

NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

15 September 2015

Area Forum East met 6.30pm at Mancetter Memorial Hall

Present: Borough Councillor – D Clews (Chair)
County Councillor – C Clark
County and Borough Councillor – N Dirveiks
Borough Councillors – L Dirveiks, M Bell, B Henney, M Davis

In Attendance: A Rigby – WCC
PC S Bird, PCSO D Rowlinson, S Fretter, L Hughes – Warwickshire
Police
R Ball - Police & Crime Commissioner
R Jones – Office of Police & Crime Commissioner
R Beggs – NWBC
T Clews – Atherstone TC; T Benham, T Hopkins – Mancetter PC

S Barnes, J Broadhurst, R Broadhurst, A Millership, M Godderidge, S Teagles, I Crowley, D Bartlam, R Cockayne, M Shaw, R Twining, J Arrowsmith, R Chetwynd, B Walt

1. Apologies for Absence.

S Healy, D Hughes, D Watts, R Jarvis, L Baxter

2. Notes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 9th June 2015

Minutes were agreed. Matters Arising:

A5 Mancetter traffic island – a large number of agencies involved as A5 delineates agency boundaries eg Highways, police, parish councils, county councils. Therefore makes it difficult to have agency represented at all meetings to agree roundabout improvements.

Modifications to Woodford Lane / A5 junction confirmed - forewarning traffic on A5 of cars waiting to turn right.

Market Square / Long Street, Atherstone – maintenance of pavements planned for January 2016 with minimum 9 week lead in time. Works being funded from Cllr N Dirveiks WCC, Transport delegated budget.

Bus lay-by, Hartshill – Response received from two statutory undertakers. Request made to receive outstanding responses as soon as possible.

Lewis Close / Glovers Close, Mancetter – contractor appointed. Waiting for feedback from utility companies on underground services before installing new gate.

Margaret Road, Atherstone - meeting with residents organised for 6pm 24 September at Outwoods School.

3. Police Update

PC Shane Bird presented Safer Neighbourhoods Team update. The following comments were made:

- PC Shane Bird covering for PC Leon Carter
- PCSO David Rowlinson newly appointed School Liaison Officer
- Request made to find out whether street lights on Friary Road were lit at the time of reports of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour
- Lewis Close – 3 individuals have been spoken to by police. No further incidents reported
- Time plates to be erected opposite Hartshill School to help police enforce single yellow line
- Request made for yellow line on church side of Church Close, Hartshill
- HGVs seen using Clock bridge, Hartshill
- Request for CCTV in Church Walk, Atherstone
- Latest information on police surgeries on Atherstone Forum Facebook page
- Follow the local police teams on Twitter - @AthColesCops

In response to questions:

- Local PCs and PCSOs spend a very small percentage of time covering Nuneaton. Specials could be providing cover in Nuneaton whilst new recruits are being trained up
- Incidents of stone being taken from Hartshill Castle ruins need to be reported
- Discussions are ongoing for a CCTV camera at Oldbury Road lay-by

Three priorities were chosen:

Priority: Anti-social behaviour, Church Walk & Rose Hill, Atherstone

Priority: Speeding & parking, Carlyon Road, Atherstone

Priority: Parking, Church Road, Michael Drayton School, Hartshill

4. Ron Ball, Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)

PCC holds budget for Warwickshire Police - £91M

Number of officers has risen from 800 to 850

The Alliance between Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police is working well

The sale of Police HQ at Leek Wootton will go ahead. The Alliance will maintain two call handling centres, one in Worcestershire and one in Warwickshire

In response to Comprehensive Spending Review proposal to reduce Warwickshire Police budget by £11M more Specials are being recruited and investment is being made to update IT

Local police force was given thanks

In response to questions:

Tackling rural crime is a current priority. £300K has been invested

ICN line from Atherstone (relaying CCTV pictures) will be linked to new call centre

5. Tell us your issues

Glebe Farm Kennels burning waste on a regular basis. DEFRA contacted (Ref no. 1373305). NWBC Environmental Health Team to respond

Clarification sought around protocol for NWBC to notify Parish Councils of resubmission of planning applications following decision by DEFRA to be 'minded to issue temporary permit for consultative purposes' to broiler farm applicant, Mancetter.

Extra Care Housing, Mancetter – site management and use of designated car parking area for construction workers causing concern for residents. WCC and NWBC officers to speak to site contractor.

Parking issues on corner of Stanley Road and Coleshill Road, Atherstone

6. Any other business

None

7. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

None

8. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 10 December 2015 Michael Drayton Junior School