



AREA FORUM SOUTH
Thursday 6 December 2012
Arley Community Centre,
Gun Hill,
Arley
CV7 8HA

AGENDA

6.30 – 7.00 - Community drop-in and networking session

Please come along and talk to Councillors, Council Staff and the Police about issues you might have.

7.00 pm - Main Meeting

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Apologies/Minutes/You said - We did (update on issues raised at the last Area Forum meeting)**
- 3. Police Update**
Safer Neighbourhoods Team
- 4. Update on new Primary School in Arley**
- 5. Neighbourhood Planning & Localism Act**
- 6. Questions & Issues - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised**
- 7. Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 8. Future Meeting Date:** Tuesday 5 March 2013 venue tbc.

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MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

Tuesday 4 September 2012

The Area Forum South met at Maxstoke Village Hall, Maxstoke at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Sherratt in the Chair.

Councillors, Barber, Ferro, Fowler, Fox, Watkins

In Attendance:

PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager) PCSO Phillip McGuinness –
Warwickshire Police
Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Robert Beggs, Sally Roberts, Mike Shaw – North Warwickshire
Borough Council
Theresa French – George Eliot Hospital

Paul Reader – Arley Parish Council
Laraine Jones, David Green – Maxstoke Parish Council
Sheila Onions, A R Pargetter, Sue Taylor – Fillongley Parish
Council
Alison Perkins – Astley Parish Council
Brian Martin – Ansley Parish Council

John Barry, Therese Gordon, Jane Jordison, Diane Mills, John
Mills, K Parker, Jenny Reynolds, Jillian Wall - Residents

and others.

1. Welcome

Cllr Gordon Sherratt welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence/ Minutes & You Said We Did

Apologies had been received from Councillors Hayfield, Smith and Corley Parish
Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 28 June 2012 were
agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Martin Gibbins provided an update – You Said We Did concerning progress made in
addressing issues raised at the previous meeting of Area Forum South. A copy of the

presentation can be viewed on the Councils website www.warwickshire.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online

The former Coleshill Police Station is being marketed for use as either Land, Office or Residential purposes.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

PC Ellen Beaty, Warwickshire Police and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.warwickshire.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

Following discussion the priorities identified were:

- Speeding at Furnace End Crossroads, Over Whitacre
- Motorbikes, Birmingham Road/Wheeley Moor Farm, Coleshill
- Anti social behaviour Memorial Park, Coleshill

Other issues highlighted included:

- Anti social behaviour at Bretts Hall
- Parking adjacent to Coleshill C of E Primary School, Wingfield Road
- Burglaries both in the morning and "car key"

4. Police Authority Update

Update given by Peter Fowler, Police Authority representative.

It was confirmed that there are only three meetings remaining for the Police Authority with the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner (P&CC) on 15 November. The P&CC will come into office, and the Police Authority cease, on 22 November. The Police Authority will be considering a report setting out proposals for the reinvestment of a one off £6m under spend to address key Police priorities.

The Coleshill SNT team should be in their new base by the end of October. It is not open to the public unless by appointment.

5 Community Hubs

Sally Roberts, North Warwickshire Borough Council, provided an update on the current position concerning the development of Community Hubs. Sally confirmed that the Hubs have a number of laptops plus a printer/scanner and pre-programmed phone to help the user contact a number of key organisations e.g. NWBC, CAB, Severn Trent etc. A number of "strategic" hubs also have video conferencing facilities. The hub at Coleshill Town Hall is due to open on 16 October.

It was recognised that it is early days and that there is a need to promote the hubs to increase use and also attract more volunteers etc.

In response to questions it was confirmed that:

With regard to attracting more volunteers it was accepted that this can be improved and work is underway with the Volunteer Co-ordinator at the North Warwickshire Volunteer Centre to address this.

Signage for the hubs is available and they are looking at ways to improve the offer. Work is underway with tenant forums - the hub at Ansley is located in St Johns Community Rooms.

6 George Eliot Hospital: Securing a Sustainable Future

Teresa French, George Eliot Hospital, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. A copy of the presentation can be viewed on the Council's website www.warwickshire.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

In response to issues raised it was confirmed that:

Any contract is likely to be between 5-10 years.

Capital investment would continue to improve facilities

There will continue to be a focus on patient care and clinical quality to ensure quality of services.

The partner will have a proven track record of delivery and could be either an NHS or non-NHS provider.

For patients it will mean better services.

Services will be locally determined and controlled.

7 Questions & Issues

Fly tipping was highlighted in Maxstoke (Castle Lane and by The Green). This was also highlighted as an issue for Fillongley and Corley.

Concern was raised by a number of parishes about planning enforcement, in particular the length of time it can take for enforcement action to be agreed. It was suggested that more decisions on enforcement should be delegated to officers.

Those present expressed concern about proposal by Morrisons to extend the hours for delivery to 24 hour. Any comments on the proposal should be sent to Jeff Brown at NWBC.

The location of any new leisure centre in Coleshill was raised. During discussion it was confirmed that the preferred option was to co-locate the facility at Coleshill School and this was being investigated. There will be a report to Community & Environment Board (NWBC) in due course.

8. Items for Future Meetings

Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning

9. Next Meeting

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