

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

Tuesday 19 April 2010

The Area Forum South met at Coleshill Town Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair.

Councillors Sherratt, Fowler, Gordon, Fox, Smith

In Attendance: Cheryl Bridges, Richard Dobbs – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Joanne Rhodes & Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager), Sgt Roger Fildes & PCSO – Warwickshire Police
Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire Public Health
J Poole – Shustoke & Maxstoke Parish Council Clerk
R Thomas, B Coton, P Gray, P Coton – Shustoke Parish Council
G Bradford, S Osborne – Corley Parish Council
B Martin, – Ansley Parish Council
Alison Perkins, O Hunter – Astley Parish Council
Alan Vaughton
Lorraine Jones, Tony Austin, Maxstoke residents
Jack Stuart, Bena Stuart, Coleshill residents

and others. 30 people attended.

1. Apologies for absence.

Councillors Welby, Bowden and Zgraja,

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 20 January 2011, copy herewith, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

HS2 Update

Joanna Rhodes, WCC, provided an update on the current position with regard to HS2, in particular the consultation being undertaken by HS2 Ltd including a consultation event at Water Orton on 11 June.

4. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

PC Ellen Beaty, Warwickshire Police and Cheryl Bridges, 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.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

An overview of the changes taking place within Warwickshire Police and how these related to the work of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team was also provided.

Cheryl Bridges highlighted the key priorities identified from the North Warwickshire Community Strategy Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010/11. Copies of the Assessment were circulated at the Forum meeting. Copies of the summary are available on the North Warwickshire Borough Council website.

The priorities identified were:

- Anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the Polash Restaurant/Church Hill Coleshill
- Anti social use of motorcycles around the Sycamore Crescent area in Arley

Other issues raised included:

- Recent acts of vandalism to allotments in Coleshill. Does happen occasionally and all reported incidents are followed up as they are acts of criminal damage.
- Application for an off licence in Coleshill. Police indicated no objections and had requested conditions be attached
- Motorcycles on A446. Police are aware of the issue and are taking action to address the problem

5 Police Authority Representative

Carol Fox, Police Authority representative, updated the meeting on the changes taking place within the Police service. These were:-

- Strategic Alliance with West Mercia Police ongoing – to report back at next meeting
- Atherstone Police Station to move to Old Bank House. Front desk service now operational at the One Stop Shop in Atherstone
- No decision yet on relocation of Coleshill Police Station

Questions were raised concerning retirement of officers. It was pointed out that this is an operational issues and the responsibility of the Chief Constable.

Further information concerning the Police Authority can be found on the website: www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk

6 Health & Wellbeing in North Warwickshire

Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire Public Health, presented a case history as background to a presentation highlighting the key health issues for North Warwickshire. The priorities are:

Obesity
Alcohol
Fuel Poverty

In response to questions Rachel indicated that a small budget had been identified to help address the problems.

Other issues highlighted included an increasing trend in drinking at home, current initiatives such as Cook and Taste sessions being delivered across the Borough.

A copy of the presentation can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

7 Area Forum Fund

Three eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund were considered.

Resolved:

- a That Ansley Parish Council be awarded the sum of £2,207 towards the project highlighted in the report;**
- b That the Colehill United Church be awarded the sum of £3,373 towards the project highlighted in the report; and**
- c That Corley Village Hall be awarded the sum of £4,165 towards the project highlighted in the report.**

8 Public Questions & Parish Issues

A number of local issues were highlighted including:

Solar powered traffic signs at the Griffin Inn (Furnace End) and at Church End and Whitacre Garden Centre not working or working infrequently at best.

Speeding on Castle Lane.

Traffic issues in Astley, particularly on a Sunday.

The announcement earlier in the day about expansion of Birmingham Airport and what this means for the area.

The need for increased awareness within the area generally about HS2 proposals and what they mean.

9 Future Meeting Dates

12 July 2011
27 October 2011

Chairman