

FOSSE DIVISION COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Thursday 3 July 2014 at Newton Village Hall

1.	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr Cllr Leigh Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting - apologies were received from Cllr Chris Pacey Day,</p> <p>24 people were present</p>
2.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Community Forum, matters arising and notices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notes of the last meeting were circulated and approved.
	<p><u>Update on Gypsy & Traveller Issues</u></p> <p>Rob Leahy, WCC, provided an update on issues relating to Gypsy & Travellers given the recent spate of unauthorised encampments at Central park Drive, Rugby.</p> <p>Rob confirmed that until recently taking action against travellers on highway land was time consuming. However the first of emergency stopping places was about to become operational near Southam. The provision of the site will enable the police to move travellers much more quickly as it means they will have the power to seize vehicles if they do not move on. It was confirmed that this will not be the answer in every case but will make a significant difference. Travellers will be required to leave the County and not just the site.</p> <p>The site at Southam will provide water, toilet and waste facilities. Users will be required to provide a £200 bond plus forms of identification. The site will have 12 spaces and can stay for up to 28 days. The second site will be in the North.</p> <p>In response to a question about the time they will have to vacate the unauthorised site Rob confirmed that this will normally be within 12 hours rather than the week or more it currently takes.</p> <p>Rob confirmed that as a result of case law the vehicles cannot be checked for “red diesel” as everyone would need to be checked and not just the travellers.</p>
3.	<p><u>Safer Neighbourhoods</u></p> <p>Update from Safer Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>PC Steve Hill gave an update on the progress with the SNT priorities identified at the last meeting and other action and activity undertaken in the last three months. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Rugby Area Partnership Team website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fosseforum.</p> <p>Action taken on the priorities identified at the previous meeting was:</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour Barnacle</p> <p>Undertake pledge to carry out a minimum of 17 high visibility patrols around the village of Barnacle with a view to detecting and deterring offences of anti social behaviour</p> <p>Update:</p>

	<p>17 - Dedicated patrols have been conducted between Thursday 13th March 2014 and 1st July 2014.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour Coton Park</p> <p>The Safer Neighbourhood Team pledge to carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols around the Coton Park estate, Rugby, with a view to detecting and deterring offences of anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Update: 31 – Dedicated patrols have been conducted between Thursday 13th March 2014 and 1st July 2014.</p> <p>Speeding on Easenhall Road Harborough Magna Undertake a minimum of 5 speed detection operations in Easenhall Road, Harborough Magna with a view to detecting and deterring speeding offences</p> <p>Update: 5 – Speed checks have been conducted between Thursday 13th March 2014 and 1st July 2014. 10 – Warning letters have been sent to offending motorists from the 5 speed checks.</p> <p>Following a discussion the policing priorities for the next three months were confirmed as:</p> <p>Speeding on Main Street Stretton under Fosse Speeding on Lillbourne Road Clifton</p> <p>Issues raised included:</p> <p>Use of Highcross Quarry by motorbikes: It was agreed that this will be dealt with by Rugby Borough Council as a planning matter.</p> <p>Overnight parking by lorries at Central Park Drive and the lack of facilities for the drivers of the vehicles. In response to the issue it was confirmed that the existing lorry park at the M1/M6 junction isn't fully used and lorry operators are reluctant to pay for their drivers to use the facility.</p>
4.	<p><u>Highways Maintenance</u></p> <p>Alan Mycock, WCC, introduced the item. Alan explained the role of the Highways Team based at Coleshill who cover the area.</p> <p>Each Locality Officer receives approx. 120 reports about highway issues including potholes every month. These are investigated and repaired where needed. Sites are identified where structural work is required to the highway for example Main Road in Stretton. Structural engineers check the highway following recommendations from the Locality Officers. The budget is currently protected and there will be some additional funding from Central Government for pot holes and flooding works.</p> <p>Alan identified some future challenges for the highway network: Increased vehicle use resulting from developments. Changing weather patterns resulting particularly in more flooding events and resulting problems More complaints about the footways from users of mobility scooters. Raised expectations from the public.</p> <p>Issues raised:</p> <p>Links to Severn Trent</p>

	<p>Alan confirmed that most of the road drains in built up areas are WCC which drain into Severn Trent systems. This can lead to capacity issues especially at times of heavy rain.</p> <p>Drains covered by detritus: These should be reported to the County Council if they are causing a problem. The detritus is normally cleared by passing vehicles though some set back from the road are not.</p> <p>Grip clearance: Grips are cleaned out when issues are noted by the Locality Officer or reported to us. The cost of clearing the grips has increased significantly due to the need for traffic management measures to ensure the safety of workers in the highway.</p> <p>Lengthsman Scheme: Dan Perkins is the lead Locality Officer and will act as liaison with the Parish Councils involved in the pilot project. The scheme will involve lengthsman in undertaking small highways works which could include cleaning signs, footpath work etc. It isn't a new concept and should help develop local knowledge about issues.</p> <p>Provision of mirrors to help motorists exiting driveways: Alan indicated that it is County Council policy not to provide or authorise the provision of mirrors. They can give a distorted view of the main road and consequently a misleading impression of the speed of an approaching vehicle. They may not give a clear view of a pedal or motor cyclist. Mirrors can give drivers leaving an access a sense of security, such that proper attention is not paid before joining the public highway.</p> <p>Surface dressing: Alan indicated that there is a limited time for surface dressing to be undertaken So if a road due to be surfaced is missed in one year it should be done the following year. The treatment for a road is tailored to the needs of that road.</p>
5.	<p><u>Update on Developments</u></p> <p>Anna Rose, Head of Planning at RBC, outlined progress on a number of issues including:</p> <p>The Borough Council is currently consulting on the early stages of a new local plan. This is in response to evidence that identifies a housing need of 660 dwellings per annum (dpa) which is higher than the 540 dpa as planned for within the adopted Core Strategy. The Council will need to determine whether it can deliver the homes needed to meet this higher need.</p> <p>The consultation is accompanied by a 'call for sites', which enables land owners or agents to submit land that is available for residential development. All sites submitted will be evaluated to determine whether they have the potential to meet the housing need. The results will inform the next stage of consultation that will take place in the New Year. It is important to get involved and stay involved.</p> <p>Mast Site –The first phase of the development for 610 houses has been received.</p> <p>Eden Park – The planning application for Phase 2 at Eden Park has been received – 230 houses.</p> <p>Windfarm – Swift Valley - No application has yet been received as the scoping opinion lacked environmental details.</p> <p>The application for a windfarm at Churchover was refused on 23 April.</p> <p>Solar Farm at Churchover: the national position with regard to solar farms has changed and as a result it is by no means as certain as it previously was.</p> <p>Ridge & Furrow being ploughed out: The designation of ridge & furrow as ancient monuments is not a Borough Council issue and should be referred to English Heritage.</p> <p>Solar Panels on Commercial buildings: There are discussions underway at the national level about installing solar panels on new commercial buildings. The issue concerns who owns the</p>

	building as it may be under more than one ownership.									
	Ansty Greenbelt: not aware of any reason why signs should appear about saving the Ansty Greenbelt other than the call for sites indicated earlier.									
7.	<p><u>Public question time</u></p> <p>Leigh Hunt provided an update on the roll out of broadband. To date 40 cabinets have gone live. Further funding has been secured to support the process. There is potential for a further £6m if further match funding can be secured. Next step is to know if the upgraded cabinets are achieving the speeds promised. There is a speed checker available – btdslchecker.bt.com that will indicate the speeds available.</p> <p>The maps used are based on postcodes clipped to show if a property is within one kilometre of a cabinet.</p>									
8.	<p><u>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings</u></p>									
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