

Bede & Poplar Community Forum

Monday 11th February 2019 – Bedworth Cricket Club

The meeting was attended by 5 residents, 1 member of the Bedworth & Bulkington Neighbourhood Watch, 4 members from Warks Police and 2 officers from WCC.

1 Welcome from the Chair

Richard Chattaway opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He explained that a political meeting has been called at short notice so a number of Borough Councillors are unable to attend the Forum. He also advised that they are 2 years into the 4 year cycle as County Councillors, so will pass on chairing to Cllr Pandher from next meeting until end of term (next 2 years)

2 Introductions & Apologies

<u>Councillors in attendance</u>	Cllr Richard Chattaway (CHAIR) WCC
<u>Police in Attendance</u>	PC Claire Jones, PS Scruton, PCSO Irwin & PCSO Marshall
<u>B&B Neighbourhood Watch</u>	Dave Rumble
<u>Officers in attendance</u>	Mike Slemensek (WCC), Rina Sarna (WCC)
<u>Apologies</u>	Cllr Bill Hancox NBBC, Cllr Makayla Rudkin NBBC, Cllr Bhagwant Pandher WCC & Lynne Price (B&B Neighbourhood Watch)

3 Police Update and Priorities

PC Claire Jones reported that previous SNT was on patrol in Bedworth for 7 years so knew Bedworth well. Now have a smaller but efficient team and a number of operations on the go.

Bede and Poplar Forum – Police report - Crime Figures 15/10/18-07/02/19

<u>Bedworth East</u>		<u>Bedworth West</u>		<u>Bedworth Town Centre</u>	
Personal Robbery	4 (1 Bulkington)	Personal Robbery	0	Personal Robbery	2
Burglary Business Industrial Est)	13 (11 Bayton Rd	Burglary Business	1	Burglary Business	3
Burglary Residential	24 (5 in Bulkington)	Burglary Residential	50	Burglary Residential	1
Vehicle Crime	65 (20 in Bulkington)	Vehicle Crime	78	Vehicle Crime	4
ASB	120 (30 in Bulkington)	ASB	146	ASB	46
Damage	21 (6 in Bulkington)	Damage	29	Damage	7
Hate Incident	3 (2 in Bulkington)	Hate Incident	10	Hate Incident	0
Drugs	1	Drugs	3	Drugs	1

Concerns Raised from Previous Forum on 15 October 2018

Bailey Park

Concerns were raised about ASB in Bailey Park at the previous meeting. Since the previous meeting there has only been 3 calls relating to Bailey Park. All of these incidents were from residents who were concerned that travellers were trying to get onto the park. There have been **no** reports of ASB since the previous forum.

Parking Issues

Park Road – No parking incidents reported since the last forum.

Jacks King St – No parking incidents reported since the last forum.

Community Caps messaging _ I will chase this up.

Good News Stories

- Reports of ASB Tesco, The Mews, Rear of Civic Hall. SNT officers have identified 6 males from CCTV and visited their home addresses. They've been issued with warning letters and will be closely monitored by SNT with a view to taking further action where necessary.
- SNT responded to a report of suspicious activity with 2 males seen to be looking into a stationary car. This simple incident resulted in 2 persons being arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and the subsequent recovery of a stolen Audi, 3 further vehicles linked to the pair being recovered as suspected to be used in crime one of which contained a machete. A search of one of the males addresses resulted in the recovery of 4 viable firearms, ammunition, further weapons and drugs. He is now on remand awaiting sentencing.

- iii. Operation Consort – Officers have worked overnight in order to disrupt and detect vehicle crime utilising plain vehicles to patrol Bedworth and Bulkington.
- iv. Operation Diorite - This is an ongoing countywide operation utilising Police Officers who are on their rest days to patrol overnight in plain and marked vehicles to solely concentrate on vehicle crime and reports of suspicious activity called in by the public.
- v. Croft Pool – A firearms warrant was executed at an address in Croft Pool in early November. SNT offered assistance by gathering intelligence in the area and conducting reassurance patrols following the arrest of 2 males and subsequent discovery of firearms and ammunition.
- vi. Jonathan Cramp has now been convicted of the murder of Julian Perry in a flat in Croft Pool last April. He was arrested shortly afterwards and has since received a life sentence.
- vii. A male who was arrested by SNT just outside Bedworth town centre whilst in the possession of Class B drugs (cannabis) has been to court and convicted of possession. He received fines totalling £335.
- viii. SNT Officers have attended and supported many community events over the last few months including the Armistice Day parade in Bedworth Town Centre and Hawkesbury Village where officers paid their respects to the armed forces and laid wreathes at the cenotaph. We have also attended Christmas light switch ons.
- ix. SNT have been linking up with NBBC housing officers to make joint visits to addresses linked to ASB/nuisance tenants.
- x. SNT will be linking up with Bedworth and Bulkington neighbourhood watch in order to encourage local residents to sign up. If you or anyone you know is interested in setting up a NHW please let us know.
- xi. 12 Days of Christmas campaign. This was a local initiative in which ran alongside the force wide Operation Christmas presence initiative. As well as concentrating on drink/drug driving, shoplifting offenders and other acquisitive crime we have conducted local initiatives such as a multi-agency one stop hub in Bedworth town centre. Those in attendance included representatives from NHW, Citizens advice, Mind, foodbanks, fire and rescue service and local councillors.

This is just a small representation of what the Police have been up to in the last few months.

Questions/Comments/observations from the Floor

- 3.1 101 number takes up to 10 minutes to be answered hence the reason why reports may be low as people give up and hang up. **ACTION: Email Police Crime Commissioner to raise this is an issue. Copy Cllr Chattaway into the email.**
- 3.2 Online reporting takes ages and no reply is received. **ACTION: Add this to email to PCC as per 3.1 above**
- 3.3 Bailey Park Issues may have quietened down but they have not gone away, drugs are smoked in bus shelter around 6.45ish. Police replied that a full visual audit was conducted and Council and Police agreed not to move the shelter as that might only move the problem. **ACTION Contact Phil Richardson for a response, ACTION: Police will send plain clothes police to the area.**
- 3.4 Parking in King Street opposite the off licence is hazardous and could be dangerous. **ACTION: Police to ask colleagues to put on their patrol when in the area.**
- 3.5 Park Road had 16 cars parked on double yellow lines on 10th Feb at 12.45. Police did not receive any reports. Residents are advised to persevere and call even though it is a bit of a wait.

Cllr Chattaway thanked the Police for their attendance and their report and remarked that it is good to hear about some of the actions that have had positive results.

4 Minutes of the last meeting - 15 October 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

5 Update on Actions from last meeting

The following were raised at the October meeting:

- i. Chris Errington had raised the issue of an ice cream van outside the school causing a hazard and was advised to note registration number and report it to the Police. Outcome of this is not known. **ACTION: Checkout the outcome with the Police**

- ii. Corner of Regent Street/Pine Tree Road – the wasteland here is a disgrace was again reported at October meeting as a disgrace. **ACTION: Raise with Phil Richards and copy Richard Chattaway and Cllr Bill Hancox in the email.**
 - iii. Cycle Ways was raised to ask what the plans are for Bedworth and Cllr Chattaway had advised that one route bid for Bermuda to Ricoh is with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Cllr Chattaway reported that we did not get the funding for the from the LEP.
 - iv. Petition titled “stop parking restriction bollards being erected by Warwickshire County Council in Marston Lane, Bedworth”. that was handed to Cllr Chattaway at October meeting – Cllr Chattaway reported that the bollards have been removed and parking restrictions will be put in place.
 - v. NBBC Borough Plan – Councillor Chattaway updated on the Hawkesbury survey. Any questions to Katherine Moreton in NBBC
- 6 Community Forums going forward (RC) - *What do want from them and How should they happen***
Cllr Chattaway asked for this discussion to be moved to next meeting due to low attendance today
ACTION: Rina to agenda for next meeting.
- 7 Update from Councillors -** Councillor Chattaway updated on the following
- i. Street Lights Review (RC) – Report went from officers to committee and street lights will not be switched on
 - ii. Parking Review (RC) – double yellow lines is the responsibility of civil enforcement teams. Cllr Chattaway is going to suggest with other councillors for a review meeting. **ACTION Cllr Chattaway.** Resident from the floor advised that NSL are out until night in Warwick and were putting parking tickets on at 8.30 pm but they don’t work evenings in Bedworth.
 - iii. Highways Maintenance (RC) – a review is taking place of local maintenance issues and timescales. Resident from the floor raised that they need to give more thought and planning on how each set of roadworks impact on the flow of the traffic when another set of roadworks are about a mile away i.e. School Lane and Park Road roadworks.
 - iv. Town Center (RC) – complaints about Town Center gritting and block paving. Block paving is responsibility of WCC but not yet considered a priority.
 - v. Councillor Chattaway reported that NBBC have bought the Co-op site in Nuneaton and a report on this is going to Cabinet in March.
 - vi. County Budget Cuts (RC) – the budget was set last Thursday. The way this works is that firstly the WCC set their element of Council Tax and then NBBC set theirs (this will be next Monday) and then 3rd element is PCC. Each one is an independent tax setting authority
- 8 WCC Update**
- 8.1 Mike Slemensek updated that 2nd round of County Councillor grants (2018/19) is in progress and the County Councillor grants for 2019/2020 will be launched around June time.
 - 8.2 Mike Slemensek reported that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is currently in Wave 2 which includes Bedworth & Bulkington and encouraged everyone to take a card with the link and complete the survey. Paper copies are also available.
 - 8.3 Rina advised everyone of the Bedworth Community Celebration event due to take place on Saturday 9th march at Bedworth Liberal Club. The event has been arranged by Exhall Multicultural Group and it is open to anyone that lives in Bedworth. The event is to bring together communities across Bedworth. It is a ticketed event and tickets are FREE. Posters available to take away for further details.
- 9 Current local issues - Open Forum**
- 9.1 Pat Spacey asked about the old Labour Club Site – Cllr Chattaway reported that Cllr Hancox and he are looking into this in trying to get another Extra Care site.
 - 9.2 Robert Maggs commented that there are contradicting reports about Fire and Rescue Service from Warwickshire News and actual report. Cllr Chattaway replied that Warwickshire News is independent and there are some issues that are being discussed. Appendix C in the budget report shows where money is not being spent and Appendix A shows where they want to spend.
 - 9.3 A number of sites with unlawful parking on double yellow lines were mentioned.
- 10. Summary and Close**
Cllr Chattaway thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.