

# **NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST**

## **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016**

Partnership Centre (Age UK), Coleshill Road, Atherstone CV9 1BN

**Present:** Borough Councillor – D Clews (Chair)  
County Councillor – C Clark  
County and Borough Councillor – N Dirveiks  
Borough Councillors – L Dirveiks, M Bell, B Henney, R Jarvis

**In Attendance:** A Rigby – WCC; R Beggs – NWBC  
Sgt Oakley, PC Baxter, PCSOs Hughes, Fritter, Scott, Yaqub –  
Warwickshire Police  
R Jones – Community Safety Ambassador  
T Hopkins, J Arrowsmith – Mancetter PC

R Downing, D Hughes, D Kearns, J Vero, Abz(Penniesworth),  
D Whitehouse, M Shaw, M Wrigley, D Atkin, R Cockayne, H Cartwright,  
S Locking

### **1. Welcome from the Chair**

Councillor Denise Clews welcomed everyone.

### **2. Apologies and notes of last meeting**

Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 meeting were agreed as a true record.

### **3. Police Update**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team – PC Louise Baxter presented a summary of progress and actions taken since the last Forum meeting.

The following comments were made:

- Market Street – roadside signage needs updating (including permitted parking signs) to fully enforce car parking restrictions along single yellow lines
- Hartshill School – ‘Keep Clear’ markings to be painted outside school
- Graffiti – successfully removed from jitty, behind St Mary’s Church. Police to contact Community Payback to remove graffiti behind Memorial Hall, and on A5 bridge. Graffiti also reported along Westwood Road
- Lead removed for second time from premises in Market Street
- Possible increase in fear of crime around vehicle theft of Land Rovers following decision to end production of marque
- Fisher’s Walk, Atherstone – anti-social behaviour reported
- Community Speed Watch set up in Hartshill with local volunteers

Three priorities were chosen:

**Priority:** Speeding, Sheepy Road, Atherstone

**Priority:** Speeding & parking, Carlyon Road, Atherstone

**Priority:** Speeding, Atherstone Road / Castle Road, Hartshill

Community Safety Ambassador – Roger Jones read out a statement from Ron Ball, Police & Crime Commissioner. Ron Ball will not be standing for re-election on 5 May 2016. The role of Community Safety Ambassador will come to an end. The Forum gave a vote of thanks to Roger Jones for his work and support.

Roger Jones to ask Ron Ball for a response from Chief Constable Martin Jelley to substantiate comments made on a major planning application in North Warwickshire around the disproportionate amount of police officer time spent in the north on Gypsy / Traveller issues.

**4. “Have Your Say” – Questions and Issues - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised**

Dog walkers at Hartshill Hayes are not taking waste home. Deborah Palmer, Dog Warden, NWBC to investigate. Request for a dog bin / all-purpose bin at The Woodlands.

Fly-tipping continues at Oldbury Road lay-by. Request for lay-by to be removed.

**5. Any other business**

London Midland rail franchise, including Trent Valley line (Atherstone station) is out to consultation. New franchise to begin October 2017.

Mancetter chicken broiler application to be brought back to NWBC Planning Board on 7 March for determination.

Latest road accident at A5 / Woodford Lane junction will be brought to the attention of A5 Traffic Working Group.

Request for WCC Highways officer to attend next meeting

**6. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 7 June 2016. St Peter’s Church, Mancetter

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