

## 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](http://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