

Weddington & St Nicolas Community Forum

Notes of the meeting on Monday 30th June at Ambleside Community Sports Club

Attendance:

Cllrs Jeff Clarke, Keith Kondakor, Ian Bonner, Jim Foster, Robert Tromans, Nick Grant, Kris Wilson
Warwickshire County Council – Tricia Morrison, Nick Darwen (notes);
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council – Chris Tydeman
Warwickshire Police – Sergeant Williams, PC Kwom, PC Dyde, PCSO Edwards
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Roy Taylor (Community Safety Ambassador);
20 residents and community groups

Apologies:

Brian and Heather Lowe (Neighbourhood Watch), David Carr

Introductions and Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair

The new Councillors for the area were introduced. It was agreed that Cllr Clarke will continue to Chair the meetings, and Cllr Bonner will take on the role of vice-chair.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in the area has continued to fall, and is considerably down from last year. It was agreed that the pro-active approach of the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team had helped with this.

On-going concerns were expressed about the impact of 'part night' street lighting. The County Council is currently reviewing the impact of changes to street lighting, and a report on this will be brought to the next meeting.

Local Emergency Plan

Work on the Local Emergency Plan has begun, and the following 'area walks' have been scheduled:

St. Nicolas: Tues 15th July, 10am – meet at Coniston Pub Car Park
Horeston Grange: Weds 23rd July, 10am – meet at Acorn Pub Car Park
Weddington: Thurs 21st August, 10am – meet at Anker Pub Car Park
'Risk' Brainstorming 7pm Thurs 4th Sept at Ambleside Sports Club
Planning session 7pm Thurs 25th Sept at Ambleside Sports Club

Update on issues from previous meetings

Issue	Update
New Bins at Cleaver Gardens Residents complained that the new arrangements for bins didn't correspond with the proposals that they had been consulted.	NBBC reported that there has been a number of difficulties encountered with the new service, they have resumed emptying the refuse bins in Cleaver Gardens and the other flat sites throughout the borough on a weekly service. The blue recycling bins will still be emptied fortnightly. It is the authority's intention to resume alternate weekly collections for flats but only after the suitability of each location and an adequate number of recycling bins has been established and supplied. The timescale for this is uncertain but it is possible that by 2015 all flat blocks with the exception of those with refuse chutes will be on alternate weekly collection (i.e. Refuse bins being emptied one

	week, recycling bins being emptied on the other) bringing flat areas into line with the rest of the borough's residents.
Cleaver Gardens – light by jitty by one-stop shop should be on all night	Reported and fixed
Footpath on Hinckley Road/Briars Close needs re-surfacing due to potholes	Surface has been patched. The area is on the list to be slurry sealed in due course.
Footpath outside flats at Carisbrook Road (roots coming through pavement)	WCC Highways have added location to list of works to be done – slurry sealing.
Trees on Changebrook Close need to be cut back	Trees on a NBBC list and will be dealt with on a priority needs bases. Trees cannot be cut back at the present time.
Church Lane – Poplar saplings need trimming	Need exact location to report to Parks. Trees/saplings are not cut back at this time of the year.
Carisbrook Road verges need to be restored	Tree to be planted when funds available.
One Stop Shop, Higham Lane – garden is very overgrown	The Shop's Management have committed to carrying out a range of works on the week beginning 28 th July and to continue to maintain the site in good order thereafter. The works include: Flattening out the garden area (leaving any trees that need to be preserved), removing the waste Replacing the broken window, painting the front of store, replacing the door at the side, tidying up the windows on the flats; and tidying up/making good the garage and out houses. Boarding up the window at the rear of store (leaving an area for natural light into the shop).

Residents' Issues

Issue	Action agreed
Parking on Church Lane	Church Lane Residents asked whether the barrier to the car park could be open in the day time, but closed at night. Cllr Kondakor to investigate options.
Pedestrian Safety on Lutterworth Road	Cllrs to investigate options including (a) painting 30mph on road, (b) camera enforcement
Number 4 Bus – new service from 2 nd June. Queries over bus times.	Cllr Clarke to investigate
Grass-cutting – concern around frequency and quality of grass-cutting.	Cllr Tromans to investigate
Path between Higham Lane & Shanklin Drive – overgrown, litter etc.	WCC to investigate

Any other business

Gordon from the Ambleside Club was thanked for his support to the Forum and contribution to community life.

Next meeting: Monday 6th October 2014 (to be confirmed)