

Area Forum South

Tuesday 27 April 2010

The Area Forum South will meet at Corley Village Hall,
Church Lane, Corley, Corley, CV7 8AZ

Report available in large print if requested.

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6.30 – 7.00pm - Police Surgery

Call in if you have specific concerns that you would
like to discuss with your local Safer Neighbourhoods
Policing Team.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2010,
copy herewith, to be approved as a true record
and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising

4. Safer Neighbourhoods Update Sergeant Ron Drake (Warwickshire Police)

Up to half an hour is available for this item. This will include feedback on actions undertaken since the last meeting and any other updates, details of current Community Safety issues identified within the Forum area and an opportunity for individual members of the public to raise any further concerns, advice on how these issues will be taken forward, and details of communications/publicity planned on Community Safety issues.

Community Safety concerns can be raised verbally or in writing at the meeting, or submitted in advance to Jo Roberts on 01827 719317 or via email to joroberts@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Public Questions & Parish Issues

Up to half an hour is available for members of the public to ask questions. Individual members of the public can speak for up to three minutes. To ensure that an answer to a question can be given at the meeting, details of it must be submitted to Jo Roberts or via email to joroberts@warwickshire.gov.uk. Otherwise, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Jo Roberts has notice on the matter on which you wish to speak.

6. Promoting Local Volunteering - Jane White North Warwickshire Volunteer Centre

7. Sustainable Community Strategy – Developing Forum Priorities (Joanna Rhodes)

8. Funding including Area Forum Fund (Jaki Douglas & Martin Gibbins)

9. Any Other Business

10. Future Meeting Dates

Please note the dates for the future meetings of Area Forum South are as follows;

Tuesday 13 July 2010 – Coleshill Town Hall

Thursday 21 October 2010

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2010

The Area Forum South met at Arley & St Michael's Community Centre, Gun Hill, Arley at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair.
Borough Councillors Carol Fox, Gordon Sherratt, Derek Gordon

In Attendance: Bob Trahern, Robert Beggs & Alethea Wilson– North Warwickshire Borough Council
Joanne Rhodes & Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Acting Inspector Alan Bamford, Sgt Ron Drake – Warwickshire Police
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
V Reading – Astley Parish Council
C Jackson & W Hill – Ansley Village
H Badham – Fillongley Parish Council Clerk
J Iddon - Fillongley
M Langford, H Bailey, P Quick – Ansley Common
B Stuart & J Stuart - Coleshill
P Reader – Arley Parish Council
Claire Cardus – Warwickshire LINK
Janet White - UHCW
R Thomas & P Gray – Shustoke Parish Council
J Poole – Shustoke & Maxstoke Parish Council Clerk
B Martin – Ansley Parish Council

1 **Apologies:** Councillors Les Smith, Peter Fowler.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Forum held on 22 October 2009**

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 22 October 2009, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 **Matters Arising**

4 **Safer Neighbourhoods**

Sergeant Ron Drake, Warwickshire Police and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken to address the three priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting. 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.

Issues raised included:

- Ansley Common Allotments – Looking to secure the site including unused
- Broken glass in Coleshill as a result of beer glasses being taken out of pubs and being broken.

Discussion then followed about the next set of priorities. It was then agreed that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum South were:-

- Vehicles being left on unadopted roads in Ansley Common
- Speeding on Coventry Road, Fillongley– Coventry into centre of Fillongley
- Speeding Birmingham Road, Ansley Village in the vicinity of the Boot PH

5 **Public Questions Parish Issues**

No questions were received.

Issues raised included:

- The outcome of the speed check on Blythe Road Coleshill.
- Rectory Road – The information has been supplied by the Doctors to the PCT but the PCT have concerns over the figures. PCT are requesting the doctors to review the figures with another company. A report should be going to the PCT Board in March on this issue.
- Arley Sports Centre – The Borough Council is fully supportive of the improvements works undertaken to the multi-games area and car park and is keen to bring in external funding. However unlikely to be able to provide funding given the current financial circumstances.

6 **University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire – Foundation Trust**

Janet White updated the Forum on the proposal from University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire to become a Foundation Trust. Janet gave the background and emphasised that it means much more local control and accountability than at present. It is not a way of taking over other hospitals such as George Eliot. It opened up more opportunities for partnership working in the future.

It was accepted that access to hospital was difficult. Parking is an issue and other ancillary charges were highlighted as being high. In response Janet indicated that the future of parking charges was subject to consultation across England. Charges would be reviewed in light of the outcome from the consultation.

7 **Warwickshire LINK**

Claire Cardus provided an update on the role of Warwickshire LINK with regard to health and social care issues. In particular how the LINK could investigate issues of common concern for the area. The LINK could not investigate issues affecting a particular individual. During the presentation Claire emphasised the need for local people to raise issues of concern to the LINK so that common issues could be identified.

8 **Green Space Strategy Fund**

Alethea Wilson introduced the report. Following the introduction it was agreed that:

That the allocation of £10,000 be made available to Fillongley Parish Council for the commissioning and implementation of a management plan for the recreation ground in Fillongley, including improvements to play provision, in accordance with key priorities AP046 and AP047 of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy 2008-2018.

9 **Any Other Business**

Joanna Rhodes informed the Forum about the consultation underway on the second stage of the development of Local Transport Plan 3 and the opportunity to complete the questionnaire either on line or via paper copies.

Carol Fox explained the role that she plays with regard to representing the Police Authority at the Forum and how issues from the Forum are reported back to the Police Authority

10 **Future Agenda Items**

Update on the priorities from the Sustainable Community Strategy
The role of BOB bus and addressing financial inclusion.
How the criminal justice service works with regard to issues such as community payback, sentencing etc.

11 **Future Meeting Dates**

The following dates were agreed

22 April 2010
22 July 2010
26 October 2010

Area Forum South – 27 April 2010

Area Forum Fund

Recommendation

That the three eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund be granted awards as indicated in the report.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Funds eligibility criteria and informs members of available funds and applications received.

2. Area Forum Fund

- 2.1 The Area Forum Fund was established following a report to the Executive Board in July 2003, which recommended setting up the Fund to support projects of importance to each local Forum area.

- 2.2 A total 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. Following the May 2008 Forum boundary changes, 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.

- 2.3 Officers were instructed to establish a system for administering the Area Forum Fund, according to the guidelines established by the Executive Board. Application Arrangements were developed along with an Application Form.

- 2.4 Organisations invited to apply to the Fund include 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.

- 2.5 The Area Forum 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 seven key themes of the Sustainable Community Plan, which reflect priorities that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.
- 2.6 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, £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 Changes to the Area Forum Fund Application Process

- 3.1 Members are reminded of recent changes to the Area Forum Fund application process, which are as follows:
- a That with effect from the 2006/07 financial year, applications to the Area Forum Fund are considered twice per annum, in the March/April and September/October cycle of meetings, with fixed application deadlines of 1 February and 1 August; and,
 - b That parish councils no longer be requested to submit a constitution or its annual accounts in support of any Area Forum Fund application.

4 Area Forum Fund Applications

- 4.1 The 2010/11 budget for Area Forum South is £9,000.
- 4.2 Three eligible applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. The total sum requested from the applicant organisations is £3,220.

5 Applications for Consideration

5.1 Ansley Parish Council

- 5.2 Ansley Parish Council has submitted an application to improve local play facilities. Following local consultation, the Parish Council is to install new swings and a climbing frame at the play area off Birmingham Road in Ansley.
- 5.3 The total cost of the project is just over £15,000. The Parish Council is requesting a sum of £2,520 from the Area Forum Fund. Other grant funds and Parish funds will be used as match funding for the project.

5.4 Recommendation to the Forum

- 5.5 The project, which is submitted by Ansley Parish Council, links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment and Skills, Developing Healthier Communities and Improving Access to Services. It is recommended that the project be awarded the requested sum of £2,520.

6 Arley Parish Council

6.1 Arley Parish Council has submitted an application to purchase two grit bins. The Parish Council has confirmed that Warwickshire County Council will maintain the grit levels.

6.2 The total cost of the project is just under £265. The Parish Council is requesting a sum of £130 from the Area Forum Fund and pay the remaining sum from Parish funds.

6.3 Recommendation to the Forum

6.4 The project, which is submitted by Arley Parish Council, links to the Improving Access to Services. It is recommended that the project be awarded the requested sum of £130.

7 Shustoke Parish Council

7.1 Shustoke Parish Council has submitted an application to install new fencing around the play area in Shustoke. Following undertaking a visual risk assessment of the site, the decision has been taken to continue to fence the site due to the ditch and pond beyond.

7.2 The total cost of the project is just over £1,140. The Parish Council is requesting a sum of £570 from the Area Forum Fund and will fund the remaining sum from its own funds.

7.3 Recommendation to the Forum

7.4 The project, which is submitted by Shustoke Parish Council, links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Improving Access to Services. It is recommended that the project be awarded the requested sum of £570.

8 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications

8.1 If the Forum grants the requests in the sum indicated in the report, it will have £5,780 remaining for disbursement at the October meeting. The next deadline for the submission of applications to the Area Forum Fund is 1 August 2010.

The Contact Officer for this report is Jaki Douglas (01827) 719492, North Warwickshire Borough Council.