

Camp Hill and Galley Common Community Forum

Thursday, 28th November 2013, 7.00pm

at Camp Hill Education, Sport and Social Centre, Cedar Road, Nuneaton, CV10 9DN

Attendees: Cllr Corinne Davies (WCC), Cllr Philip Johnson (WCC), Cllr Dennis Harvey (NBBC), Cllr Paul Hickling (NBBC), Chris Egan (Pride in Camp Hill), Gary Phillips (WCC), Simon Smith (WCC), Sgt Iain Sherwin (Warwickshire Police), PCSO Natasha Malone (Warwickshire Police), Zeb Ghumra (Camp Hill Early Year's Centre)

Apologies: Dawn Dawson (NBBC)

There were approximately 7 Camp Hill and Whittleford residents at the Forum

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies – all attendees were welcomed to the Forum.

1. Police – Briefing and Feedback from the Last Meeting

PC Iain Sherwin went through the Crime and Incident Performance Information which shows all crime reported in the last 3 full months compared to the same 3 months last year. It was highlighted that anti-social behaviour (asb) as recorded in the report does not show criminal activity this is because not all asb is reported as crime but is reported as an incident.

The report shows that overall crime for the last 3 months is down in Camp Hill and Galley Common. An increase in serious violent crime in Camp Hill was shown, PC Sherwin highlighted that the increase occurred at the beginning of the quarter. Once the pattern was noted resources were deployed to the area which led to a decrease in incidences. Anti-social behaviour was shown to have risen by over 32% in Whittleford, PC Sherwin informed the Forum that this was a localised problem in the Whittleford area.

Problems at some of the new build flats in Camp Hill were noted. This was described as involving a small group of individuals. Residents were asked to report any criminal activity to their local Anti-Social Behaviour Contact. The Police are working with the families of the individuals involved to address their behaviour.

Problems were reported behind the Church Hall in Camp Hill which has become a hanging around place for young people. PC Sherwin said the Police were aware of this and confirmed it was the same individuals that have been causing problems at the flats.

An additional briefing from Fire and Rescue was then given by Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gary Phillips. Gary highlighted the arson reduction work that Fire and Rescue were doing with Warwickshire Police and residents.

Gary mentioned the strike action due to take place on 13th and 14th December reassuring residents that an operational response would be provided throughout.

Gary added that Warwickshire County Council's Shaping the Future Consultation may mean that Fire and Rescue will lose £2.3 million - £5.3 million from their budget.

2. The Councils – Briefing and Feedback from the Last Meeting

Foodbanks are now available in the area. Residents can also get support with their gas and electric bills from the WCC Local Welfare Fund.

3. Current Local Issues

Antony Biddle from Camp Hill Resident's Forum thanked Pride in Camp Hill Officer Maxine Tuffin and Warwickshire County Council Officer Pam Williams for their help in getting the alleyway running alongside Camp Hill Primary and Early Year's Centre cleared. Maxine was also thanked for her help in procuring grit bins for local areas that suffer from particular problems in icy weather.

Antony reported there had been issues with the grit bins on Spruce Road with young people emptying them and tipping them over. Beechwood Road Residents Association are considering applying for funding to install some grit bins in Beechwood Road.

The issue of overgrown vegetation on the Midland Quarry site was mentioned, an application on this issue has been submitted to NBBC

Two issues were raised regarding Social Services;

- the aims and targets of Social Services
- access to financial support for people whose benefits have been changed.

From last quarters issues – regarding the space around the tunnel between Beverley Avenue and Kingswood Road Cllrs Hickling and Johnson have been talking to local schools regarding a potential arts project.

4. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 13 March 2014 from 7pm

Haunchwood Sports & Social Club, Valley Road, Galley Common, Nuneaton, CV10 9NH