

WARWICK RURAL EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

16th October 2019

Notes from the meeting

The forum was attended by 16 people

Agenda item	Main points and actions agreed
Welcome	<p>Cllr Wallace Redford welcomed everybody</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting were agreed. No matters arising</p>
Local Policing	<p>Sgt Chris Kitson reported back on local police activity and handed out monthly crime figures for January 2019 – August 2019</p> <p>PCSO Ed King has been awarded the Joanne Graham Award. The Award is presented to a Warwick District PCSO who shows exceptional commitment in helping protect their community. Cllr W Redford asked Sgt Kitson to pass on congratulations from the Forum.</p> <p>Limited number of speed checks were undertaken on Rowley Road, Baginton due to road works in September.</p> <p>Cannabis farm at an address in Stoneleigh has been dismantled by police.</p> <p>Rural Crime Inspector Allison Wiggins heads up Rural Crime Team based at Greys Mallory station, Bishop's Tachbrook. The team is dedicated to investigating rural crimes that impact the rural economy eg wildlife offences, violation to livestock, stealing farm machinery.</p> <p>PC Amy Poole previously with West Midlands police will soon take up the post vacated by PC Wendy Burrows for the Warwick Rural East beat.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead stolen from Weston-Under-Wetherley church roof is being investigated by the Rural Crime Team as a heritage crime • Following the end of the alliance with West Mercia Police co-ordination of Community SpeedWatch will be the responsibility of PCSO Sharon Bailie-Crabtree based in Rugby. <p>New forum priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime prevention / reassurance patrols in Radford Semele • Crime prevention engagement in WRE rural businesses • Wildlife crime prevention patrols in WRE • School safety patrols at Cubbington C of E Primary
Fire & Rescue Service	<p>Station Commander Paul Whittaker based at Leamington fire station gave an update on the changing role of Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Warwickshire's Chief Fire Officer is Kieran Amos (appointed March 2019)</p> <p>Paul oversees the operation of Leamington, Gaydon, Kenilworth and Wellesbourne fire stations. There are 17 fire stations across the County.</p> <p>11,000 calls to WCC Fire & Recue Service were received last year including calls for</p>

	<p>missing persons and road traffic accidents although incident calls are declining.</p> <p>Focus of operation is shifting towards reducing risk of fire: Over 6,000 residents have benefitted from 'safe & well visits' by fire officers All schools have received safety talks to pupils in Key Stage 1,2,3 2,400 pupils in secondary schools and colleges have been trained in CPR - Heart Shield scheme Arson Reduction Officer, Rebecca Roberts based at Justice Centre in Nuneaton deals with deliberately started fires 'Park it Right' stickers – used by officers carrying out street inspections to identify cars that are likely to cause an obstruction to fire tenders in an emergency</p> <p>Local intelligence from residents is valued by the fire service, in particular identifying poorly parked vehicles; void properties; abandoned rubbish sites</p> <p>Other areas of work include: Hospital to home service – fire officers take vulnerable residents back to their homes following hospital discharge freeing up ambulance and NHS resources. A safe & well visit can be carried out.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flood rescue is carried out by fire officers in still water only using dry suitsBiker Down is a first aid course specific to helping motorcycle casualties. To book on to a course: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/bikerdowndown												
Grant reports	<p>Reg Smith reported back on behalf of Cubbington Village Hall Committee on the purchase of 6 tables and 24 chairs from funding awarded by the Forum</p> <p>Becki Coombe reported back on behalf of Warwickshire Hearts on the purchase of two kits bags for Community First Responders and attendance by 15 members at training development course.</p> <p>Julie Keightley reported back on behalf of Baginton PC on the purchase of a defibrillator which was fitted in June to the outside wall of Baginton Village Hall.</p>												
Grant applications	<p>The Forum has a joint pot for the Community Forum Fund 2019/20 of £12,325 (£6k from WCC + £3K from WDC + £3,325 carry over from 2018/19)</p> <table><tr><th>Applicant name</th><th>Purpose of application</th><th>£ award</th></tr><tr><td>Stoneleigh PC</td><td>Purchase AV equipment</td><td>£2,400</td></tr><tr><td>Bubbenhall VH</td><td>Purchase chairs</td><td>£2,500</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td></td><td>£4,900</td></tr></table> <p>Cllr W Redford has also contributed £250 from his WCC allocation to support Leek Wootton PC purchase a new noticeboard as agreed at Warwick Rural West Community Forum on 19 September.</p> <p>This leaves £7,175 for projects in the second round.</p>	Applicant name	Purpose of application	£ award	Stoneleigh PC	Purchase AV equipment	£2,400	Bubbenhall VH	Purchase chairs	£2,500	TOTAL		£4,900
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AOB	Street inspection by Fire Service requested for Stoneleigh village at 6.30pm to identify obstructive parking when majority of commuters are back home												
Next meeting	Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Cubbington Village Hall												