FOSSE DIVISION COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Thursday 10 September 2015 at St Mary's Church, Clifton on Dunsmore

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Cllr Leigh Hunt welcomed everyone to the Forum and introduced those Councillors who were present.

30 people were present

Apologies were received from Cllr Pacey-Day

2. Minutes of Previous Community Forum, matters arising and notices

• Notes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods

Update from Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sgt Sarah Masters 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. The Forum were also informed of staffing changes that would be implemented over forthcoming months. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Rugby Area Partnership Team website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fosseforum. .

In terms of priorities for the forthcoming period:

- 1. To carry out high visibility patrols in the villages near to the A5 following an increase of thefts
- 2. Conduct Speed checks along Broad Street/Crescent Brinklow
- 3. Conduct Speed checks on Lutterworth Road, Pailton

4. Rugby Radio Station Site

Councillor Leigh Hunt updated the Forum on work that she had undertaken with WCC Highways to ensure that appropriate traffic calming measures were implemented in Clifton in anticipation of the significant developments at Rugby Radio and DIRFT sites. As a result works would now be brought forward and a Project Manager had been allocated to ensure that a 20mph zone would be introduced throughout most of the village.

Johanne Thomas of Urban and Civic provided an update on current and future work in relation to the site. Key issues reported were:

- Newt Mitigation measures
- Archaelogical clearances were underway
- In October, roadworks would commence on the estate and the developer named
- Onsite house building to commence Spring/Summer 2015
- Severn Trent would be conducting separate consultation and works (including road closures)
- Primary School would open September 2017
- Dolman Farm would see a community café/hub model being developed over 2016

- NHS were being consulted around GP provision etc
- Site name chosen would be Houlton referring to the 1st transatlantic radio transmission from the site being received in Houlton, Maine.

5. Update on Developments

Sarah Fisher, Principal Planner at RBC, outlined progress on a number of issues including:

Eliot Fields: Retail developments of officially open by December 2015

Technology Park: Opening Autumn

B&M Home: Application for store approved for a site near the Cinema

Technology Drive: Housing Development envisaged over a number of years

Eden Park: Approved for retail purposes

Coton House Development: Planning Application received

Newton: Application received

The Forum were informed of a Town Centre Vision Document which would be out for consultation in the Autumn seeking thoughts on the future of the Town Centre.

Following questions received it was agreed that the following issues would be investigated:

- a) Whether the waterways could be better linked up with the Town
- b) Bus Routes-whether s106 monies were still available to improve access

5. Magna Park: Traffic Implications

The following written update had been received from WCC Highways:

The Highway Authority has been consulted on two sites in that area, one being the expansion of Magna Park.

It is understood at present further work on the modelling is being undertaken and WCC will be updated once this is complete by Leicestershire County Council highways who are leading on these applications.

6. Highways Delegated Budget

A briefing note was circulated at the meeting in relation to the process for Highways delegated budgets and is available on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fosseforum

The key issue to note was that each Member had been allocated £32, 258 per year for Highways and that Parish and Town Councils were invited to work with their local member to submit requests to WCC Highways via chrisburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk

Deadline for applications was End of November.

7. Have Your Say

Brinklow: Better Signage required on bridge to outline weight restriction and road narrowing.

Ashton Corner: Cllr Gillias informed of 2 residents had suffered damage to their cars as a result of potholes. The response from WCC Highways was that they were not liable quoting Clause 48.

Agreed that Bill Basra, Localities and Partnerships would approach WCC Highways on both matters.

Councillor Leigh Hunt concluded the meeting and reminded all of a joint Forum that would be held on 14/11/15 (1000-1430) at Benn Hall.

Future Meetings

To be confirmed.

