

AREA FORUM SOUTH

Thursday 28 June 2012

**Coleshill Town Hall
High Street,
Coleshill
B46 3BG**

AGENDA

6.00 – 7.00 Community drop-in and networking session

Come along and look at the proposals for Part Night operation of Street Lighting.

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

7.00pm - 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. Police Authority update – Cllr Peter Fowler**
- 5. HS2 update**
- 6. Update on development of Morrisons Store (provisional)**
- 7. Core Strategy - NWBC**
- 8. Changes to Children's Services, George Eliot Hospital**
- 9. Questions - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised**
- 10. NWBC update**
Area Forum Fund NWBC
Representatives on Outside Bodies NWBC
- 11. Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 12. Future Meeting Dates:** Tuesday 4 September 2012
Thursday 6 December 2012

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MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

Thursday 23 February 2012

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

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Fowler, Fox, Sherratt, Turley, Watkins

In Attendance:

PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager) PCSO Jane Owen –
Warwickshire Police

Joanna Rhodes, Martin Gibbins, Andy Stokes, Kevin McGovern –
Warwickshire County Council
Dorothy Hogg George Eliot Hospital Trust

Gordon Etheridge, Barry Cotton – Shustoke Parish Council

John Poole - Shustoke Parish Council Clerk

E Bradford, R Williams – Corley Parish Council

S Osborne, – Corley Parish Council Clerk

Sheena Baird, Gill Guy, Eric Fellowes, Gail Williams– Arley
Parish Council

Bill Richards, - Coleshill Town Council

Sue Taylor, S Martin, Sheila Makin – Fillongley Parish Council

R Hancocks - Over Whitacre Parish Council

Wendy Townsend, Karen Garland – Gun Hill Allotment
Association

and others.

1. Welcome

Cllr Colin Hayfield welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Apologies had been received from Councillors Les Smith, Dominic Ferro, and Brian Martin (Ansley Parish Council)

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 27 October 2011, copy herewith, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Joanna Rhodes 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

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:

- Speed of vehicles at Furnace End Cross Roads particularly on Tuesday evenings and Sundays
- Anti social behaviour Bretts Hall, Ansley Common
- Parking outside Bournebrook School Fillongley

A number of other points were highlighted including issues at Coleshill Cricket Club, whether CCTV cameras could be monitored by Parish Councils or Neighbourhood Watch (it was confirmed that they could not) and the speed of motorbikes on the A446, Coleshill (this would be passed on the respective police unit as it was not an issue the Safer Neighbourhoods Team could address).

4. Police Authority Update

Update given by Peter Fowler, Police Authority representative.

- Police Authority have increased their precept by 3.9% to fund 36 additional police officer posts across the county (13p per week for a band D property).
- Police Authority to be replaced by a Police & Crime Panel. The Panel's primary role is to hold the Commissioner to account.

An issue was raised concerning the closure of police stations. It was noted that the process had been instigated by the then Chief Constable Keith Bristow to maximise resources available at the front line.

5 Public Transport update

Kevin McGovern & Andy Stokes, WCC, gave an update on the reductions made to public transport in Area Forum South. During the discussions a number of points were raised including:

- Difficulties in accessing the George Eliot from Coleshill
- Possibility of a flexibus service to Monwode Lea
- Children having to stand going to school
- Cut to 717 service makes it difficult to get to Birmingham

6 George Eliot Hospital Trust – Securing a Sustainable Future

Dorothy Hogg, George Eliot Hospital Trust, provided an update on the work in hand to secure the future of the George Eliot Hospital. It was confirmed that seven organisations had expressed an interest in forming a strategic alliance with the Trust to establish a Foundation Trust including:

- Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
- South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust
- Care UK
- Circle
- Serco Group PLC

(One organisation declined to be named)

Further details can be found at www.geh.nhs.uk

A number of issues were discussed including:

- The future of paediatric services are likely to be out to consultation in May by the Arden Cluster
- Aim is to ensure services are sustainable
- Want input into service delivery
- Recognised that car parking can be an issue at certain times
- Support is being provided by the Strategic Health Authority
- Cannot guarantee what will happen to services in the future as yet to be confirmed. Services need to be those purchasers will want.
- Aim is to ensure people get the right treatment, at the right time, at the right place

7 Public Questions and Parish Issues

Gail Williams raised concern at cars being parked on the verge and footpath at Phil Collins Way/Rectory Road. Also for the provision of a footpath adjacent to the site of the new doctors surgery on Bournebrook View.

8. Queens Diamond Jubilee Grants (NWBC)

The report attached to the agenda had been superseded by a decision taken the previous evening at the meeting of North Warwickshire Borough Council meeting. The Area Forum was informed that additional resources of £20,000 had been agreed to fund local groups and organisations who wanted to run celebratory events. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting is 28 June 2012 - venue to be confirmed.

Area Forum South – 28 June 2012

Area Forum Fund

Recommendations

- 1. That the single eligible application to the Area Forum Fund be given consideration by Borough Council Members as indicated in the report; and,**
- 2. That Members note the awards that have been made under the two Queen's Diamond Jubilee grant award schemes.**

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Fund's eligibility criteria and informs Borough Council Members of the monies available for disbursement and the applications received for consideration.

2 Area Forum Fund

- 2.1 A sum of £35,000 has been allocated to the Area Forum Fund, this figure being based on a formula of £1,000 per Ward Member. This method of allocation results in each Forum having the following sums available for local disbursement: Area Forum North £10,000; Area Forum South £9,000; Area Forum East £8,000 and Area Forum West £8,000.

- 2.2 A process has been established that invites applications from parish/town councils and any formally constituted community group with its own bank account. Applicant organisations, however, must be able to satisfy each of three main eligibility conditions:

1. Bids must be signed by a Borough Councillor to indicate his/her support for the project.
2. Bids should be for one-off projects that provide lasting benefit to the community.
3. Projects will only be eligible for support from one source of Borough Council funding, of which the Area Forum Fund is one. Organisations will be signposted to other schemes of assistance if a more appropriate source of funding can be identified.

2.3 The Fund was developed to support projects that address issues of importance to local communities. Accordingly, projects that satisfy the above eligibility conditions must also be able to identify a link to at least one of the three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.

2.4 Awards can be made for up to 60% of the total annual fund available to the relevant Forum, resulting in maximum possible awards of £6,000 for Area Forum North, £5,400 for Area Forum South, and £4,800 for Area Forums East and West. Community organisations must be able to provide at least 30% match funding for the project for which a grant is sought. Parish/town councils must provide at least 50%. This match funding can include in-kind support.

3 Area Forum Fund Applications

3.1 The 2012/13 budget for Area Forum South is £9,000. A single eligible application has been received for consideration at the meeting in the sum of £5,400.

4 Application for Consideration

4.1 The Old Barn Centre

4.1.1 The Old Barn Centre is a small community building in Old Arley. The venue currently hosts art classes, mother and toddler group, breakfast, supper and luncheon club, local walking and young carers groups.

4.1.2 The building is in need of renovation to make it a warm and welcoming venue. The works required include improving the floor, wiring, doors and lime plastering the walls. The total cost of the project is in excess of £20,000, however this initial stage is £7,700. The Old Barn Centre is providing 30% match funding and is requesting a sum of £5,400 from the Forum Fund. Additional funding is being sought from the North Warwickshire LEADER programme.

4.2 Recommendation to the Forum

4.2.1 Members should note that The Old Barn Centre was awarded £2,840 for kitchen improvements in October 2009. This project was successfully completed.

4.2.2 The current project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of Improving Access to Services (activities taking place at the Centre will also Raise Aspirations, Educational Attainment and Skill Levels and Develop Healthier Communities). It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the maximum award of £5,400, however, this should be held until all funding is in place to ensure that the project is viable.

5 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications

- 5.1 If Members grant the request in the sum indicated in the report (a total of £5,400), the Forum will have £3,600 to carry forward to November. The next deadline for applications to be considered by the Forum is 1 September 2012.

6 Diamond Jubilee Grant Awards

- 6.1 At the 22 February meeting of Full Council, Members recommended that a sum of £5,000 for each Area Forum be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.
- 6.2 Two grant award schemes have been provided, the Community Events grants of £500 are provided to constituted groups and support events that are open to the public. The small £100 Jubilee Street Party awards are provided to residents and groups wishing to hold celebratory parties and are 'closed' events. The table below identifies all awards that have been made under these two grant award schemes.
- 6.3 The award scheme proved to be very successful and became oversubscribed. As a consequence, Members took the decision to close the scheme from 11 May 2012. A total of 12 Community Events and 12 Jubilee Party grants have been awarded funding in Area Forum South. These awards have resulted in a Jubilee Grant overspend of £2,200. Area Forum East did not commit all of its Jubilee Grant funding and the residual sum was split equally between the other Forums. This has reduced Area Forum South's overspend to just £1,933, which will be met through Borough Council balances.

North Warwickshire Borough Council Queen's Diamond Jubilee Grants

Community Events

Organisation / Resident	Project	Grant
Corley Cricket Club	Celebratory event on 4 June	500
St John's Church Hall Committee	Community meals on 26 May	500
Maxstoke Village Hall	Jubilee Big Lunch at Maxstoke Castle on 3 June	500
Gun Hill Allotments Association	Community Fun Day on 3 June	500
Coleshill Women's Institute	Community Sports Day Event on 2 June 2012	500
Shustoke Allotments Association	Shustoke Party on the Allotments on June 3	500
The Whitacres and Shustoke Horticulture Society	Jubilee Show event on 28 July	500
Love Coleshill	Community Big Lunch on Sunday 3 June	500
Corley Village Hall Management Committee	Diamond Jubilee High Tea Event on 23 June	500
The Fillongley Singers	Jubilee Concert in St Mary & All Saints Church on 13 July	500
1st Nether Whitacre Brownies	Celebratory Jubilee Event at Over Whitacre Parish Hall on 4 June	500
Fillongley Village Hall	Diamond Jubilee 'Picnic in the Park' on 3 June	500

Jubilee Parties

Resident	Kingswood Avenue, Corley - Street Party on 5 June	100
Resident	Doris Road Street Party on 4 June	100
Resident	Castle Drive Street Party, Astley on 4 June	100
Resident	Brendan Close, Coleshill Street Party on 4 June	100
Father Hudson's Society	Diamond Jubilee Party on 5 June	100
Resident	Penns Lane, Coleshill Street Party on 4 June	100
Old Peoples Bungalow Complex (plus St John's and Nursery Road's) - Ansley Common	Jubilee Celebration event at Church Hall on 1 June	100
Resident	Street Party - The Green Shustoke on 4 June	100
Coleshill United Church	Celebratory Coffee Morning on 1 June	100
Resident	Springfields Street Party, Coleshill on 5 June	100
Resident	Ennersdale Bungalows, Coleshill - Jubilee Party on 5 June	100
Coleshill Heartthrobs	Celebratory Jubilee Party on 30 June 2012	100

Total

7200

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Representation on Outside Bodies

Recommendation

That the Forum make recommendations for appointments to the outside bodies listed in the report.

1 Introduction

1.1 The Borough Council has requested that Area Forums be consulted for recommendations for appointments to the outside bodies 'local' to the area covered by this Area Forum.

1.2 The Area Forum is invited to recommend to the Borough Council the appointment of representatives to the following outside body:-

Coleshill Grammar School Endowment Foundation

1.3 The memberships previously comprised:-

Coleshill Grammar School Endowment Foundation – Councillor Sherratt and Dr Andrew Watkins

1.4 The appointments are made for a period of one year expiring in May 2013.

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