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Our ref : DH/JB C7

Date : 7 December 2010

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, the Council House, South Street, Atherstone, on Wednesday 15 December 2010 at 6.30pm. The Reverend Roger Chamberlain, Priest in Charge, St Nicholas's Church, Baddesley Ensor will be in attendance to lead the Council in Prayer.

After prayer, the following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss, Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth) Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) all of which interests are deemed to be declared at this meeting.
- 4 The Mayor to move, in accordance with Standing Order No 6(1):

"That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2010 be approved as a correct record".
- 5 To receive the Mayor's announcements.

- 6 To answer Questions from Members and the Public pursuant to Standing Order No. 7.
- 7 To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of the following Boards circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon:
 - a **Community and Environment Board** 4 October 2010 – (Pages 152 - 157)
 - b **Resources Board** 11 October and 22 November 2010 – (Pages 158 - 167)
 - c **Area Forum East** 12 October 2010 – (Pages 168 - 170)
 - d **Area Forum West** 14 October 2010 – (Pages 171 - 175)
 - e **Planning and Development Board** 18 October and 15 November 2010 (Pages 176 - 182)
 - f **Area Forum South** 21 October 2010 – (Pages 183 - 187)
 - g **Area Forum North** 26 October 2010 – (Pages 188 - 193)
 - h **Standards Committee** 2 November 2010 – (Pages 194 - 195)
 - i **Executive Board** 29 November 2010 – (Pages 196 - 201)
 - j **Scrutiny Board** 7 December 2010 - (to follow)
- 8 To receive and consider any Notice of Motion under with Standing Order No. 10.
- 9 To authorise the Chief Executive, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution, to Sign and Seal, on behalf of the Council, any Orders, Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Council.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: Councillor Johnston in the Chair.

Councillors Butcher, Davis, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Hayfield, Lea, Lewis, May, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Sherratt, Smith, Smitten, Swann, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Welby, Winter, Wykes and Zgraja and Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Jenkins, Moore, Pickard and Simpson.

Before the commencement of business, Councillor Sherratt led the Council in Prayer.

21 Declarations of Interest

Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillor Freer declared a personal interest in Minute 16 (d) (Application No 2010/267 95 Witherley Road, Atherstone) of the meeting of Planning and Development Board held on 19 July 2010 by reason of being the applicant.

22 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 9 June, 28 June and 16 August 2010 were approved as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

23 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported on the following;

- That the Mayor's charity dinner was to be held on 30 October 2010 at the Memorial Hall;
- That the Mayor's Civic service was to be held on 21 November 2011 at Trinity Church, Hartshill; and
- That the Mayor's Golf day was to be held on 14 April 2011 at The Belfry.

24 **Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7**

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

25 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

a) Community and Environment Board – 21 June 2010

It was proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 21 June 2010 be approved and adopted.

b) Planning and Development Board – 14 June, 19 July, 16 August and 13 September 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Lea, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 14 June, 19 July, 16 August and 13 September 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

c) Resources Board – 5 July and 6 September 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Resources Board held on 5 July and 6 September 2010, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

d) Executive Board – 28 June and 14 September 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield, seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Executive Board held on 28 June and 14 September 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

e) Area Forum (South) – 13 July 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Gordon and

Resolved:

That, the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 13 July 2010 be approved and adopted.

f) Area Forum (North) – 22 July 2010

In respect of Minute 4 (request for a directional sign to Birch Coppice on the eastern side of the A5) it was agreed that this Council should send a letter of support to the Highways authority.

It was proposed by Councillor Sweet, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 22 July 2010 be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (East) – 27 July 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Freer and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum (North) held on 27 July 2010 be approved and adopted.

h) Area Forum (West) – 29 July 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Lea, seconded by Councillor Swann and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 29 July 2010 be approved and adopted.

i) Licensing Committee – 6 September 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That subject to the inclusion of Councillor Wykes being recorded as present at the meeting, the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 6 September 2010, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

j) Scrutiny Board – 20 September 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Swann and seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 20 September 2010, be approved and adopted.

26 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 10

There were no Notices of Motion received under Standing Order No. 10.

27 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

4 October 2010

Present: Councillor May in the Chair

Councillors L Dirveiks, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Sherratt, Smitten, Y Stanley and Wykes.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pickard.

16 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fox and May and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill) and Smitten (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

17 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2010, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 August 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

19 **Play Area Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out the progress in respect of the implementation of the Play Area Development Programme and sought authorisation from the Board for officers to pursue potential alternative sources of funding for projects in Old Arley and Kingsbury and sought approval to remove redundant play equipment in Polesworth.

Resolved:

- a That the progress in respect of the Play Area Development Programme be noted and approved;
- b That officers be authorised to pursue potential alternative sources of funding pending the outcome of the Government's review of the Playbuilder programme; and
- c That, following the circulation of information to local residents and subject to there being no adverse reaction from the immediate catchment community, the proposal to remove redundant play equipment at Sunset Close, Polesworth, be approved.

20 **Draft North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy**

As requested by the Board at its meeting held in June 2010, the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) presented the revised Draft North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy to the Board for adoption following further consultation with partners.

Resolved:

That subject, where relevant, to the need to consider the provisions of the supporting Action and Funding Plan within the context provided by the Council's overall capital and revenue budgetary requirements, the North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy 2010 to 2020, be adopted.

21 **Allotments Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out the progress in respect of the implementation of the Allotments Development Programme and sought the Board's approval to vary the support previously proposed for the development of allotments in Hurley.

Resolved:

- a That the progress in respect of the Allotments Development Programme, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) and detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted and approved;
- b That the expenditure of the budget of £10,000 in support of the development of allotments on County Council owned land off Knowle Hill, Hurley, be approved;

- c That the reimbursement to Hurley Allotment Association of the first year's rent for the site off Knowle Hill, Hurley, from the approved budget, be approved;**
- d That the Borough Council, for the first three years following commencement of the lease, underwrites a bond, up to a maximum of £1700, for the future reinstatement of the site at Knowle Hill, Hurley; and**

Recommendation to the Resources Board

- e That the land off Queensway, Hurley, remain in the General Fund and the Authority seeks to develop the site for social or affordable housing.**

22 Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board of the opportunity for the Authority to take part in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.

Recommendation to Council:

That the following sites be put forward for inclusion in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge programme;

- Brook Walk Recreation Ground, Mancetter;**
- Abbey Green Park, Polesworth;**
- Old Arley Recreation Ground, Arley; and**
- Sycamore Road Recreation Ground, Kingsbury.**

23 Atherstone Leisure Complex – Redevelopment of Crèche Space

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) detailed a specific development proposal for a viable alternative use of the space released through closure of the crèche at Atherstone Leisure Complex for consideration by the Board.

Resolved:

That, on the basis of the financial and usage projections detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), the development of the proposed Lifetime Fitness Studio subsequent to the closure of the crèche at Atherstone Leisure Complex and the proposed level of charges identified in the report, be approved.

24 Leisure Facilities – Bank Holiday Closures

The Board's approval was sought for the Bank Holiday closure of leisure facilities during 2011/12.

Resolved:

That a further report be brought back to the Board with detailed costing of opening Leisure Facilities on Bank Holidays during 2011/12.

25 Progress report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2010.

The Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board from April – June 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

26 Council Response to the Griffin Report into the Major Outbreak of E.Coli 0157 in 2009

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council summarised the findings of the Griffin report into the major outbreak of E.Coli at a children's farm in Surrey in 2009 and the actions taken in response to this incident at the time and since the publication of the report. The Board's approval was sought to appoint the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council or in his absence the Environmental Health Manager, as the person responsible for managing the Council's participation in outbreak control.

Resolved:

- a That the actions taken by the Environmental Health Division prior to and following the publication of the Griffin report be noted; and**
- b That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council or in his absence the Environmental Health Manager, be authorised to manage the Council's participation in outbreak control.**

27 **Leisure and Community Development Division – Divisional Service Plan**

Members were informed of the progress that had been made in respect of achieving the actions identified in the Leisure and Community Development Division's approved 2010/11 Service Plan.

Resolved:

That the progress made by the Leisure and Community Development Division in achieving the outcomes identified in its 2010/11 Service Plan, be noted.

28 **Sports Club Development Officer – Progress Report**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) highlighted the progress made by the Sports Club Development Officer in the first year of the undertaking.

Resolved:

That the valuable progress made to date by the Sports Club Development Officer in achieving the outcomes agreed with Sports England as part of the Community Investment Fund agreement, be noted.

29 **Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Group**

The minutes of the meetings of the Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Group held on 16 June and 1 September 2010 were received and noted.

30 **Warwickshire Waste Seminar**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) informed Members of the content of The Way Ahead for Warwickshire Waste meeting held on 6 September 2010 and also confirmed future attendance by officers and Members at subsequent meetings.

Resolved:

That the contents of the report and, in particular, the intention to repeat the seminars for officers and Members on a quarterly basis, be noted.

31 **National Review of Waste Policies**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's approval for the submission of a response from the Board to the Government's consultation document 'Review of Waste Policies – Call for Evidence'

Resolved:

That the response to the 'Review of Waste Policies – Call for Evidence' as shown at Appendix B to the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape), be approved and submitted.

M May
Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

11 October 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Fowler, Fox, Johnston, Lea, Moore, Payne, Smitten and Winter.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Y Stanley.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

46 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox and Lea, and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher and Smitten (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

47 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 5 July and 6 September 2010, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 **Dog Control Orders**

The Assistant Director (Housing) updated Members on the situation with regard to dog control orders and sought approval for consultation on a refreshed Order to cover the whole Borough.

Resolved:

That the draft Order as described in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be approved for statutory and public consultation and responses received be brought back to the Board for determination.

49 **Further Postal Savings**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) detailed a new option for further reducing the Council's spend on postal services and sought approval for a contract to be entered into with Birmingham City Council.

Resolved:

- a **That a contract be entered into with Birmingham City Council for the distribution of outgoing mail, and a review be carried out in 12 months time; and**
- b **That the Assistant Director (Corporate Services) seek costs for improved packaging for the despatch of Members' outgoing post.**

50 **Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2010/2011 Period Ended 31 August 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

51 **Review of Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy**

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided the Board with information about the Council's Private Sector Housing Policy and proposed a revised policy for consideration.

Resolved:

That the policy principles set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be approved.

52 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 August 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2010. The 2010/11 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date were detailed, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

53 Changes to Local Land Charges

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) updated Members on the recent changes to legislation which affected the Local Land Charges service and budgets.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

54 Consolidated Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 – Period Ended 31 August 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Council General Fund revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

55 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

56 Old Bank House Garden Wall and Trees

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) and the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board had used his delegated powers to authorise emergency remedial works to be undertaken to portions of the wall and trees in Old Bank House Garden, Atherstone.

Resolved:

That the decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources Board, to undertake limited work to portions of the wall and trees requiring urgent attention in Old Bank House Garden, be endorsed.

57 **Systems Thinking - Streetscape**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) informed Members of the work being carried out by the Streetscape division to undertake a fundamental review of key aspects of a number of the division's services utilising a systems thinking approach.

Resolved

- a **That the work being undertaken by the Streetscape division on systems thinking be noted; and**
- b **That the decision of the Chief Executive, in agreement with the Chairman of Resources Board, to use his urgent business powers to appoint Vanguard Consulting to provide support on the project, be endorsed.**

L Smith
Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

22 November 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Fowler, Fox, Johnston, Lea, Moore, Payne, Smitten, Y Stanley and Winter.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

58 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox and Lea, and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher, Smitten and Y Stanley (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

59 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – September 2010**

The Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to September 2010.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

60 **Sites in Council Ownership**

The Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council and the Assistant Director (Streetscape) highlighted a number of sites within the Council's ownership that could be developed as housing sites. In addition, other sites within the County Council's ownership which could come forward for development were also detailed.

Recommended:

- a That the sites in the Council's ownership be declared surplus to requirements and put forward for housing development;**
- b That Officers be authorised to carry out the preparatory works detailed in the report;**

- c That Officers prepare a detailed report on progress for the Resources Board to be held in February 2011 with a view to the sites being developed for housing in early 2011; and**
- d That Officers be authorised to make further contact with the County Council and other public bodies with a view to releasing sites within their ownership for housing.**

61 Capital Programme 2010/11 Period Ending October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2010/11 Capital Programme in terms of both expenditure and outcomes.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the 2010/11 Capital Programme be noted;**
- b That the virement of £122,000 from the Contingency fund to carry out the work at Drayton Court on windows and fire doors be approved;**
- c That the reduction of £20,350 in the 2011/12 capital programme be approved; and**
- d That the virements of £63,000 from heating to kitchens, and £28,000 from garage refurbishments to disabled facility adaptations, be approved.**

62 The Draft Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2011/12

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) highlighted the main changes proposed within the draft Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2011/12.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That a response be sent to the Communities and Local Government (CLG) in line with the points made in paragraph 8.1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources).**

63 Royal Bank of Scotland – Instant Access Account Indemnity

Under Paragraph 100B4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed to the consideration of this matter by reason of the requirement of the Royal Bank of Scotland to have an Indemnity resolved by the Resources Board.

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the opening of an instant access bank account and sought the Board's approval for the Deputy Chief Executive to be authorised to sign the Royal Bank of Scotland indemnity form.

Resolved:

That the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Royal Bank of Scotland Indemnity form.

64 LEADER Funding

Under Paragraph 100B4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed to the consideration of this matter by reason of the requirement to support community and voluntary sector led LEADER projects.

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on projects led by the community and voluntary sector being undertaken through the LEADER programme.

Resolved:

That the decision of the Chief Executive, undertaken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to use his urgent business powers to support community and voluntary sector led LEADER projects in the manner described in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be endorsed.

65 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual investment Strategy – Mid-Year Review Report 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive detailed the Treasury Management activity during the first six months of 2010/11.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

66 Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31

October 2010. The 2010/11 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date were detailed, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

67 Consolidated Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 – Period Ended 31 October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Council General Fund revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 October 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

68 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2010/2011 Period Ended 31 October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 October 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

69 Progress Report on Human Resources Issues

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) advised Members of the progress being made against the Human Resources Strategy Action Plan, work being done by the Human Resources team, the sickness levels for the period of April 2010 to September 2010 and provided some further information on action taken in managing absence.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

70 Internal Audit – Performance for Second Quarter 2010-11

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the progress of the Council's Internal Audit function against the agreed plan of work for the year.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

71 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

72 **Internal Audit – Staffing Structure**

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined a planned improvement to the structure of the Internal Audit team.

Resolved:

That the proposed staffing structure of the Internal Audit team as set out in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved.

73 **Units at Innage Park Phase 1**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought consideration of an offer received from an existing tenant to purchase, from the Council, the freehold on several units at Innage Park, Atherstone.

Recommended:

- a That units 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 at Innage Park, Atherstone (along with associated land and car parking spaces) be declared surplus to requirements; and**
- b That the sale of the units and associated land to the current tenants of units 14, 15, 16 and 17 be approved, subject to negotiation of the sale price and terms to the satisfaction of officers and with the agreement before completion of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources Board.**

74 **Limes Developments – Update**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought approval for the long stop date agreed between the Council and Limes Developments which was extended on 24 May 2010 to be further extended until 30 March 2012.

Resolved:

That the long stop date agreed between the Council and Limes Development be extended until 30 March 2012.

75 Additional Payment – Temporary Housing Register Officer

The Assistant Director (Housing) sought agreement to award an additional payment to a member of staff in the Housing Management Team to cover for a temporary vacant post.

Resolved:

That an additional payment, as detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be awarded to the temporary Housing Register Officer for temporarily undertaking additional duties previously undertaken by the Homelessness Support Officer in the Housing Management Pre-Tenancy Team.

L Smith
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM EAST

12th October 2010

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm The Partnership Centre,
Coleshill Road, Atherstone

Present: Councillor M Davis in the Chair

County Councillor / Police Authority - C Fox

County Councillor M Shaw

Borough Councillors: T Wykes, N Dirveiks, L Dirveiks, L Freer

In Attendance: S Robson, A Rigby - Warwickshire CC
S Garner, C Bridges, K Barrow, J Taylor - North Warwickshire BC
Sgt Fildes, PCSO Mander, PCSO Hoskin, Kirven - Warwickshire Police
K Gray, J Freer – NHS Warwickshire
A Wright, R Jarvis, G Davis - Atherstone TC; J Randle - Hartshill PC; J
Arrowsmith – Mancetter PC
J Sims, K Harper, I Filmer, C Wykes, S Lamb, M Horner

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from B Hanson, Mancetter PC, S Healey, J Marshall, D Clews, G Roberts, Robin Turton

2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 27 July 2010

The minutes were agreed as a true record with the following amendment:

To include under apologies for absence Cllr T Wykes

Boxing Academy for Atherstone is progressing slowly. The project is currently awaiting commitment from partners now that planning permission has been granted.

LEADER representative for Area Forum East is K Harper.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

Sgt Fildes presented an update on police activity over the last 3 months and gave a summary of the progress and actions to address the Area Forum priorities chosen at the last meeting. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

On 12 September Warwickshire Police and partners held a Community Safety Day in Hartshill to find out the views on how safe young people felt. Generally young people felt safe but wanted more visible policing and known crime hotspot areas improved to deter further crime.

Sgt Fildes summarised Warwickshire Police 150 Plus Programme in responding to budgetary cuts. The Force is looking to reduce costs by £5.7m in 2010/11 and by £13.4m over three years. Some of this will be achieved through rationalisation of senior management.

There are currently no proposals to merge with any neighbouring police forces. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams will continue to be based at Atherstone and Coleshill stations. The new opening times for the front desks at both stations will be 8am – 4pm.

Comments made:

- Over 40% of violent crime involves alcohol. This issue affects a wide range of different age groups.
- Tannery Close – life for residents is getting worse. Recent incidents include: graffiti, broken bottles, drug dealing, fighting, verbal abuse, urinating in public. Local PCSO to respond by visiting Mr Lamb and to collect the incident list recorded by Mr Lamb. Partners to look at siting of mobile CCTV camera and to check existing street lighting provision
- Parking at bottom of School Hill, Chapel End. PCSO Hoskins to speak to company concerned

Priorities for next 3 months

The following priorities were agreed:

Parking – Long Street, Atherstone

ASB – Alcohol related crime Atherstone Town Centre

ASB – Tannery Close, Atherstone

Sgt Ron Drake has retired from Warwickshire Police but will continue to work in the local area as the newly appointed Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator – funded by Community Safety Partnership for 12 months from 1 November.

4. Police Authority Representative

Cllr Fox introduced herself as the North Warwickshire lead for the Police Authority.

For details on how the Police Authority is responding to the government's Comprehensive Spending Review visit:

www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk

Views were invited on the role of Special Constables within Warwickshire Police. Currently a considerable number of civilians have volunteered to be trained as warranted officers.

A request was made for the Police Authority to approach the Chief Constable to look again at giving additional powers to PCSOs to issue parking tickets.

5. North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Fund

S Robson introduced the new Fund which supports local projects to help address the 3 priorities of the new North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy (NWSCS):

- Developing Healthier Communities
- Improving Access to Services
- Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment & Skills

North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council have allocated £20,000 to Area Forum East to support projects that have been commissioned by North Warwickshire Community Partnership.

8 projects were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to make comments on the individual projects and indicate which of the eight projects they thought were most appropriate for the Forum area.

There was also the opportunity for people to put forward their own project ideas to help address the priorities of NWSCS.

Cllr Davis thanked everyone for their contributions. A report will be presented to councillors which will include the views expressed by the Forum. North Warwickshire Borough Councillors and Warwickshire County Councillors will then vote to allocate the funding on behalf of the Forum.

6. Tell Us Your Issues

None were raised

7. Any Other Business

A Rigby announced an opportunity for local community groups and town / parish councils to apply for up to 2 recycled computers from WCC. Application forms were made available. The closing date for the scheme was 22 October.

Concern was raised over the lack of adequate cover for the post of Dog Warden, NWBC. Angela Coates, Assistant Director Housing, NWBC to respond with an update at the next meeting.

Rubbish bins continue to be a problem, particularly at the back of residential properties. Commercial waste bins are also being left unattended. Cllr Shaw to pass on further details.

Mancetter Parish Council requested that all local councils are consulted on the future dates of Area Forums to avoid clashes of meeting dates.

8. Suggestions for item / themes for the next meeting

None were raised

9. Date of Next Meeting

11 January 2011 at Mancetter Memorial Hall

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

14 October 2010

The Area Forum West met at Hurley Village Hall, Hurley,
at 6.30pm.

- Present:** Borough Councillor Payne in the Chair
Borough and County Councillors B Moss and Lea
Borough Councillors Lewis and M Moss.
- In attendance:** Linda Bird, Jenny Price and Robert Beggs -North
Warwickshire Borough Council
Alistair Rigby and Bob Perks – Warwickshire County Council
Sergeant Shaun Albrighton, and PCSO Tim Strathen,
Warwickshire Police
Jean and Ian Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association
Steve Turner – Wood End Community Association
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority
Paulette Ross and Anne Rimmer – Curdworth Parish Council
Jenny Pearson – Hurley Community Association
John Rowland – Middleton Parish Council
John Fenton, Tony Hardman, Mick Levy, N. Wigglesworth,
and Chris Passey – Kingsbury residents
Kevin Oakley and John Poole – Lea Marston Parish Council
David White – WCAVA
- Apologies:** Councillors Phillips, Simpson and Swann, Sue Turner,
Carolyn Piper and Alan Vaughton.

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Matters Arising

EMR

WCC County Highways confirmed that the vegetation had been cut back adjacent to signs on Trinity Road and that they have recommended the hedges be cut back more with a flail mower, both sides of the bridge.

Car Boot Sales – Dog Inn Car Park, Water Orton

It was confirmed that the car boot sales would be moving to Coleshill Town Football Club.

Signage

Designs and site plans for new/replacement signage at Kingsbury Link and Wishaw Lane, Curdworth were shared.

3 **Safer Neighbourhoods – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

Sergeant Shaun Albrighton, Warwickshire Police, together with Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken on the three PACT priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

Anti Social Behaviour – Range Way, Kingsbury

In response to an email and letters received by the Borough Council and points raised by residents at the meeting concerning the possibility of a gating order to close off the walkway at Range Way, Kingsbury, it was agreed that the matter would be looked into further and a detailed written reply be sent to all concerned. It was also agreed that the broader issue of gating orders should be brought back to a future meeting to give a greater understanding of these orders.

A general discussion then followed about the next set of priorities to take forward for this round.

It was decided that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum West were:-

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Range Way, Kingsbury
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Wood End
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Glebefields, Curdworth

It was also noted that reports of anti-social behaviour and possible drug dealings at Piccadilly Community Centre car park was raised. Reports of any incidents or intelligence will be monitored during the next period.

The Chair reported that Sgt Ron Drake (Warwickshire Police) had retired from the Police after 36 years of service and wished to pass on his and the Forums appreciation of the service provided by Sgt Drake over the years. They wished him well in his retirement and looked forward to his continued good work in his new role.

Ron Drake subsequently responded – *“I would like to thank Councillor Payne and the Forum for the good wishes. I have enjoyed a good working relationship over the years with the Borough, County and Parish Councils in North Warwickshire. During my 36 years of service I have met lots of people and enjoyed my time in the job. I will look back with fondness”.*

5 **Police Authority Community Confidence**

Carol Fox, Police Authority representative for Area Forum West introduced herself to the meeting and explained her role. Carol highlighted the difficult task of managing future budget cuts and sought ideas, input and feedback from the community on the use and roles of special constables and community crime fighters.

6 **Public Questions and Parish Issues**

Tony Hardman referred to problems around the EMR site at Kingsbury, which were;

- abuse of the 7.5 tonne weight restrictions in Trinity Road ;
- vehicles getting stuck at the Trinity Road bridge; and
- acrid yellow smoke from the EMR site;

Response:

- WCC County Highways confirmed that existing signs would be maintained as required with replacement items ordered.
- The safety aspect of breathing in smoke fumes from the iron cutter used on the EMR site would be investigated and reported back.

Further issues were raised concerning signage for the low bridge at Piccadilly. It was reported that the sign opposite the farm had been flattened and that the vegetation surrounding existing signs was overgrown and obscuring them from sight.

It was requested that the owners of the illuminated sign for Kingsbury Link be contacted to maintain the sign better.

Response:

- WCC County Highways to respond to the above and to a request for an update on 7.5 tonne weight limit signs for Wood End.

7 **North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Funding**

Robert Beggs (NWBC) introduced a new development to identify projects that help address the priorities of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy. The Borough and County Councils together had allocated a fund of £20,000 to each Area Forum to enable focused activity to happen in each of the Forum areas to take forward the three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS);

The priorities are :

- Developing healthier communities
- Improving access to services
- Raising aspirations, educational attainment and skills.

The forum was asked to consider some potential project proposals together with some identified evidence information about the issues and needs of the wards and parishes within the forum area.

Those present split into small groups and were encouraged to discuss the projects and express their views on the project proposals or to come up with ideas of their own.

Details of each proposed project together with local information produced by Warwickshire Observatory were given to each group. All of the information coming from the discussions at the meeting would be collated and considered by the Borough and County Councillors who have responsibility to make a decision on the allocation of funding.

A further update on the project proposals and the allocation of the funding would be provided at the next meeting of the forum. All those taking part in the forum discussions were thanked for their participation which had generated a lot of useful comments and ideas.

8 Future Agenda Items

- .EMR issues – update/progress
- Gating Orders.
- Sustainable Community Strategy Funding

9. Any Other Business

David White reported that Warwickshire CAVA had applied to the LEADER project for funding to provide a Rural Youth Worker for the three villages of Hurley, Wood End and Piccadilly. The role of this post would be to promote positive activities for young people. Support for the project was sought from Councillors and other groups.

Alistair Rigby (WCC) highlighted the Community Computers 2010 project. Warwickshire County Council has 125 recycled desktop computers available free to voluntary and community groups within Warwickshire. Application deadline was 5pm on 25 October 2010. More information and application details were available from www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Steve Turner (Wood End Community Association) reported that the three villages of Wood End, Hurley and Piccadilly had applied and received funding for a printer to produce a two year calendar. This had now been produced and included past and present pictures of the villages. The calendar was priced at £4.00 and was available from local shops and community groups etc.

10. Future Meeting Dates

The future meeting dates for 2011 were noted.

The next meeting of Area Forum West will be held on Thursday 27 January 2011 at St Nicholas Church Hall, Glebefields, Curdworth.

Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

18 October 2010

Present: Councillor Simpson the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Davis, L Dirveiks, Lea, Morson,
Sherratt, Swann, Sweet, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors
Jenkins, B Moss and M Stanley.

Councillors Gordon and May were also in attendance.

40 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Lea and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone) and Sherratt (Coleshill) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

41 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 14 June, 19 July, 16 August and 13 September 2010, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42 **Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board. Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

- a **That subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement and the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control, Application No 2009/0126 (BEC Engineering Ltd, Richmond Road, Atherstone) be approved;**
- b **That, provided no adverse representations are received during the consultation period, Application No 2010/0295 Waverton Avenue Allotments, Waverton Avenue, Warton be**

approved subject to conditions set out in the report of the Head of Development Control; and

- c That in respect of Application No 2010/0451 (Pooley Country Park Pooley Lane Polesworth Warwickshire) the County Council be informed that the Council does not object to the proposal and the Head of Development Control be asked to forward to the County Council the observations received from Councillor M Stanley.**

43 Planning Application Validation Requirements

The Head of Development Control reported on proposed revisions to the Council's Planning Application Validation Requirements document and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

- a That the revisions to the Council's Planning Application Validation Requirements document be agreed for consultation purposes;**
- b That a further report outlining the representations received be brought to Board for it to consider prior to formal adoption of the document;**
- c That the Head of Development Control be asked to prepare a separate précis version for householder applications.**

44 Draft Tree Preservation Regulations

The Head of Development Control reported that the Government had published draft revisions to the Regulations governing Tree Preservation Orders for consultation purposes.

Resolved:

That the draft Regulations be noted.

45 Exclusion of the Public and Press.

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Act.

46 **Tree Preservation Orders**

The Head of Development Control sought authority for the making of two Tree Preservation Orders and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

- a **That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of an oak at 8 Shawbury Lane, Shawbury and that any representations made be referred back to the Board when it decides whether to confirm that Order or not; and**
- b **That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of five oak trees on land off Nuthurst Crescent in Ansley, and that any representations made be referred back to the Board when it decides whether to confirm that Order or not.**

47 **Breaches of Planning Control**

The Head of Development Control reported on an alleged breach of planning control and the Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That in the case of 81 Ansley Common, Ansley and adjoining land:

- a **the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to offer the operator of a vehicle recovery business a formal caution in relation to a breach of planning control, namely, that: at the time the site was inspected, the operator had not ceased the use of the land for a vehicle recovery business, together with the storage of recovery vehicles, scrap, and car parts, which is required by an extant planning enforcement notice; and**
- b **should this caution be accepted by the operator, that it is no longer, currently expedient to take legal action, through the Magistrates' Court in relation to this matter.**

48 **House at the rear of 71/73 Coleshill Road, Water Orton**

Under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman had agreed to the consideration of this report by reason of the need to for possible urgent legal action.

The Board was informed of the planning history in respect of a house at the rear of 71/73 Coleshill Road, Water Orton and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That it is not considered expedient to take enforcement action against the failure to submit a planning application for the provision of a service trench at this address, for the reasons outlined in the report of the Head of Development Control.

M Simpson
Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

15 November 2010

Present: Councillor Simpson the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Davis, L Dirveiks, Jenkins, Lea, B Moss, M Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morson and Sherratt.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

49 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Lea, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone), B Moss (Kingsbury) and M Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

50 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 October 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 October 2010. The 2010/2011 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, were given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be asked to include in future reports forward looking projections for the Key Performance Indicators Appendix.

51 **Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved:

- a That the action taken by the Chief Executive under his emergency powers in respect of Application No 2008/0575 (Plots 42 and 43, Former Builders Yard, Hayes Road, Hartshill), be confirmed;**

- b That Application No 2010/0368 (The Stables, Caldecote Hall Drive, Caldecote) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;**
- c That consideration of Application No 2010/0403 (Sandrock, Tamworth Road, Corley) be deferred for a site visit;**
- d That the Head of Development Control be asked to arrange a training session on the Green Belt; and**
- e That Application No 2010/0488 (The Elms, Kingsbury Road, Marston) be approved subject to the following additional conditions**
 - “6 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended, or as may be subsequently amended, there shall be no extension or addition made to the existing building without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority; and**
 - 7 There shall be no more than six car parking spaces provided on the premises at any time, which for the avoidance of doubt includes the two places to be provided in the garage referred to in condition number 5.”**

52 Section 106 Agreements - Variations

The Head of Development Control submitted a draft paper outlining the options that the Council could consider to increase flexibility in Section 106 Agreements as a consequence of the current economic conditions.

Recommended to the Executive Board:

That the draft paper outlining the options that the Council could consider to increase flexibility in Section 106 Agreements be added to the Council’s Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing following consideration of any responses from the consultation period.

53 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2010 to September 2010

Members were informed of the achievement of the Council’s Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets for 2010 during April to September 2010.

Resolved:

- a That the performance achieved for the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets for April to September 2010, be noted.

Recommended to Executive Board:

- b That the Council be requested to review all Corporate Plan targets referring to the Core Strategy pending the publication of the Localism Bill.

54 **Tree Preservation Order – Coventry Road, Coleshill**

The Board was invited to confirm the action taken by the Chief Executive under his emergency powers, following consultation with the Chairman and the Solicitor to the Council to make a Tree Preservation Order at Coventry Road, Coleshill.

Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chief Executive under his emergency powers, to make an Emergency Tree Preservation Order in respect of one oak tree for the reasons given in the report of the Head of Development Control, be confirmed, and that any representations received be referred to the Board for it to consider when it decides whether to make the Order permanent.

M Simpson
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM SOUTH

Thursday 21 October 2010

The Area Forum South met at Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair.

Councillors Fowler, Gordon, Sherratt,

In Attendance: Cheryl Bridges, Jaki Douglas, – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Joanne Rhodes, Mark Davey & Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Sgt Sean Albrighton, Inspector Mike Smith & PCSO – Warwickshire Police
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
J Poole – Shustoke & Maxstoke Parish Council Clerk
R Thomas, B Cotton – Shustoke Parish Council
J McDonald – Corley Parish Council
B Martin, Katrina Sansome – Ansley Parish Council
Paul Reader – Arley Parish Council
Alison Perkins – Astley Parish Council
David White - reVolve

Laraine Jones, Tony Austin, Maxstoke residents
Jack Stuart, Bena Stuart, Coleshill residents

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Fox, Smith, Bowden, Zgraja, Stanley Osbourne (Corley)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 13 July 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

Road signs at Church End had been inspected and were working correctly. It was highlighted that they were still not working properly. This would be followed up with the County Council team responsible for the signs.

4. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

Sergeant Sean Albrighton, Warwickshire Police and Cheryl Bridges, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

The Forum was informed that Sergeant Ron Drake had retired and taken up the role of anti social behaviour co-ordinator. The Forum wished Ron well and thanked him for all the good works undertaken over the years in North Warwickshire.

Inspector Mike Smith introduced himself and indicated that he was taking over from Alan Bamford.

The three priorities identified were:

Alcohol related violence on High Street, Coleshill on Friday & Saturday nights

Anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the allotments in Ansley Common

Speeding on Gun Hill adjacent to the school in the evening & weekend. Following confirmation that speed checks are not conducted after dark it was agreed that speeding in the afternoon would be checked. The potential for local residents to become involved in community speedwatch to assist in addressing the issue would be followed up.

Other issues raised included:

- Parking problems in Shustoke caused by parents collecting children from the school. Cllr Fowler agreed to follow this up when visiting the school in the near future.
- Missing/theft of drain covers in the Corley area.
- Drivers not obeying the no right turn out of Church Hill, Coleshill

5 Police Authority Representative

Cllr Fowler introduced himself as the Area forum South lead for the Police Authority. A number of issues were highlighted including how the Police Authority is responding to the government's Comprehensive Spending Review. Details are available on the Police Authority website:

www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk

6 Sustainable Community Strategy Fund

Joanna Rhodes introduced the new Fund which supports local projects to help address the 3 priorities of the new North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy (NWSCS):

- Developing Healthier Communities
- Improving Access to Services
- Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment & Skills

North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council have allocated £20,000 to Area Forum South to support projects that address the NWSCS priorities.

A number of projects were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to make comments on the individual projects and indicate which of the projects they thought were most appropriate for the Forum area.

There was also the opportunity for people to put forward their own project ideas to help address the priorities of NWSCS.

Cllr Hayfield thanked everyone for their contributions. A report will be presented to councillors which will include the views expressed by the Forum. North Warwickshire Borough Councillors and Warwickshire County Councillors will decide on the projects to be funded.

7 Area Forum Fund

Jaki Douglas introduced the item.

Ansley Village Allotment Society

The Society is replacing an old shed on the site with a new high security allotment storage shed constructed from red brick with a green corrugated roof. The total cost of the project is £9,400. The Society has been awarded funding in the sum of £8,750 from COMMA (the Community Aggregates Fund), is re-using the existing steel and heavy wood doors valued at £150 and has only requested a sum of £500 towards the project from the Area Forum Fund.

Arley Parish Council

Following requests from the general public and two football teams that use the football field at Hill Top in New Arley; Arley Parish Council has submitted a request to install a litter bin at the site. The total cost of the project is £460 and the Parish Council has requested a sum of £230 from the Area Forum Fund.

Fillongley Village Hall Committee

Fillongley Village Hall Committee manages the operation of a busy village hall. The Hall has been experiencing problems with flooding due to an existing soak-away that fails to clear. When conditions are particularly bad this causes water to enter through airbricks. This problem is threatening the sustainability of the hall activities. The Committee has had surveys undertaken and is requesting funding towards the installation of a land drain. The Committee has requested a grant of £4305 from the Area Forum Fund.

The following project proposals were agreed:

Ansley Village Allotment Society - £500

Arley Parish Council - £230

Fillongley Village Hall Committee - £4305

8 Public Questions & Parish Issues

A number of local issues were highlighted including:

Arley – some local concern and uncertainty about the proposed merger of Gun Hill and Herbert Fowler schools, particularly as a new school will not be constructed for time.

Ansley – The progress being made in implementation the traffic calming scheme in the village. Concern was also raised at the amount of dog fouling in the village. Richard Dobbs indicated that the Borough Council was looking at using other officers within the Borough Council who had enforcement powers to supplement the work of the dog warden.

Ansley Village – Concern was expressed at the number of large goods vehicles now travelling through the village and it was requested that this be followed up to see what action can be taken.

Church End - Signs at Griffin Inn at Church End were still not working properly.

Emergency Road repairs – When a pot hole is reported and subsequently repaired can the repair crew look at other pot holes in the vicinity or are they limited to the pot hole reported for repair.

A446 Vehicle Survey – What are the results of the survey recently undertaken.

LEADER - It was agreed that an update on LEADER would be included in the minutes: The update is as follows:

North Warwickshire – LEADER update

The LEADER Executive Group has made its first grant award to the Landmark Trust for £25,000 which is going to create three circular walks around the Astley Castle Estate.

Four other bids were deferred and are due to come back to the Executive Group for further consideration in the next few weeks.

The funding is being very tightly managed by Advantage West Midlands. It is anticipated that the level of funding available for projects in North Warwickshire may be reduced following the Comprehensive Spending Review. Further information should be available in early November.

Future Meeting Dates

20 January 2011 – Corley Village Hall

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM NORTH

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2010

The Area Forum North met at St Nicholas Church Hall, Hall Top, Baddesley Ensor at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillor Sweet in the Chair.
Borough and County Councillor May.
Borough Councillors Butcher, Moore, Smitten, M Stanley,
Y Stanley and Winter.

In Attendance: Robert Beggs and Amanda Tonks – North Warwickshire
Borough Council
Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Sgt Roger Fildes – Warwickshire Police
John McPhail - Warwickshire Police Authority
Jim Onions – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
Eleanor Pugh - Polesworth Parish Council
Ken Broomfield, Lesley Clarke and Geoff Taylor – Baxterley
Parish Council
Alan Arnold, Mark Garratt, Rev Roger Chamberlain and Lorna
Ferguson – Baddesley Parish Council
Beryl Grix – Austrey Parish Council
Carol Cotterill – Shuttington Neighbourhood Watch
Dave Hanratty and Bill Whitmore – Dordon Parish Council
Ian Bates, Chris Brett, Rachel Sweet and Mandy Williams –
Residents

Apologies: Councillor Morson
David Waithman – Newton Regis, Seckington and No Mans
Heath Parish Council
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority

1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Forum held on 22 July 2010

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum North, held on 22 July 2010, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being noted that Ken Bloomfield and Geoff Taylor (Baxterley Parish Council) were present at that meeting.

2 Matters Arising

A5 Long Street, Dordon

Councillor Sweet gave the following update:-

- All HGV's and dust carts would access the Lower House Lane Recycling site through the Birch Coppice Business Park directly off the A5.
- Due to the potential increase in the number of vehicles using the A5 Dordon island the Highways Agency had requested that a scheme for improvement works on the A5 be implemented to ensure satisfactory movements around the Dordon Island. The following improvement to the A5 were therefore proposed:
 - (i) Installation of vehicle activated signage on both the east and west bound carriageways of the A5 warning traffic to slow down on the approach to the roundabout;
 - (ii) Westbound lane markings to be realigned to provide single lane entry and additional deflection into roundabout;
 - (iii) Additional speed limit roundel to be introduced adjacent to existing splitter island; and
 - (iv) Existing weight limit sign to be relocated to allow provision of Vehicle Activated Signage.
- Additional signage would be provided to direct HGVs to Birch Coppice rather than up Long Street.
- In order for a one way system to be considered for Long Street/Dordon all residents would need to be canvassed and be in favour of a change to the current arrangements. Funding would then need to be secured for the necessary works.

North Warwickshire LEADER Update

Robert Beegs (NWBC) reported that funding for the project was still uncertain for 2010/11. Astley Castle had become the first project to be awarded LEADER funding of £25,000. A decision on three other projects had been deferred to allow further information to be sought from the applicants as to whether the projects could be delivered on time. All projects needed to be able to commit to spend any allocated funding within 2010/11.

- 3 Councillor Sweet introduced Jim Onions (Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Services) to the meeting and explained that he would be the County Council's Lead Officer for the Forum at future meetings.

4 Safer Neighbourhoods

Sergeant Roger Fildes, Warwickshire Police, and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken to address the three priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting (Anti Social Behaviour – Suttington Village Hall (weekends); Anti Social Behaviour – Baddesley Ensor Recreation Ground (weekends); and Speeding – Orton Road, Warton. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

Discussion then followed about the next set of priorities to take forward for the next quarter.

Some concerns were expressed regarding noise and incidents at the Boot Inn, Grendon. Local residents were encouraged to report any incidents to the Police and the Council in order that appropriate responses could be made. Any problems experienced will be monitored during this next period.

It was then agreed that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum North were:-

- Off Road Motorcycles – Baddesley/Baxterley;
- Violent Crime – Polesworth/Dordon; and
- Anti Social Behaviour – Baddesley Ensor Recreation Ground.

A request was made that in future Parish Councils be informed of the three priorities that had been agreed for the Forum Area.

John McPhail, Police Authority representative for the North Warwickshire area introduced himself to the meeting. He explained that the Policy Authority would like to know what affected people's confidence in the Police. A Senior Police Officer would be attending the next Forum meeting to be held on 13 January 2011, to give a presentation on 150 Plus and the implications of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

Further information on the role of the Police Authority was available on their website at www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk.

5 Public Questions and Parish Issues

Ken Broomfield (Chairman – Baxterley Parish Council) asked the following question:

"I would like to raise the point on 7.5 tonne weight limits, and the reasoning behind the large size of this zone that allows any HGV that has visited a site to roam around the whole of the zone to enter and exit that site, and not be restricted to the most direct and suitable way in and out."

Response on behalf of Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire County Council is aware of this issue and a meeting was held recently with the Parish Council which was attended by Councillor Sweet, Phillipa Young and Chris Lambert (WCC). The County Council were now looking at ways to address these issues with the Parish Council.

It was agreed that clarification was needed on the boundaries of the zones and the roads they contained.

6 **Area Forum Funds**

Councillors Moore and Sweet declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the application by Baddesley Ensor Luncheon Club by reason of close relatives being actively involved in the management and administration of the Club, took no part in the discussion or voting thereon and Councillor Sweet vacated the Chair. Councillor Winter was in the Chair whilst this item was considered.

The Forum was asked to consider three eligible applications. The funding available in Area Forum North was £9,311.

- Baddesley Ensor Luncheon Club requested £495 to purchase a fridge freezer, a lockable cupboard and to fund five of its volunteers to undertake a Food Hygiene course
- Birch Coppice Bullets Football Club requested £4,200 towards a project to remove an old concrete football stand at the playing fields at Birch Coppice and to improve the ground to install two new junior pitches
- Shuttington Parish Council requested £165 towards the replacement of swings at Alvecote play area.

Agreed:

- **That an Area Forum Fund grant award of £495 be awarded to Baddesley Ensor Luncheon Club**
- **That an Area Forum Fund grant award of £4,200 be awarded to Birch Coppice Bullets Football Club**
- **That an Area Forum Fund grant award of £165 be awarded to Shuttington Parish Council**

This leaves £4,451 left in the fund for Area Forum North. Next deadline for submission of applications to the Fund is 1 February 2011.

7 **Area Forum Sustainable Community Strategy Fund**

Robert Beggs (NWBC) introduced a new development to identify projects that help address the priorities of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy. The Borough and County Councils together had allocated a fund of £20,000 to each Area Forum to enable focused activity to happen in each of the Forum areas to take forward the three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS);

The priorities are :

- Developing healthier communities
- Improving access to services
- Raising aspirations, educational attainment and skills.

The forum was asked to consider some potential project proposals together with some identified evidence information about the issues and needs of the wards and parishes within the forum area.

Those present split into small groups and were encouraged to discuss the projects and express their views on the project proposals or to come up with ideas of their own.

Details of each proposed project together with local information produced by Warwickshire Observatory were given to each group. All of the information coming from the discussions at the meeting would be collated and considered by the Borough and County Councillors who have responsibility to make a decision on the allocation of funding.

A further update on the project proposals and the allocation of the funding would be provided at the next meeting of the Forum. All those taking part in the Forum discussions were thanked for their participation which had generated a lot of useful comments and ideas.

8 **Future Agenda Items**

- High Speed Railway
- Comprehensive Spending Review
- Lower House Farm Update
- Sustainable Community Strategy Funding
- Update on 20 is Plenty – Austrey School

9 **Any Other Business**

On behalf of Ian Bates (Grendon Resident) Lorna Ferguson raised the issue of problems in Grendon over the last four years with flood damage caused after periods of heavy rain.

Councillor Sweet reported that the Area Committee had purchased £1,000 of Aqua Sacks which could be distributed to residents affected by water flooding problems. In addition, arrangements had been made for the drains in the area to be cleared twice each year.

10. **Future Meeting Dates**

The following future meetings dates for 2011 were noted:-

13 January 2011 – No Mans Heath Village Hall

7 April 2011

14 July 2011

20 October 2011

CHAIRMAN

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2 November 2010

Present: Councillors Smitten and M Stanley, Parish and Town
Councillors Hopkins and Shaw, Mr S Orton and Mr R
Prosser.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs E Shilton.

Councillors B Moss and Wykes were also in attendance.

1 Election of a Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Mr R Prosser and

Resolved:

**That Mr Stanley Orton be elected Chairman of the Standards
Committee for the period up to the annual meeting of the
Council in May 2011.**

2 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County
Council of Councillor Shaw, and membership of the various Town/Parish
Councils of Councillors Hopkins (Mancetter), Shaw (Atherstone), Smitten
(Polesworth) and M Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at
the meeting.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 December 2008,
were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Protocol for Councillor/Employee Relations

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council presented the
draft Councillor/Employee protocol for consideration and invited comments.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- a **That the draft Protocol for Councillor/Employee
Relations be approved, subject to the following
insertions;**

- (i). that the Chief Executive may hold meetings of all/any Group Leaders, formally or on an unattributable basis
- (ii). that references to political groups is to formally constituted political groups; and

Resolved:

- b That a copy of the Member/Officer Protocol document be sent to Warwickshire Association of Local Councils with a suggestion that it could be used as a basis for a similar protocol for relationships between parish councillors and their clerks.

5 Attendance at Meetings

The Committee was asked to consider the attendance of Members at meetings of the Boards, Committees, and Area Forums for the 2009/10 municipal year.

Resolved:

That the attendance of Members at meetings of the Boards, Committees and Area Forums for 2009/10 municipal year, be noted.

6 Latest Position of Government Reform of the Standards Regime

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council informed the meeting that the position of the Government's reform of the Standards regime was still unclear and that the outcome of the Localism Bill would not be known until the end of the month or early December.

Resolved:

That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council update Members when the Bill is published.

Mr S Orton
Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

29 November 2010

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, Phillips, Smith, Swann, Sweet and Zgraja.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fox and Simpson.

Councillor Lea was also in attendance and with the consent of the Chairman spoke on the business recorded at Minute No 37 (High Speed 2).

33 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Hayfield, May, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

34 **2009/10 Annual Audit Letter and 2010/11 Audit Plan**

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the 2009/10 Annual Audit Letter received from the Council's external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, together with their audit plan for 2011/12.

Alison Breadon from PricewaterhouseCoopers was in attendance at the meeting and presented their reports on which Members asked a number of questions.

Resolved:

That the reports presented as Appendices A and B to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be noted.

35 **Comprehensive Spending Review**

The Deputy Chief Executive highlighted the main issues arising from the Comprehensive Spending Review and commented on the potential implications for the Council.

Resolved:

That the implications of the Comprehensive Service Review for the Council be noted.

36 **New Homes Bonus**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that the Government had issued a consultation paper on the New Homes Bonus. The Board was informed of the main issues in the consultation paper and the Deputy Chief Executive sought authority to formulate a response in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition.

Recommended:

- a **That the consultation paper on the New Homes Bonus be noted; and**
- b **The Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to provide a response following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition.**

37 **High Speed 2 – HS2**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council outlined the current situation in relation to the proposed construction of a high speed railway line called HS2 and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

The Chief Executive circulated at the meeting a letter received from Ian Waddell, Chair of the Middleton HS2 Action Group. Members also received a copy of the response from the Chief Executive of HS2 indicating that a presentation would be made to the Council in December. A provisional date of Tuesday 14 December 2010 had been agreed.

Recommended:

- a **That the Department of Transport and HS2 Ltd be notified of the Council's interim response of a holding objection;**
- b **That a further report be brought back to Board once the formal consultation period has begun;**
- c **That proposals for liaising with our local communities affected by the route be explored with the County Council and other affected Councils and reported back to Board;**
- d **That the action of the Chief Executive in pursuing a presentation by HS2 to Members be endorsed; and**
- e **That HS2 Ltd be requested to postpone the formal consultation process until such time as the full**

economic and environmental impact of the proposals are available.

38 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets – April to September 2010

The Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive reported on the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to Executive Board for April to September.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

39 Meetings Timetable

The Board was invited to approve the timetable of meetings for 2011/12.

Recommended:

That the calendar of meetings for 2011/12 as submitted at Appendix A to the Chief Executive's report be approved.

40 Officer/Member Protocol

The Board was invited to consider a draft Officer/Member Protocol.

Recommended:

That the Officer/Member Protocol attached as an Appendix to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be approved.

41 Petitions Scheme

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the need for the Council to adopt a Petitions Scheme and sought approval for a draft scheme.

Recommended:

That the draft Petitions Scheme attached to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be approved.

42 Extension to Sick Pay

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on a recommendation from the Special Sub-Group to discontinue the Extension to

Sick Pay Scheme and the Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action. The consultation response from Unison was reported to the Board.

Recommended:

That the Extension to Sick Pay Scheme be discontinued.

43 **Policy for Relocation Expenses**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) submitted a revised relocation expenses policy and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended:

That the revised Policy for Relocation Expenses attached as an Appendix to the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be adopted.

44 **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

The Board was invited to approve the polling districts and polling places scheme for North Warwickshire.

Recommended:

That the existing scheme of polling districts and polling places for North Warwickshire be approved without amendment.

45 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 – Period Ended 31 October 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 October 2010. The 2010/2011 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, were given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

46 **Equality Act Update**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the main elements of the Equality Act 2010 and updated Members on the Council's overall approach to improving equality and diversity.

Resolved:

That the changes arising from the Equality Act 2010 be noted.

47 **Section 106 Agreements - Variations**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council and the Head of Development Control reported on a draft paper, outlining the options that the Council could consider to increase flexibility in Section 106 Agreements as a consequence of the current economic conditions. The draft paper was recently considered and approved by the Planning and Development Board.

Recommended:

That the draft paper be approved for the purposes of consultation with a view to adding it to the Council's Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing following consideration of any responses from that consultation period.

48 **Local Growth – White Paper from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the implications of the White Paper for North Warwickshire.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

49 **Corporate Plan Targets – Planning and Development Board**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on proposed changes to Corporate Plan Targets recommended by the Planning and Development Board and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended:

That the changes to the Corporate Plan Targets detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be agreed.

50 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

51 **Minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 1 November and 22 November 2010**

The minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 1 November and 22 November 2010 were received and noted.

52 **Shared Legal Services**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on a proposal for a shared arrangement for the delivery of legal services.

Recommended:

That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be authorised to enter into the Shared Service Agreement.

C Hayfield
Chairman

From: NO2HS2 WO [mailto:waterortonagainsth2@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 01 December 2010 05:31
To: Hutchinson, Jerry; Customer Services; Maxey, Steve
Cc: Dan Byles (Office); Dan Byles (personel)
Subject: High Speed Rail (HS2) Opposal

Dear Sirs

I write to you on behalf of the Water Orton Stop HS2 Action Group.

As you are no doubt aware the current government proposal for the HS2 preferred route 3 will devastate villages and communities through North Warwickshire. It is because of this Water Orton has formed its own Action Group along with neighbouring villages to fight this proposal at a time when the country can ill afford this significant financial commitment. Especially when public services and local council departments are being severely cut back.

As a group we would like to see North Warwickshire Council make a statement opposing such an unwanted project. As you would no doubt agree it will devastate the Borough. I believe the council are holding a meeting on the 14th December 2010 at which point a statement needs to be made objecting the preferred proposed route.

Water Orton will be one of the worst affected areas on the preferred route 3. It will have the Main line running along one side of the village and the up - down Birmingham line with the addition of the up - down spur line on the other side of the village. Thus creating a triangle within the village with 3 HS2 rail lines. This in addition to the M6, M6 Toll, M42 and a main line rail route (Nottingham, Derby Leicester) going through the village and been situated under Birmingham airports flight path. We feel enough transport infrastructure has already been forced on the village of Water Orton.

I have attached a statement representing Water Orton Action Group's view and intentions regarding this devastating proposal to North Warwickshire and its communities. We ask you support the local communities in fighting this proposal, or in the very least help enforce the government to look at alternative route amendments as suggested in the Arup final engineering report 11.14 page 292 West Midland option - Fully Tunnelled M42 to City Centre.

I welcome your comments and actions asap regarding this devastating proposal.

Regards

David Henry
Chair
Water Orton Stop HS2 Action Group

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Water Orton Stop HS2 Action Group

Water Orton Stop HS2 Action Group has been formed by the residents of the Village of Water Orton to oppose HS2 devastating our Village and the neighboring and national communities.

A committee has been formed with key personnel all offering differing key attributes and strengths to the Group. The Group will send "A clear defined and **united** message locally and nationally OPPOSING HS2". We will use the combined and collective strengths of the other groups and other influential bodies to present our case to Government.

Our Aims - To prevent HS2 from happening and Question Is HS2 in "The National Interest".

Dispelling all the myths surrounding HS2.

Emphasising the flawed business and environmental case.

Focus on the Cost and alternative Spending Choices.

High Speed Rail (HSR) alternatives to HS2.

To correct the injustice of property blight, by Emphasising unfair, inequitable and against natural justice, identifying causes, quantifying extent & degree of blight.

Promoting Alternative Compensation Solution based on private sector best practice.

Mitigating the route and emphasising the impact the Delta Junction will have on Water Orton Village. The proposed Route 3 is HS2's "Preferred Route".

Raise awareness, fundraise and publicise via the media, our own dedicated website www.waterortonstophs2.org.uk, Twitter, Facebook and leaflet distribution.

As a group we would welcome your support to help fight HS2.

David Henry
Chair