

NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

26th February 2015

Area Forum East met 6.30pm at Hartshill Community Centre

Present: Borough Councillor – L Dirveiks (Chair)
County Councillor N Dirveiks, C Clark
Borough Councillor D Pickard

In Attendance: A Rigby – WCC
PC L Baxter, PC K Stafford – Warwickshire Police
R Jones – Office of Police & Crime Commissioner
R Jarvis – Atherstone TC; T Hopkins, J Marshall – Mancetter PC
G Roberts – Hartshill PC
S Percival, M Percival, J Hedges, M Hedges, D Kearns, L Richmond,
R Cockayne

1. Apologies for Absence.

K Johnston, T Wykes, T De Kretser, L Freer, D Atkin, D Clews, D Hughes

2. Notes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 11th December 2014

Minutes were agreed. Matters Arising:

Bus lay-by, Hartshill. Site visit on 25 February highlighted a new option slightly further away from school gate but able to accommodate two buses at a time. All large trees would remain as would the existing footpath. Underground services need to be fully investigated. More funding required.

A5 Mancetter traffic island. Highway Agency proposing pedestrian route round island linking Harpers Lane and Carlyon Road. Currently pedestrians are walking straight across island.

T Hopkins to invite Cllr N Dirveiks to A5 cross-border Parish Council discussions.

Market Street, Atherstone. Cllr N Dirveiks to consider scheme for WCC Delegated Transport budget to fund feasibility study.

3. Police Update

PC L Baxter presented the Safer Neighbourhoods Team update. The following comments were made:

- Welcome to PC Kim Stafford to SNT East team
- ShopWatch scheme caught 4 shoplifters in Atherstone
- Parking problems around The Woodlands, Hartshill
- Speeding Witherley Road, Atherstone
- Oldbury Road, Hartshill – speeding, fly tipping in lay-by and inconsiderate car parking

- Speeding Nuneaton Road, Mancetter - police cannot safely carried out speed checks. More appropriate for WCC to undertake speed survey.

Three priorities were chosen:

Priority: - Anti-social behaviour, Meadow Road, Hartshill by tenants Derwent Housing Association

Priority: Anti-social behaviour, Friar's Gate / Holte Road jitty, Atherstone

Priority: Parking in Wakeford Close, Ridge Lane and speed checks when possible

4. Introduction to Warwickshire Rural Watch Scheme

Carol Cotterill, Rural Crime Co-ordinator (North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Rugby) presented. Carol was appointed after North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership successfully applied for funding from the Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner Grant Fund.

Carol is based at Coleshill Police Station. Carol's job involves:

- looking at rural crime incidents in villages & farms and advising police response
- promoting Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch
- promoting crime prevention through website and crime prevention events

For more information go to:

<http://www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk/>

Of particular note on the website are the Incident Log and Advice Sheets.

5. Tell us your issues

Fly-tipping at Oldbury Road, Hartshill - in public lay-by; and at Ridge Lane, near Atherstone. C Cotterill to follow up.

6. Any other business

WCC Councillor Grant Fund still open to applications.

7. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

Civil Parking Enforcement – From a brief discussion it appears that the scheme needs to be self-financing.

8. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 9th June at NWBC Council Chamber