

## MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

15 October 2009

The Area Forum West met at St Nicholas Church Hall, Curdworth at 6.30pm.

- Present:** Borough Councillor Payne in the Chair  
Borough and County Councillors Lea and B Moss  
Borough Councillors Lewis, Phillips and Swann.
- In attendance:** Linda Bird, Jenny Price, and Robert Beggs -North Warwickshire Borough Council  
Joanna Rhodes, Jonathan Simkins, Mark Porter and Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council  
Inspector Andy Davis, Sergeant Shaun Albrighton and PCSO's Warwickshire Police  
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue  
Mark Weatherley, Paulette Ross, Alan Vaughton, Sandra Bullivant and George Bullivant – Curdworth Parish Council  
Jean Thomas and Ian Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association  
David Williets and John Rowland – Middleton Parish Council  
Mark Davey – WCC Youth Service  
Jon Illsley and J Leavie – Kingsbury Parish Council  
Katy Harper – Beeline Community Transport  
Steve and Sue Turner – Wood End Community Association  
Phil Alderman, Graeme Arkell and Kevin Lacey, - Residents  
Malcolm Brown and Vic Brown – Lea Marston Parish Council
- Apologies:** Councillor M Moss and Nether Whitacre Parish Council.

1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2009**

The minutes of the held on 30 July 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2 **Matters Arising**

None.

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

The Forum was informed that Inspector Glen Belcher would take over from Chief Inspector Mike Wylde for the next six months.

Inspector Andy Davis and 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 (Hams Hall, anti-social behaviour – Birmingham Road shops area, Water Orton and off road bikes at Edge Hill, Wood End). A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be

viewed on the Council's website [www.northwarks.gov.uk](http://www.northwarks.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes.

Robert Beggs reported on a Neighbourhood Watch initiative to offer Number Plate Anti-Tamper Screws.

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

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

- Hams Hall
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Birmingham Road, Water Orton
- Off road bikes at Edge Hill, Wood End.

#### **4 Public Questions**

No public questions were received.

#### **5 Warwickshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service Consultation**

Martin Gibbins, (WCC) reported on the County Council's Fire and Rescue Service consultation process currently taking place and encouraged people to attend the public consultation meetings to be held on 27 October 2009 at The Coleshill School and 19 November 2009 at Polesworth.

Copies of the consultation document were available at the meeting. Alternatively full details could be viewed on line at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue). The closing date for submissions was 8 December 2009.

#### **6 Signs for Heavy Goods Vehicles**

Jonathan Simkins, Group Manager Traffic Project and Mark Porter explained the background to the work they had carried out to ensure Heavy Goods Vehicles used appropriate roads within the area.

A discussion then took place on the problems at the following sites;

- Curdworth Bridge, Marsh Lane, Water Orton
- Piccadilly Bridge
- Station Road, Nether Whitacre
- Old Church Rd, Water Orton
- Wood End and
- Whateley.

Jonathan Simkins agreed to keep under review the areas highlighted at the meeting and invited members of the audience to discuss any issues in more detail at the end of the meeting.

#### **7 Funding in North Warwickshire**

Linda Bird (NWBC) reported that no Area Forum Funds were available for disbursement at this time but asked that the forum note that the 2010/11 budget of £8,000 would be available at the April round of Area Forum meetings. The application deadline for this fund was 1 February 2010.

Martin Gibbins reported on three funding schemes from the County Council.

- Community Computers - 25 recycled computers available to community groups in North Warwickshire. Closing date for applications 4 December 2009.
- Community Development Fund - £36,000 available to local voluntary and community groups in North Warwickshire to benefit local communities. Closing date for applications 4 December 2009. Applications would be considered by North Warwickshire Area Committee in January 2010.
- Small Grants Fund – up to £500 available to community groups.

**8 Area Pledge**

Joanna Rhodes (WCC) reported further on the Area Pledge “Improving activities for teenagers”. A draft leaflet setting out the next steps was circulated at the meeting.

**9 Parish Issues**

A proposal to re-establish Water Orton Tennis Club was highlighted and support from the Forum was requested.

Curdworth Parish Council asked whether a maintenance plan still existed for the a piece of land known as The Spinney, Curdworth and whether it would be possible for the Borough Council's Streetscape team to do some maintenance work on thinning out trees and removal any self setting trees and shrubs?

**Action: Linda Bird to investigate.**

**10 Future Agenda Items**

None were identified.

**11. Any Other Business**

None.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The following dates were agreed

4 February 2010  
 29 April 2010  
 29 July 2010  
 14 October 2010

Chairman