

**Bedworth North & Bedworth West Community Forum**  
(Includes the areas of Ash Green, Bedworth Heath, Keresley, Mount Pleasant, West of Collycroft & Woodlands)  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – St Giles Church Hall, Church lane, Bedworth CV7 9AA**

**Notes of the Meeting**

The meeting was attended by 38 people, 2 County Councillors, 3 NBBC Councillors, 2 officers from WCC, 1 Warwickshire Police, 3 from Neighbourhood Watch, 25 local residents and 2 guest speakers.

**Councillors in attendance:**

Cllr Seb Gran (CHAIR)	WCC
Cllr Pete Gilbert	WCC
Cllr Kyle Evans	NBBC
Cllr Damon Brown	NBBC
Cllr Anne Llewellyn-Nash	NBBC

**Police in Attendance:**

Sgt Stephen Croshaw	POLICE
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**Officers in Attendance:**

Mike Slemensek	WCC
Rina Sarna	WCC

**Bedworth Cricket Club**

Ivor Richards
Dennis Oakes

**1. Welcome by the Chair**

Cllr Gran introduced all members of the panel and welcomed everyone to the forum.

**2. Apologies**

No apologies recorded.

**3. Minutes from the meeting held on 29 January 2018**

The minutes were reviewed and agreed.

**4. Update from the Panel**

Mike Slemensek updated on the following:

- i. County Councillor Grant Funding for 2018/19 – applications process closed on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Good number of Projects have come in including Bedworth. These will be processed over the coming weeks.
- ii. Community Laptop Scheme – the application process for these will be announced soon.
- iii. New Data Protection Rules – People on previous contact lists have to opt in on Keep Me Posted in order to continue to receive mailings. Everyone that was on the list will have been previously contacted so you will only continue to receive emails and updates if you have opted in. If you are not receiving mailings, then please send an email to the [northernareateam@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:northernareateam@coventry.gov.uk) or enter link???

**5. Update on Borough Plan**

Cllr Seb Gran update on the following

Borough Plan - There is consultation on the widening of the Road in School Lane and for Woodlands proposed road infrastructure to make the scheme viable. There are ongoing discussions between landowners and NBBC. 8 week period of consultation starting on 18.9 2018.

**6. Setting up a Bedworth Speed Watch Group**

Speedwatch to set this up need a minimum of 6 people and list of priorities that people can patrol. Areas identifies for Patrol are : Royal Oak Lane, Bowling Green Lane, Arbury Avenue, Newdigate Road and Sutherland Drive. Once group is set up there will be training.

**7. Setting up a Bedworth Litter Pick**

- i. Litter Pick – looking at last Saturday in September by Bedworth Slough and lake with volunteers from Friends of Slough
- ii. Cllr Kyle Evans advised on a litter pick by the Griff at the end of October ad Cllr Damon Brown will be arranging something in Keresley.
- iii. Issue was raised that there is only one litter bin around cross keys area but was highlighted that people need to be considerate and hold onto litter until they reach the bin or take it home. However Councillors agreed to take on issue of needing more bins. **ACTION Councillors**

## 8. Police update and priorities

PC Steve Croshaw gave an update on the Police staffing in Bedworth. The Forum wanted thanks to be passed on to PCSO Tony Winters for all his hard work in the area. PC Steve Croshaw then presented the crime figures since the last meeting

**These figures are from 27/01/2018 to 06/09/2018.**

### **Bedworth East:** These figures include Bulkington

Personal Robbery:	06	-01	
Burglary Business:	48	+21	(02 in Bulkington – mainly Bayton Rd area)
Burglary Residential:	64	+20	(18 in Bulkington)
Vehicle Offences:	134	+22	(28 in Bulkington)
ASB:	262	+40	(37 in Bulkington – Includes Neighbour Disputes)
Damage:	38	-08	(09 in Bulkington – Includes Neighbour Disputes)
Hate Incident:	08	+02	(02 in Bulkington – Includes Neighbour Disputes)
Drugs:	10	+04	(02 in Bulkington – Includes Neighbour Disputes)

### **Bedworth West:**

Personal Robbery:	07	-02	
Burglary Business:	08	-02	
Burglary Residential:	89	+32	
Vehicle Offences:	177	+80	(Includes Neighbour Disputes)
ASB:	282	+12	(Includes Neighbour Disputes)
Damage:	85	+07	(Includes Neighbour Disputes)
Hate Incident:	11	+04	
Drugs:	04	-01	

### **Bedworth Town Centre:**

Personal Robbery:	01	-01	Burglary Business:	11	+06
Burglary Residential:	04	+03	Vehicle Offences:	07	+03
ASB:	105	-33	Damage:	06	-04
Hate Incident:	05	00	Drugs:	00	00

### **Summary:**

These figures cover over seven months plus a few days, compared with the six months previously, and also incorporate the summer holiday period. Therefore, you should note that the extra month should allow for a natural increase in statistics.

The significant increases in Burglary Residential/Dwelling, and Vehicle Crime are also a County-wide concern.

It is also worth noting that there are significant impact factors affecting Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Damage, Vehicle Crime, which include Neighbour Disputes. This puts some onus back on to some residents themselves, and has even attributed to some Hate Crime incidents and Burglary offences.

### **Previous Priorities taken away:**

#### **Speeding**

Bedworth SNT has responded to the overall issue of speeding, and has requested feedback from the camera enforcement / speed enforcement vehicle, deployed as a direct response to public request. The streets covered have included School Lane, New Road, Vicarage Lane, St. Giles Road, and Longford Road.

- **Smarts Road** – This area was mentioned with regards to speeding and possible drug taking/dealing in the vicinity. There have been NO incidents reported for Drugs, and ONE incident logged about a vehicle parked in a “suspicious manner”.

- **School Lane** – Alleged issues with both speeding and parking. There have been 7 incidents reported in the last 7 months. Two of these incidents related to Police seizing vehicles, one of which was stolen. Three incidents were not related to parking or speeding. However, two incidents were reported related to parking issues. One concerned a resident complaining about another vehicle, and allegedly receiving abuse. Officers did speak to the registered keeper of the vehicle. The other complaint related to a lorry causing issues.

## **Parking**

- Between 27/01/18 and 06/09/18 there have been 385 logs recorded with police for WEST BEDWORTH under a road-related incident. That means there are approximately 55 calls per month logged for WEST BEDWORTH alone. However, these can include jobs like there being swans in the road, other animals, Collisions, abandoned vehicles, stolen vehicles being recovered or police generated recoveries of vehicles. For the same period, EAST BEDWORTH has had 228 road-related incidents logged. That's around 32 per month. The Town Centre has had 40 road-related incidents logged, equating to around 5 calls per month. Add these together, and the local officers are looking at around **100 calls per month to deal with**. With the greatest respect to our residents and communities, this alone would be a full-time effort for the two Police Officers, let alone the other matters of burglary, car crime, theft, violence, disorder, drugs and neighbour disputes. Therefore, please consider the most appropriate parties, agencies, partnerships etc., to report these issues to.
- **Parking at Goodyers End Lane** - Since the previous meeting there have only been **4** incident logs reported about road-related issues. Two in March, one in May and one in August. This included the CROSS KEYS junction/area.
- **New Road** – There have been 3 reported road-related incidents for NEW ROAD. All three were actually for reporting other matters, such as someone not having a driving licence.
- **Wheelwright Lane** – Issues of parking were mentioned here too, especially near to the school and local garage. There have been 4 incidents logged with Police. However, only one of them referred to a road-related matter of relevance. This involved a vehicle mounting the pavement. A resident complained about the dangerous driving, and the driver was spoken to by SNT.
- **Deansway** – This area was mentioned. There have been NO incidents logged with Police since the last meeting.
- **St. Giles Rd** – This area was mentioned. There have been NO incidents reported to do with parking.
- **Leicester Rd, Bedworth** – this area was mentioned re: alleged *“Chronic problems with cars blocking drives, and residents getting abuse if they challenge the drivers”*. There have been **4** incidents logged with Police which refer to road-related matters. **One** log in March stated a vehicle was blocking a driver's view when moving off, and had been there for a week. Officers did attend. **ONE** of the other logs was actually Police seizing a vehicle. The other **2 logs were not parking complaints**. One parking complaint for LEICESTER RD in over 7 months does not constitute a priority. For clarity, we have checked to see if the alleged parking issues were recorded under Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). There was one log recorded about ASB from young people on bicycles near to the Chip Shop.
- **Royal Oak Lane** - it has been identified that there are alleged speeding motor bikes / vehicles in this location. Local Officers and Off-road Team aware, but will only action this if there are supporting calls from residents to report the issue.

## **STOP PRESS: This outlines reporting of Parking issues**

### **Parking**

Parking issues are handled by a mixture of local authority and police powers, depending on the situation.

### **Your local council will deal with parking issues covering:**

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| • Limited waiting bays           | <b>Double/single yellow lines</b>                      |
| • On-street pay and display bays | Blue badge (disabled) bays                             |
| • Loading bays                   | Bus stops clearways                                    |
| • Taxi bays                      | <b>School keep clears</b>                              |
| • Clearways                      | Dropped kerb access                                    |
| • Double parking                 | Pedestrian crossings                                   |
| • Council owned car parks        | Residents' parking zones or permit holders' only zones |

**As a police force, they will deal with parking issues that cover:**

- Obstruction, this **may** include pavement parking
- Dangerous parking, this **may** include pavement parking
- Bends
- Brows of hills
- Dropped kerb access (as well as the council)
- One way traffic
- Box junctions
- Access only (unless access to premises is required)
- White hatched areas
- Pedestrian crossings (as well as the council)

In Warwickshire the above applies to all areas other than North Warwickshire Borough Council area enforcement of parking on the public highway falls to Warwickshire Police.

Reports of parking to Warwickshire County Council can be made via [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

Download leaflet which gives this guidance: [Parking - advice sheet \[188kb\]](#)

The panel thanked PC Stephen Croshaw for the report.

### **Issues raised**

Staffing – Lynn price said that they will be getting in touch with the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) to air concerns on Police resources available in this area and having our resources given to other areas due there being no borders/boundaries. Cllr Gran agreed that there should be proper policies on this and asked that we be specific and show evidence and Councillors will lobby PCC. **ACTION: All to advise Councillors of any specific issues with examples.**

Knife Crime in N&B – has not been reported as a big issue even though young people are getting involved in this.

## **9. WCC Update**

### **9.1 Update from a Local Project**

Ivor Richards, Chair of Bedworth Cricket Club advised the forum about the Bedworth Cricket Sessions which have been running for one week for the past three years during the school summer holidays. These have been funded by County Councillor Grant. The FREE cricket sessions have been open to children across Bedworth Schools as an opportunity to try cricket. The sessions have been headed by Head Coach Dennis Oakes.

Dennis Oakes - advise that the aim of the sessions is to create new players for Bedworth every year. The sessions are published by going round to all the schools in Bedworth, giving flyers/posters and have an article on the sessions in the school newsletters. The sessions are open to all children from the 1<sup>st</sup> year upwards. The Club takes on enough coaches to keep the children occupied. The sessions meet many health and well being needs such as– exercise in the fresh air, social network. WASP were involved this year for the Club's Open Day which will open up another avenue as they want to be involved again next year.

The Panel thanked Ivor and Dennis for their input.

### **9.2 Other updates**

Cllr Gilbert updated on a number of works/issues dealt with which include: Wheelwright Lane – puffin crossing; Ash green puffin crossing following a feasibility study; Bennett's Road / Crescent – tarmacking; Flude Road – re tarmacking; , Tudor Court has been done, war memorial has been fixed;

Cllr Gran updated on a number of works/issues which include: issues on Jock estate with regards to the footpaths; hedging round corner of Griff; flytipping; Newcomen Road which are being resurfaced through his delegated budget and a dip in the road surface on Ashington Road as a result of building work.

**10. Open forum**

- 10.1 Bus Service in Deansway has been taken over by Arriva and a bus stop has gone meaning that elderly residents are having to walk much further. Councillors to take issue on to discuss issue with bus company.
- 10.2 In Touch magazine has not been delivered in Canon Drive since the elections
- 10.3 The bushes at St Giles Road are overgrown and roadside cannot be seen.
- 10.4 Parking - Shortlands/Deansway –have to pull out into the road as cannot see due to parked vehicles.
- 10.5 Residents in Ash Green are pleased now that the school is finished with additional parking spaces. Looks really good.
- 10.6 A local resident raised that parking at Goodyers End Lane – parking area is very dangerous and a hazard - needs looking at urgently. Pavements are narrow. Keep clear boxes are supposed to help with this. Need to work with the school on this too. **ACTION Cllr Gilbert to investigate.**
- 10.7 A resident raised the issue of footpath adjacent to Barrett’s Farm – which has disappeared through lack of maintenance. Cllr Gilbert will look into this matter.
- 10.8 Issue 7.2 of last meeting “A resident raised the issue of footpath adjacent to Barrett’s Farm – which has disappeared through lack of maintenance.” **ACTION: Cllr Gilbert will look into this matter.**

**11. Summary and close by the Chair.**

Cllr Gran and Cllr Gilbert thanked everyone for their attendance and for participating in very useful discussion and feedback.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Keresley Community Library at 6:30 pm