar Community Forum – 2nd March 2016.

Apologies: Cllr. John Glass, Cllr. John Haynes.

Dan Green and Richard Chattaway opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

They handed over to the Neville Hughes from the Police to report the crime statistics and updates.

Crime statistics update Bedworth.

ASB 52

Vehicle crime 10

Theft 45

violent 20

burglary domestic 3

others 4

Crime statistics update Bulkington

ASB 5

Theft 2

Vehicle Crime 2

Burglary domestic 3

Violence 2

Others 3

Anti-social behaviour Bedworth town centre and Tesco store

I have seen small groups of 3 to 10 people, we are making headway, the numbers are dropping, the police and council are working together with parents and offenders, this will continue.

- Good news - Bedworth town centre issues decreasing, Potlidgate Court seven arrests and two males under bail conditions going to court soon
- The issues with the bag snatch and fraud from travellers have been identified and they are being dealt with by CID
- ALDI - Cheese Theft - There was a man caught stealing £50 worth of cheese. He has now been arrested.
- No questions for the police are asked.

Community safety ambassadors

Ron Ball is not standing again

There are seventeen members responsible for several areas that will also attend the community forum. I'd like to give thanks to Cheryl Bridges and rumble who helped us to get to know the people better. Richard Chattaway would like these thanks noted in the minutes and he will write a thank you letter to Ron Ball to thank him for his support at the community forums.

Potlidgate Court issues raised by Robert Maggs residents - there are ongoing issues in this area, it's been a nightmare the last 3 years, we don't blame any organisations involved, who are the landlords, want to get these issues addressed once and for all.

The police have made 2 Asb arrests in this area.

We want to see the offending tenants being evicted Residents are no longer put up with this behaviour one Resident had someone ring her door buzzer 16 x to try and gain access to the flats by the friends of some of the problem tenants. she refused to let people into the flats, as a results she was verbally abused.

ASRA (Landlord) no longer reply to any complaints they can't get hold of the housing officer. It's not good enough.

Ongoing issues: rubbish, drugs and the maintenance of the flats are not being carried out as we would expect. Residents will not put up with this anymore, we want somebody from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council housing team, to take this up with the Chief Exec – landlord, to see if we can get the evictions and also to see if there is any power to get this landlord out of Bedworth. We want the local authority to take on this block of flats instead of ASRA as quality of life for tenants is appalling. We want a round the table discussion / meeting, supported by the local authority, to take place with the landlord to resolve this. Can we please ask is there any way that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council can pull this landlord in line. They are not responsible landlord, is there anything we can do to get them out of Bedworth?

ACTION - Phil Richardson from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council actioned to look into this further. Phil Richardson also said they would be support for residents in filling in the complaint forms.

ACTION: Richard Chattaway action to get the Chief Executive of ASRA to a meeting.

The police reported but this is an ongoing investigation, they have served a final notice on 2 offenders. One Resident has been letting other people into the flat which had increased the issues with visitors. You need to report issues always complain regular because it will affect how we deploy our staff. If you don't report it we don't know about it.

Issues and actions from the last meeting

Neighbourhood watch reported that they have lost lots of officers from 24 officers involved in the safer neighbourhood group, there are now only 7.

ACTION: Hawkesbury Village Residents Association will write a letter to feed this back.

Bailey Park

There has been a report that there might be people sleeping rough here, heard rumours that this is the wooded area. Safer neighbourhoods team will look into this and give links to the night shelter.

Wootton Street

There are ongoing issues with parking and the parking enforcement team are working on this please ring in any issues so that it will be logged on the system. No new issues to our experience have been reported.

The Wootton Street one way system is dangerous.

ACTION: Can Graham Stanleys team please look carefully at the give way as it needs reviewing, there have been some near misses.

Some sections 59s have been issued; we are making progress.

Parking in Kings garden does not qualify for a residents parking scheme, it's a difficult issue to resolve as it's close to the town centre the area is often used by workers in the town. There is free parking in the Miners Welfare park for three hours but since there has been a limit on of 3 hours, people are parking in Kings garden instead, residents have seen an increase in issues.

St Michael's School

Parking issues outside the school still continue. There has been a slight improvement.

Back of the Walls

Some of the issues sorted here such as litter, the bushes are still overhanging, and the state of the footpath is in bad repair. Due to this please can the path be defined again, report this to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council parks and countryside team.

ACTION: Dan Green from Warwickshire County Council to talk to Parks and Countryside team to look into this.

Rye Piece Ringway Barrier

The issues with the barrier on the Rye piece Ringway continue. The safer routes to school will be included in this however the capacity to do this work quickly is difficult but work is scheduled this September / October 2016 with a fall back of April 2017.

ACTION: Can we please get a letter sent from the MP about the continued issues with the corner pin Pub. It's looking really tatty and the fence is in bad repair. Has the planning permission lapsed on this project as nothing has been reported for a while and the building just stands empty looking - an eyesore.

Action Phil Richardson, NBBC to follow this up, is there a possibility for a compulsory purchase as this is a prominent gateway into the town.

ACTION: Richard Chattaway. We know there is a shortage of extra care housing in this area could this be a possibility? ACTION: Richard to look into this.

Bedworth Town - Empty Shops

Bedworth town centre continues to have issues with empty shop, what's being done about this. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council report that they only have one empty shop but they own and one office space, the empty properties belong to private landlords, we don't have any power over these but we need to find a resolution as they don't seem to care. Can we get the

ACTION: MPs to find some sort of movement to challenge these landlords in both our towns.

Bus Stop Accessibility Issues

ACTION: Dan Green - bus stop accessibility in Bulkington the bus stop is not accessible for wheelchairs please can this be looked into.

Councillor John Beaumont from Bulkington is also looking into this, there is also no drop kerbs on the bus stop making it extremely difficult or impossible for people using a wheelchair to access stops.

Highways are coming out to look at this issue with Centro and stagecoach joining up to find a resolution.

Back of TESCO and Greggs

The back of Greggs and Tesco; can we just report that the Barrier is still broken. When will this be resolved?

Richard replied that he had emailed the shop in question and they said they were dealing with it. We have also been reassured Signage in this area will also be addressed.

Hawkesbury Village railway barrier

We continue to have ongoing issues with this barrier meaning residents have to take the long way round to get into the village. It regularly has a fault meaning that the barrier can stay down for hours / days!

Hawkesbury Village Residents Association and Councillor Jackson keep raising this as an issue with Network Rail.

Concerns are that with the new Bermuda station the amount of additional trains will add to the problem of this barrier being down more often.

ACTION: Lynne Price to find out when the test dates are for these barriers and the Bermuda station trains. It will be interesting to see the impact the test dates have on the amount of trains coming through the village.

This barrier is a huge issue we know it will cost a lot of money to resolve but it needs sorting there has to be some other way of getting the traffic through our Village.

We would like to put a thank you on record to Hawkesbury Village Residents Association and especially to Lynne Price and her group who are constantly raising this issue with network rail. This thank you is from Councillor Julie Jackson. Thank you Lynne for your continued persistence in this matter, I know it's not easy.

Ice Cream Van - Bedworth Miners Welfare Park:

The ice cream van that was in Miners Welfare Park no longer has access due to the cafe in the park selling ice creams will this be a long term issue?

A review of this will take place over the summer months.

OPEN FORUM

Lynne Price asked if anyone knew about the party in the park Bedworth Miners Welfare Park. Please can we get some information because we don't know anything about it do the police know anything about it and who Hawkesbury Village Residents Association need to contact?

Surely Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council would need to know if this was going to happen in a park. Phil Richardson stated that nobody had approached Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council about this.

GRIT BINS

Issues with Several Grit bins. When do they get filled? Richard Chattaway reported that, 9 and a half grit bins actually belong to residents. The one at the bottom of Colly Croft is locked and we don't know who has the key can someone find out please if the Residents Association has a key for this grit bin.

ACTION: Dan Green to find out if the Residents Association have the key.

Other issues with parking are on the corner of Tamar Road in Bulkington,

Cars are parked there all day everyday, it makes visibility very difficult particularly for residents in wheelchairs and parents pushing pushchairs who cannot get past as they are parked on the pavement.

ACTION: Dan Green asked the Police if they can get the civil enforcement team to go out there again and issue some tickets or speak to offenders.

Sgt Neville Hewitt will look into this.

The traffic lights are on the corner of Ambleside and Newdigate Road cars are coming down the path where people cross and it's very dangerous, cars cause an obstruction and there is a risk that someone will be knocked over. Please can this be looked into and addressed.

What will the Community forums of the future look like? We will be having 3 a year the next forum will be held in June. Publicity for these forums will be through our contacts through the northern area team and through the libraries the schools and the local councillors.