

WARWICK COMMUNITY FORUM

Notes of meeting held on 8th March 2016 AT Ridgeway School, Deansway, Warwick CV34 5DF

Present: Pip Burley, Cllr Richard Edgington, Robin Kaye, Cllr John Holland, Tony Brown, Peter Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cllr Lyn Bolton, Nick Gray, Jonathan Huxley, Roger Clear, Hazel Grant, John Grant, Derrick Codling, Malcolm Fry, John Soldan, PC Angus Eagles, Cllr Jenny St John, Philp Harris, Cllr Christine Cross, Vicky Bartlett, Anita Kendall-May, Cllr Moira-Ann Grainger, Linda Bromley and Berni Allen

Street entertainment:

Busking creates a vibrant and exciting atmosphere in Warwick District. The Council wish to ensure that busking continues to contribute to the thriving district. Street Entertainment and busking is not administered or regulated by Warwick District Council as it is not a licensable activity.

We wish to ensure that everyone benefits from such entertainment whilst minimising noise disturbance and any intrusive behaviour that could affect neighbouring businesses, residents, visitors or surrounding environment. The Council is in the process of considering its approach to Busking and Street Entertainment. We are reviewing a number of options including the approach used by City of York Council.

We are seeking opinions and suggestions as to the approach that we should adopt should be emailed to Bucking@warwickdc.gov.uk

Leisure Development Programme:

Warwick District Council is developing ambitious plans to invest in and secure the future of the [district's leisure facilities](#) for the next 20 to 30 years. It is proposed that over the next eighteen months £12 million will be invested in Newbold Comyn and St Nicholas Park leisure centres. Councillors will make a final decision on the proposals next summer. The planned refurbishment and improvement programme will include:

- the creation of brand new health and fitness
- new changing facilities
- upgraded reception areas in both centres
- the construction of a new four-court sports hall at Newbold Comyn

If you wish to ask a specific question in relation to this please email leisure@warwickdc.gov.uk and we will respond as soon as we can.

Green Space Development Team:

The Council are keen on proving the local environment by making them safer, cleaner and greener.

Green spaces in Warwick cover 57 sites which is equivalent to 163.79 hectares and 12 play areas. The play areas in Warwick cover:

- Priory Pools – 2.27 hectares, local
- St Nicholas Park – 18.35 hectares, Destination
- Millbank – 2.22 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Othello Park – 1.85 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Ophelia Drive/ Cordelia Green -1.99 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Saltisford Common – 5.57 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Mander Grove – 0.37 hectares, Local
- Twycross Walk – 6.61 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Canalside – 0.6 hectares, Neighbourhood
- Hickmans Green – Local
- The Marish – Local
- Hatton Park – 0.31 hectares, Neighbourhood

The future plans are as follows:

- 2016 – Priory Pools improvement project
- 2016 – Millbank – Gyne Equipment following improvement project 3 years ago.
- 2017 – Saltisford Common – Improvement project
- Othello Avenue – tbc
- Ongoing – St Nicholas Park – ongoing improvements when funding is available.
- Parks audit for all sites.
- Annual play area inspections for all sites.
- Management/ development plans to be drawn up over the next 2 years.

Police priorities:

The agreed policing priorities for the period March 2016 until June 2016 are as follows:

- Carry out x 15 patrols along canal towpaths in Warwick
- Carry out x 20 ASB/ Reassurance patrols at St Nicholas Park, Kingfisher pools. Myton Fields
- Carry out x15 high visibility patrols to deter the use of ASB due to use of vehicles in Parks and Open Spaces
- Carry out x15 high visibility patrols to deter criminal damage and shed break-ins

Neighbourhood Services priorities:

The following are priorities identified in the 'Have your say' discussion group at the Community Forum:

Road/area	Location	Issue	Actions
Inchford Drive	Warwick North	Overhanging trees & fly-tipping at the end of Inchford Drive	Referred to RRU

Myton Road	Warwick South	Overgrowth at the end of Myton Road (opposite Warwick School)	To be investigated as part of the planned maintenance programme
Mercia Way/ Avon Street	Warwick South	Overgrowth & in need of maintenance	Referred to RRU
Deansway	Warwick North	Maintenance of x2 grass verges	To be investigated to determine if on maintenance schedule
	Warwick North	Maintenance of verges on Woodloes South	To be investigated to determine if on maintenance schedule
Greenway	Warwick North	Overgrown shrubs and litter in the passage way from the Greenway	RRU
Hebden Avenue	Warwick North	Overgrown conifer	To be investigated to determine if on maintenance schedule
Kettlewell Close	Warwick North	Dog poo & rubbish left in the alleyway	RRU & monitored
Woodloes Lane	Warwick North	Fly-tipping	RRU
Exham Close to Boswell Drive	Warwick North	Overgrown shrubs	To be investigated to determine if on maintenance schedule

Service issue:

- **St Nicholas Park/ Myton Fields** – nettles & brambles obscuring river
- **Who is responsible for stream between Tachbrook Park/ Myton Pool** – residents concerned with the height of bankside trees
- **Community Notice Boards** – who is responsible for ensuring that they are regularly updated

Councillor Actions:

Cllr Warner – Heathcote Industrial Estate, to look at a combination of working with County Highways and Police to try and tackle this issue.

Grants considered and amount awarded:

Leamington Lamp - £837

Newburgh Parent Group - £1000

Friends of Myton Pool Ltd (FROMP) - £470

Next Community Forum: Thursday 7th July at Warwickspace, 71 Coten End, CV34 4NU at 6pm for 6.30pm start

