

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

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

21 September 2015

Present: Councillor Humphreys in the Chair

Councillors Chambers, Hayfield, Lea, Phillips, Reilly, Smith, M Stanley and D Wright.

Councillors Davey, Morson and Sweet were also in attendance.

18 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Hayfield declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Minute 27, Civil Parking Enforcement, by reason of being a member of Warwickshire County Council.

19 **Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 June 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 June 2015, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 **Financial Statements 2014/15**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Annual Financial Statements for 2014/15 and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That the 2014/15 Financial Statements shown in Appendix A to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved.

21 **External Auditors' Report**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted the External Auditors' report to those charged with governance.

Recommended:

That the contents of the External Auditors' report be noted.

22 **Corporate Plan**

The Chief Executive reported on the proposed changes to the Council's Corporate Plan following the elections in May 2015.

Recommended:

- a That the revised Corporate Plan 2015/2015, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, be agreed;**
- b That the Vision Statement for the Council be agreed as ‘Protecting the rurality of North Warwickshire, supporting its communities, and promoting the wellbeing of residents and business’; and**
- c That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to finalise the format of the plan.**

23 Financial Strategy 2016 – 2020

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Authority’s Financial Strategy, projected forward the Authority’s General Fund budgets to 2019/20, and suggested a detailed budget approach for the 2016/17 General Fund Budget.

Recommended:

- a That the Financial Strategy shown as Appendix A to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved;**
- b That the General Fund budget projections for 2016/17 to 2019/20 be noted; and**
- c That the budget approach, set out in section 12 of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be adopted.**

24 Budgetary Control Report 2015/16 - Period Ended 31 August 2015

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 August 2015. The 2015/2016 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 Board.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

25 **Broadband Update and Match Funding**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) provided an update on the progress made to improve broadband coverage and speeds in the Borough. The Boards views were also sought on providing additional match funding to enable further investment including Broadband Delivery (BDUK) grant funding to be accessed.

Recommended:

- a **That the match funding proposal as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Services) be agreed; and**
- b **That growth in the General Fund of £147,868, for 2016/17 and the following two years be approved.**

26 **Information and Communications Technology Strategy 2015 – 2019**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) presented the draft Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy for 2015 – 2019 to Members.

Recommended:

That the draft Information and Communications Technology Strategy, provided as Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Services), be approved.

27 **Civil Parking Enforcement**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought Members' support for Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council to work together on a joint approach to parking enforcement and management within North Warwickshire. Members were also asked to consider the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement across the Borough.

Recommended:

- a **That North Warwickshire Borough Council jointly explore with Warwickshire County Council the future of parking management and enforcement across the Borough;**
- b **That the application for the implementation of a Civil Enforcement Area be formally supported by North Warwickshire Borough Council by giving**

its agreement to Warwickshire County Council to support the process of implementation;

- c That in order to complement and support the future implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement within the Borough, a fundamental review of North Warwickshire Borough Council's off-street parking management and enforcement be undertaken;**
- d That a Civil Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Group be arranged to consist of four Members from the Conservative Group and two Members from the Labour Group;**
- e That free parking be retained in car parks in North Warwickshire and the review will involve consultations with local residents, businesses and Town and Parish Councils.**

28 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2015

The Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Executive Board for April to June 2015.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

29 Minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 21 July and 10 September 2015

The minutes of the meetings of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 21 July and 10 September 2015 were received and noted.

30 Minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 August, 18 August and 16 September 2015

The minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 August 2015, 18 August and 16 September 2015 were received and noted.

Recommended:

- a That in respect of Minute No 6 (Request for Flexible Retirement) of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 18 August 2015, the request be approved;**

- b That in respect of Minute No 8 (Statutory Officer Disciplinary and Dismissal Procedure) of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 16 September 2015:**
 - i That the Statutory Officer Disciplinary and Procedure, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be adopted;**
 - ii That the Constitution of the Council be amended to include the revised arrangements; and**
 - iii That the consultation with the Statutory Officers to amend their contracts of employment in line with the Statutory Officer Disciplinary and Dismissal Procedure, be endorsed.**

31 Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 14 July 2015

The minutes of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 14 July 2015 were received and noted.

David Humphreys
Chairman

**Notes of the meeting of Area Forum West
Hurley Village Hall, Hurley
Tuesday 22 September 2015**

Present: Borough Councillor Jenns in the Chair.
Borough Councillors Lewis, Payne and Phillips. Borough and County Councillor Moss.

In attendance: J Price and R Beggs - North Warwickshire Borough Council. PC Ramsdell and PCSO Beale - Warwickshire Police. P Wilcox – Warwickshire County Council. A Vaughton and P Simkin – Curdworth Parish Council. D Simkin - resident. C Ayassamy and J McNally – Kingsbury Parish Council. T Hardman – NWNW. R Pearson – Coleshill and District Civic Society. J Moore.

Apologies: Borough and County Councillor Lea. Borough Councillor Reilly. J Rowland – Middleton Parish Council. P Hooper – Warwickshire County Council. I & J Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association. M Weatherley and A Rimmer – Curdworth Parish Council. Mrs Sargeant – resident.

1 Notes of the meeting held 11 June 2015

The notes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Safer Neighbourhoods

The following Safer Neighbourhood priorities were agreed.

- Speeding Tamworth/Coventry Road, Kingsbury and parking around Kingsbury Primary School.
- Speeding Marsh Lane, Water Orton
- Speeding Birmingham Road, Water Orton.

3 Minerals Plan Consultation

Paul Wilcox, Warwickshire County Council, gave a presentation on the Minerals Plan Preferred Option and Policies documentation which was going out for consultation in October 2015 for 6 weeks. The presentation highlighted an area of land at Lea Marston identified for possible sand and gravel excavation. Further details can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mineralsplan

4 Next meeting

Thursday 26 November 2015 at Piccadilly Community Centre.