

# Fosse Community Get Together

Notes of meeting from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Newton Village Hall

**Apologies:** Cllr Heather Timms, Ian Davies (Newton Parish Council) and Barbara Dent (Monks Kirby Parish Council).

## ACTION POINTS:

Agenda Item	Matters Arising	Notes
Welcome and Introductions	By Cllr Adrian Warwick. Apologies received as above.	
Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (Sgt Stuart Baker)	<p>Sgt Baker gave the following presentation to the meeting: <a href="https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1774">apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1774</a></p> <p>Points to note include the results of speeding priorities in Harborough Magna and Withybrook, and the results of the latest police priorities poll – speed checks in Wolvey and increased patrols of rural car parks will be the focus for the next quarter (Shilton was suggested by a member of the audience as a good location for rural car park patrols).</p> <p>Further discussions were had on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rugby Borough Council has a new injunction in place to take faster action against illegal traveller encampments. Query was raised about encampments over bank holidays. Parishes are being encouraged to report illegal encampments as soon as they are seen via a 24-hour hotline. Private landowners are also being encouraged to take action and will be supported by Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire Police to do so.</li><li>There are a number of active Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Rugby and these are supported by Warwickshire Police. Rugby NW has also recently opened an online shop selling security items. There are also local Facebook pages where incidents are often posted – please ensure incidents are also reported to police by calling 101 (non-emergency number). In an emergency call 999.</li><li>There are variable speed cameras in Walcote and Sharnford – could these be considered for the Rugby area? WCC Highways would be responsible for this. Needs investment of staff time – current variable speed cameras on M6 junctions 2 to 4 are issuing up to 800 speeding tickets a day. Focus needs to be on educating drivers.</li><li>Clifton now has a 20mph scheme and weight limit, and speed checks will be carried out when resources allow. Newton Manor Lane and Newton now becoming more affected by HGV traffic – SNT to look into this. Monks Kirby previously informed that 20mph speed limit was</li></ul>	<p><b>Note: the number to call to report illegal traveller encampments is 0800 096 8800</b></p> <p><b>For more information on Rugby Neighbourhood Watch schemes visit <a href="https://www.rugbynhw.org/">https://www.rugbynhw.org/</a></b></p>

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	<p>not enforceable – Sgt Baker confirmed this was enforceable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newton Manor Lane / Thomas Cross junction – despite confusion this junction causes, Cllr Warwick said statistically this doesn't figure in the top 150 junctions for injury accidents. Work has been carried out to re-paint white lines and give earlier warning of the give way. Query over whether number of deaths was a good measure – Cllr Warwick said there needed to be a quantifiable measure. Key is keeping vehicles out of villages and on arterial routes. Cllr Leigh Hunt suggested working towards having speed limit lowered to 40mph in order to reduce speed traffic approaches the junction. Query over whether similar junctions are looked at to see whether improvements can be duplicated – Sgt Baker said this was generally not possible as all road junctions are different.</li> <li>• Magna Park – original lease allowed use of nearby B roads. Issue is the website has a map indicating to everyone that B roads can be used. Old leaseholders are still permitted to do this, but new multilingual signs in buildings will inform others of correct routes. WCC and Leicestershire authority are communicating to ensure cross-boundary approach.</li> </ul>	
<b>Warwickshire Rural Community Council (Jude Henderson)</b>	<p>Jude Henderson delivered a presentation on WRCC's new Dial A Ride service:  <a href="https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1775">apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1775</a></p> <p>The scheme is due to launch in the first week of December. The borough has been split into five zones and a 16-seater minibus will operate in each zone for one day a week, doing two runs into Rugby town centre and back out again, between 9.30am and 2.45pm. £5 per journey, and concessionary bus passes will be accepted. 35 people have already registered interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query was raised about whether the buses could take passengers to Hinckley or Coventry. Jude said the first year was a pilot project and if successful, there could be the possibility of linking with other local authorities to carry out cross-boundary journeys. In the meantime, if a group from a village or a couple of villages wanted to travel somewhere other than Rugby town centre, they could group together and use WRCC's Back &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> minibuses.</li> </ul>	<p><b>For more information please visit</b>  <a href="http://www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/back-4th/rugby-dial-a-ride/">www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/back-4th/rugby-dial-a-ride/</a></p>
<b>Warwickshire Switch &amp; Save scheme (Angeline Murungu)</b>	<p>Angeline Murungu gave a presentation on the Warwickshire Switch &amp; Save scheme:  <a href="https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1777">apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1777</a></p>	<p><b>For more information visit</b>  <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave</a></p>

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	<p>The scheme is a collective energy switch. More than 400 people in Warwickshire and 30,000 across the UK registered for the first campaign. There are 3 reverse auctions each year, February, May and October. Residents encouraged to register for each of these - registration normally open at least 7 weeks prior the auction date and another 7 or more weeks post auction. You can currently register for the 9<sup>th</sup> October auction up to 20<sup>th</sup> November by phone and 27<sup>th</sup> November online. People who register receive a free quote enabling you to compare with your current energy costs. The tariff secured is not available on comparison sites but can be accessed at <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave</a> The average saving is £177 for this auction and 75% of people who register could save. You choose whether to accept the offer and the energy company does all the work to transfer the contract.</p> <p>There will be an information event at Rugby Library on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am to 2.30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A query was raised about whether the scheme included solar panels – Switch &amp; Save does not cover this but iChoosr does offer this - <a href="https://www.ichoosr.co.uk/group-buying-solar-panels/">https://www.ichoosr.co.uk/group-buying-solar-panels/</a> It also does not cover group LPG buying, although WRCC (above) does offers group fuel buying.</li> <li>• If you register you do not automatically go through the switching process at every auction unless you tick the box to consent to being kept informed of future auctions.</li> <li>• Angeline confirmed those people in the first auction will not automatically receive a lower price if subsequent auctions produce lower prices, as the energy contracts are fixed for 12 months. There is also no discount for being with one provider for multiple services like broadband, telephone etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>These are the dates for the next auction:</b>  <b>Launch – Tuesdays from 4th December 2018</b>  <b>Auction – Tuesday 12th February 2019</b>  <b>Offers – from Monday 25th February</b>  <b>Closure – Tuesday 26th March</b></p> <p><b>Please remember to take an energy bill along with you.</b></p> <p><b>Please note: There is an opt-out tick box on the tariff acceptance form so you can decide whether to be kept informed at your tariff end date.</b></p> <p><b>Frequently Asked Questions –</b>  <a href="https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1776">apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-966-1776</a></p>
<p><b>Public questions</b></p>	<p>A discussion was had about the split between Warwickshire and West Mercia Police. Cllr Warwick said West Mercia had stated the decision had been taken to allow them more accountability at local level and more money to spend locally. For Warwickshire Police this was unexpected, particularly as the alliance had already saved £35m. Warwickshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe and Chief Constable Martin Jelley are opposed to the split. Cllr Warwick said more would be known after the meeting of the Police &amp; Crime Panel Meeting, taking place the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October.</p>	