



# RUGBY TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Thursday 15 September 2016 at Avon Valley School

## Councillors Present:

Cllrs Alan Webb (Chair, WCC), Mary Webb (WCC), Claire Edwards (RBC)

## Officers and Speakers Present:

PC Paula Ketley and PCSO Amy Langstone – Rugby Town North SNT, Warwickshire Police  
 Colin Horton – Green Spaces Officer, Rugby Borough Council  
 Pam Luck – Warwickshire Voluntary and Community Action (WCAVA)  
 Hannah Cramp and Jennifer McCabe – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council

**Total attendance (including above) = approx. 25**

**Apologies:** none received

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Alan Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged everyone to sign in. The fire safety procedure and facilities were outlined by Cllr Webb.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> – Cllr Alan Webb presented minutes of last meeting verbally.</p>
<b>2.1</b>	<p><b>Update on Actions since Last Meeting (9 June 2016)</b>          Nothing to report.</p>
<b>2.1.2</b>	<p><b>Brownsover Community Fun Day (29 July)</b>          Cllr Webb reported that this event had been a great success with a good turnout from the local community. A number of different organisations had supported the event and there had been a number of activities for children. It has been agreed that they will now look to hold this as an annual event.</p>
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>Speeding on Newbold Road</b>          Cllr Webb reported that he had organised for a surveyor to come along and assess the situation to address the ongoing concerns relating to Newbold Road. Cllr Webb read out the email response from the officer having considered the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Central refuges</b> – the road is rarely wide enough, particularly since it is a bus route. Further, refuges would undoubtedly reduce the amount of on-street parking.</li> <li>• <b>Central hatching (possibly combined with limited nearside hatching)</b> – would reduce the effective width of the road, but still allow large vehicles to pass. However, I am not convinced that central hatching - particularly the relatively slim widths that would be available for Newbold Road - would substantially reduce vehicle speeds.</li> <li>• <b>Chicanes with a priority give way system</b> – measures such as these have been very successful on occasions, but I think that they may be inappropriate here. Firstly, they would require a significant reduction in on-street parking. Secondly, with a relatively straight road with good visibility, drivers could race oncoming vehicles to the</li> </ul>

	<p>chicane so that they do not have to stop or give way. This would clearly be counter-productive in terms of speed reduction and road safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speed cushions</b> – am relatively certain that they would be effective and would probably only minimally affect parking. However, there would be a significant cost associated with such a scheme due to the civils work, the signing/lining as well as the necessary consultation and legal process together with officer time. The rough estimate for this is approximately £100,000 for a comprehensive scheme on Newbold Road.</li> </ul> <p>Additional problems associated with Newbold Road include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School traffic – parents dropping their children off as close to school as possible</li> <li>• People not always using the road crossings</li> <li>• Speeding between the Avon Mill roundabout and the school</li> </ul> <p><b>2.3 Parking outside Avon Valley School</b></p> <p>Cllr Webb has been working with the Police (RTN Safer Neighbourhood Team) to look at the issue and what can be done. In addition to the safety concerns, parking outside the school blocks up the road and prevents the school buses being able to turn out of AVS. Cllr Webb has put in a request for the zig zag lines outside the school to be reinstated.</p> <p>In relation to both 2.2 and 2.3 above Cllr Webb also gave a brief overview of how the WCC Highways Finances are allocated. This includes an allocation of funding to the Highways Safety Budget – a proportion of which is spent on priority schemes (where there are a high number of incidents). The remainder is split equally among the 62 WCC councillors across the county – to be used on highways maintenance and safety schemes within the individual divisions. Within recent years Cllrs Alan and Mary Webb and Cllr Maggie O'Rourke have pooled some of their allocation to install a pelican crossing on the Western Relief Road.</p> <p>PC Paula Ketley added that if local residents are concerned about speeding then they can set up a Community Speedwatch Scheme. The schemes are supported by the Police and all residents are fully trained and provided with all equipment.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Safer Neighbourhoods</u></b></p> <p><b>3.1 Paula Ketley</b> (Beat Manager, Rugby Town North Safer Neighbourhood Team), gave an update report including an Update on Priorities from last meeting (9 June):</p> <p>A copy of the SNT presentation can be found with the minutes of this meeting on the Warwickshire County Council website at: <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rtnforum">http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rtnforum</a></p> <p><b>3.2 Agreement of Local Policing Priorities</b> – Cllr Alan Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed checks on Main Street, Newbold</li> <li>• Parking on Murray Road / Craven Road junction, Benn</li> <li>• Anti social behaviour on Hollowell Way, Brownsover</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Update on Centenary Park, Newbold</u></b></p> <p>Colin Horton – Green Spaces Officer from Rugby Borough Council gave a comprehensive presentation on the creation of the Centenary Park on the former allotment site at Parkfield Road. A copy of this presentation can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website at: <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rtnforum">http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rtnforum</a></p> <p>It was requested that a vote of thanks be recorded to Colin for all his help and support with Centenary Park (and Millennium Green – and all others he has supported).</p>

5.	<p><b><u>Update from the Newbold on Avon Community Partnership</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Claire Edwards (RBC) gave a brief update on the work of the NOACP including it's involvement with the Centenary Park project.</p> <p>It was reported that the upcoming focus for the NOACP will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Newbold Job Club</b> – refurbishment works at The Chapel will ensure that it it a more accessible venue. Scheduled to reopen on Saturday 1 October.</li><li>• <b>Newbold Quarry</b> – looking at ways to make it more of a community facility</li><li>• <b>Youth activities</b> – to look at provision for young people in Newbold</li></ul> <p>The next meeting of the Community Partnership is: Thursday 22 September.</p>						
6.	<p><b><u>Public Question Time</u></b></p> <p>Questions relating to the following were raised from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speed humps need repainting as the markings are all worn away and people can't see them.</li><li>• Where will the access be for the new development between Peugeot dealership and Elliots Field Retail Park? <i>Answer: the land is owned by the same people who own Elliots Field and they are using the same design. Current proposals suggest an inwards only access with outwards movements being fed onto the roundabout at Tesco. However, a final plan has not yet been submitted for planning permission. It was added that there are plans to try and improve the Avon Mill roundabout and the traffic light junction at the Junction One Retail Park.</i></li><li>• There are currently no buses from Newbold / surrounding villages to the Elliots Field Retail Park. Could the 505 service be rerouted to go up the Leicester Road towards Tesco then turn round and to head back into town?</li><li>• Are cycle routes being included as part of the infrastructure to support the new developments? Often developments include new cycle routes but they don't necessarily join up to anything.</li><li>• Brownsover Road bridge – problem of large lorries still using the bridge.</li></ul>						
7.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b>7.1 Millennium Green “Party in the Park”</b> – will take place on Sunday 18 September. This is a Community and Family Fun Day to celebrate the opening of the renamed Brian Whistance Millennium Green, in memory of the late ward councillor who played a key role in the creation of the park at the turn of the century.</p>						
8.	<p><b><u>Dates of Future Meetings</u></b></p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Time</th><th>Venue</th></tr><tr><td>Saturday 5 November 2016 Our Rugby Our Future Partnership Event.</td><td>10am – 2pm</td><td>The Benn Hall</td></tr></table>	Date	Time	Venue	Saturday 5 November 2016 Our Rugby Our Future Partnership Event.	10am – 2pm	The Benn Hall
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