

Weddington & St Nicolas Community Forum

Notes of the meeting on Monday 2nd March 2015 at Ambleside Community Sports Club

Attendance:

Cllrs Jeff Clarke, Keith Kondakor, Ian Bonner, Jim Foster, Robert Tromans,
Warwickshire County Council – Tricia Morrison,
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council – Christine Tydeman
Warwickshire Police –Sgt Dave Williams, PC Esther Kinch, PC Gemma Trerise, PCSO
Gavin Scott
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Roy Taylor (Community Safety Ambassador);
29 residents and community groups

Apologies:

Cllr Kris Wilson, Cllr Nick Grant, Nick Darwen

| Issue | Action |
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| Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team Update | |
| Thefts from vehicles had increased significantly in the Horeston Grange and Weddington areas over the last four months. Increase mainly attributable to thefts from vans. | |
| A number of arrests have been made in relation to the thefts from cars/vans who were the main perpetrators. Residents were reminded to lock vehicles and to double check they are locked before going to bed and to be mindful where keys are left in the home for cars which have keyless entry as there is a view the use of scanners is on the rise. | |
| Also a small increase in burglaries over the area, but no specific hotspots. In the main the properties were empty as victims were on holiday, residents reminded to ask neighbours to keep an eye on the property, assign a key holder, set up timings on lights etc to give the impression of occupancy. | |
| Recent spate of thefts of bicycles at North Warwickshire and Hinckley College, police have clear CCTV image of person taking the bicycles and may launch appeal in local press. | |
| Julie Green the new PCSO will be back covering the area soon. | |
| Congratulations were passed onto Terry Harris and his Neighbourhood Watch Team who scooped the top prize “Best in Warwickshire”. Individual awards also presented, the partnership award went to Paul Jarvis for all his hard work over the last fifteen years. | |
| Gavin Scott will be popping into meet with the recognised neighbourhood schemes in the area and will be talking to local groups. | |
| The recent spate of allegations of children being pursued and harassed has been fully investigated by the police, a special task force was set up, to look into every single incident reported since September 2014, which have all been thoroughly investigated. At this time no suspects identified and no arrests have been made. | |
| 20 new NW coordinators have been recruited; it has been a good year. | |
| Paul Edwards was wished all the best on his move to Nuneaton Central. | |

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| Local Issues Update | |
| Weddington Road, despite the signage saying no right turn into Shawe Avenue, traffic is still turning into the road; the signage is a bit obscured by foliage. | Refer to Highways |
| The footpath on the Old Hinckley Road, near the bend, is quite slippery with leaves and muddy and a clean-up would make it safer for pedestrian access. The overhanging trees and obscured signage was also raised as a concern for both Councils to address. | Refer to Highways re signage & NBBC re footpath |
| Repairs on the Weddington Road/Old Hinckley Road it is recognised there was some disruption, the works will be completed in the next few weeks. | n/a – work completed |
| Ongoing issues on Changebrook Close and the cutting down of vegetation and trees. Councils are mindful of nesting times to avoid, tree cutting is only once a year, follow up on this | The trees were cut back in February 2015 |
| Buttermere Park, grass cutting starts next week and a reminder to ensure they cut properly around the trees. | Residents can report issues to parks@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk or call 024 7637 6376 |
| Glendale Contract, Cllr Foster reminder that a working party is in place which meets fortnightly and appealed to local residents to feedback any issues with the grass cutting, verges etc so they pick these up with the contractors on a regular basis. | |
| Community Emergency Plan | |
| Roy Taylor gave an update on the progress to date and thanked the working group for all their help. The Plan will be publicly available in the Spring to view, the date to be confirmed, Working in conjunction with the Borough Council, 75% of the content will be NBBC focused and 25% relevant to local area. There will be an article in the next In Touch magazine and an in house exercise to test the plan in the coming weeks will be undertaken and any changes made following this. Looking to have three notice boards in the area to use to share information, 1 has been set up already in the St Nicolas Park area. | |
| New Local Issues | |
| Parking on Coniston Way (near the chemist) can cause issues with bus access, maybe look to put in lines /parking enforcement stepped up. | Residents advised to report obstructions to the police using the non-emergency number 101. |
| Milby Drive speeding cars by the Wallingford Avenue join, south end of the road. Worse at school times, used maybe to cut through to the A5 | Police to investigate |
| Footpath on Briars Close, ongoing issue, the main footpath marked out but nothing done, not resurfaced. | Refer to Highways |

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| Footpath Carisbrooke Road where cars park on the verge, maybe look to extend the layby so more cars can park, cars parking on the verge, footpath muddy. Tarmacing footpath, it is uneven and roots of the trees pushing up making it difficult to walk at night. | Refer to Highways |
| Tarmacing of Weddington Walk - concerns raised as to the potential abuse of the walk as a motorcycle track, escape routes etc and placement of benches etc, the issues raised are common ones in relation to the design of a cycle path and residents would like an update at the next meeting in relation to what is being done to address these concerns and a better understanding of the future plans of the Cycle Forum. | Report going to a NBBC committee about installing barriers. |
| Ryde Avenue/Court, excessive dog fouling on the grass verges, Cllr Kondakor to pick up issue of dogs in the flats with the Housing Officer, also to make Cleansing /Dog Warden aware of the issue. Fairly recent issue, started in last 6 months | Observations have been made and a fixed penalty notice has been issued. |
| Ongoing issue with changes to local bus routes, residents encouraged to voice concerns and issues, Cllr Kondakor meeting with bus companies on routes issues. Bus routes coming out of MIRA, bus companies to consult the public/users. Even though buses privately operated, important companies are made aware of the issues. | Cllr Kondakor to report back after his meeting with the bus companies. |
| Forum Dates in public places – important to ensure that the correct dates are on the website and on any publications. | Dates/venues/times are published on: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/weddingtonstnicolasforum and details emailed to residents who are on the mailing list |
| Bridge Strikes (Old Hinckley Road), appear to be on the rise, the railway company, highway agency and historic estates are considering the possibility of removal and there may be some funding to support this if we match fund, early days but positive. It was agreed this should feature in the Emergency Plan. | Further information to be reported at a later meeting |

Next Meeting: Monday 8 June 2015 from 7pm at Ambleside Sports Club