

**Notes of the meeting of Area Forum West
Hurley Village Hall, Hurley,
Thursday 29 September 2016**

Present: Borough and County Councillor Lea in the Chair.
Borough Councillors Lewis, Phillips, Reilly and Waters.
Borough and County Councillor Moss.

In attendance: J Price and D Barratt - North Warwickshire Borough Council. PC Ramsdell and PCSO's Beale and Owen - Warwickshire Police. A Gloster and L Harvey – Warwickshire County Council. A Vaughton and M Weatherley – Curdworth Parish Council. J Goodall, A Robinson, V Barker, J Deebank, H Gledhill, D McKenzie, S Mansell, N Mansell, P Turner, B Barrett, S Crichton and H Simpson – residents. C Ayassamy, A Simpson and J Thomas – Kingsbury Parish Council. B Woolaston and D Stanley - Nether Whitacre Parish Council. J Rowland – Middleton Parish Council. I Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association.

Apologies: Borough Councillors Jenns and Payne. P Hooper – Warwickshire County Council. P Simkin – Curdworth Parish Council.

1 Notes of the meeting held 9 June 2016

The notes of the meeting held on 9 June 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Safer Neighbourhoods

The following Safer Neighbourhood priority was agreed.

- Anti-social behaviour at George Road, Water Orton.

Other issues raised were;

- A request for a reduction in the speed limit and the installation of traffic lights on the canal bridge on Bodymoor Heath Road, Marston. **Action:** The Communities Liaison Officer (WCC) to be requested to arrange a visit site with the relevant agencies to review the matter.
- Incidents of fly tipping in the area of Rush Lane, Whateley and generally around the Borough. It was reported that a multi-agency initiative to tackle the problem was being undertaken.

3 Warwickshire County Council update

Lori Harvey, WCC Northern Area Team, was welcomed to the meeting and highlighted grants available to community and voluntary groups.

- Community Computers – lap tops available to community groups.
- County Councillor Grant scheme. Application deadline 31 October 2016.

- Community Buildings Capital Grant fund.
- Smart Start – aimed at schemes for 0-5 yrs old.

For further information visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk or contact Lori Harvey – loriharvey@warwickshire.gov.uk

4 Cyber Crime Presentation

Alex Gloster gave a detailed presentation on the types of cyber crime. A range of examples, statistics, warning signs, and top tips on keeping safe were highlighted.

5 Update on the new Local Plan for the Borough

Dorothy Barrett gave a presentation on the new Local Plan for North Warwickshire and highlighted areas in the plan relevant to Area Forum West.

Formal consultation on the new plan would commence on 10 November 2016. Any comments on the plan should be forwarded to the Borough Council before the deadline of 5 January 2017.

6 Date of the next meeting

Thursday 24 November 2016. Venue to be confirmed.