Notes of the Area Forum South Meeting held at Coleshill Town Hall, on Tuesday, 17 September 2013

Present:

Councillor Sherratt in the Chair. Councillors Ferro, Fox and Hayfield.

In Attendance:

PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager), Robert Beggs – North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nick Darwen and Lizzie Price – Warwickshire County Council. Plus over 20 others.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Barber, Fowler, Turley and Watkins.

1. Safer Neighbourhoods

As part of the Safer Neighbourhoods update the following three priorities were agreed:

- Illegal parking and obstruction on double yellow lines Church Hill, Coleshill
- Vehicle obstruction of the pavement outside CW Youngs, Common Lane, Corley.
- Artic lorry drivers using mobile phones while driving Green End Lane, Fillongley

Robert Beggs, NWBC gave an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership. The full presentation can be downloaded at http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/northwarks-southforum

2. Police & Crime Commissioner Ambassador

Cllr Carol Fox advised that she had been appointed as PCC Ambassador and would act as a "go-between" between the SNT & PCC. Any comments, complaints or compliments can be passed to her by phone or email.

3. Parking in Coleshill

Nick Darwen advised that Coleshill Traffic and Parking Management Group with other relevant representatives from were looking into all possible solutions to parking issues in the town. It was agreed that there should be an update on Civil Enforcement at the next meeting.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Bill Richards gave an update on the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan and urged residents to complete their forms so that the plan could be progressed to the next stage.

5. You Said, We Did!

Impact of Street-lighting – WCC preparing 2 reports on the impact of changes. The first in November which will provide detail on the current position and the second will provide an opportunity to make comparisons with previous years.

Lorry drivers using mobile phones whist driving in Green End Lane, Fillongley – agreed as a policing priority and will be updated at next meeting.

Common Lane, Corley – Abbey Farm - issues regarding the planning permission for burning of plastics was being investigated by NWBC. A representative from Heritages advised that they had been granted a change of use planning consent and issue was now resolved.

6 Questions & Issues from the Parishes

Corley – concerns were raised regarding parking likely to cause obstruction on Bonfire Night.

Corley – vans on pavement causing obstruction opposite Heritages, incidents should be reported using 101 stressing that it is in North Warks which is not covered by "decrim".

Coleshill – It was suggested that a one-way traffic system be considered. It was thought that there had been a computer simulation of traffic a few years ago and that it should be revisited at the next meeting.

A resident had raised a concern by email in advance of the meeting regarding the pedestrian/cycle path off Gorsey Lane, Coleshill which was being dealt with by WCC Traffic & Road Safety Group.

7 Items for Next Meeting

Obstruction of footpaths George Elliot Hospital

8 Next Meeting

Thursday, 5 December at Arley Community Centre.

Notes of the meeting of Area Forum West Piccadilly Community Centre, Perryman Drive, Piccadilly Thursday 19 September 2013

Present: Borough and County Councillor Lea in the Chair. Borough Councillors Holland, Lewis, M Moss, Payne and Phillips. Borough and County Councillor B Moss.

In attendance: J Price and R Beggs - North Warwickshire Borough Council. N Darwen - Warwickshire County Council. PC Newton and PSCO McMurchie - Warwickshire Police. R Jones - Police and Crime Commissioner Ambassador. K Kelly - George Elliot Hospital. I Thomas and J Rawlin - Piccadilly Community Association. A Vaughton and M Weatherley - Curdworth Parish Council. J McNally, S Moore, N Robinson, D McKenzie and M Walker - Residents. W Rees - Water Orton Parish Council. J Rowland - Middleton Parish Council.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Simpson, C Algar – Hurley NHW, P Ross – Curdworth Parish Council, R Pearson - Coleshill & District Civic Society. J Thomas – Piccadilly Parish Council.

1 Safer Neighbourhoods

The following three Safer Neighbourhood priorities were agreed,

- Heavy Goods vehicles parking on Kingsbury Road, Curdworth.
- Speeding Birmingham Road, Water Orton; and
- Heavy Goods vehicles parking in Hams Hall obstructing the pedestrian and cycle paths.

Roger Jones introduced himself as the local area Community Safety Ambassador reporting back community safety issues relating to crime to Ron Ball, Police and Crime Commissioner. Contact details are rogergt.jones@virgin.net or telephone 02476 312238.

Other issues raised were:

- volume and speed of heavy good vehicles on A4097 (Kingsbury Road), Curdworth – County Council currently looking into the matter; and
- a reduction of current speed limit of 60 mph to 30/40 mph on Bodymoor Heath Road, Marston. ACTION: County/Police to look into further.

2 George Eliot Hospital – an update on the outcome from the Keogh Review

Kath Kelly, Operational Director (GEH), reported on the Action Plan arising from Keogh review findings.

3 Warwickshire County Council Update

 Street Lighting – a note setting out the criteria of the street lighting scheme was circulated. Issues were raised around the consultation process. Anomalies around particular street lights were raised and it was felt that there should be an element of flexibility where there are local concerns. A request was made that the review due to take place in November should be communicated to all parish and town councils. **ACTION:** N Darwen to feedback concerns.

- Mobile Libraries consultation concluded decision due on 14 November 2013. Cabinet papers will be on WCC web-site.
- WCC Councillor Grant scheme now launched, deadline 1 October 2013. Community Computers available free to community groups. Deadline 1 November 2013.

4 "Have Your Say" Questions and Issues

No issues were raised under this item.

5 **Next Meeting**

Thursday 28 November 2013 – St Nicholas Church Hall, Curdworth.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

23 September 2013

Present: Councillor Payne in the Chair

Councillors Butcher, Davis, Freer, Holland, Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Sherratt, Y Stanley and Wykes.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pickard, A Stanley and Watkins.

1 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 January 2013, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the background to the Scrap Metal Dealers Act and the Committee was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended to the Executive Board:

- a That the functions within the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 be added to the Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee;
- b That the delegations to Officers detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be approved and included in the Constitution within the Terms of Reference for the Licensing Committee from the Community and Environment Board: and

Resolved:

c That applications under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 be determined as detailed in the report.

4 Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 - Setting of Fees

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council asked the Committee to agree a scale of fees in respect of the grant of licences under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Resolved:

That the scale of fees as set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be agreed.

5 Budgetary Control Report 2013/14 - Period Ended 31 August 2013

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 August 2013. The 2013/2014 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, was given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to this Committee.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Chairman