

AREA FORUM SOUTH - NOTES

Tuesday 5 March 2013 at Coleshill & District Social Club, Coleshill

Present: Councillor Sherratt (Chair), Barber, Ferro, Fowler,

In Attendance:

PC Ellen Beaty (Beat Manager), PCSO Phillip McGuinness,
Chief Insp Nick Tomkinson – Warwickshire Police
Nick Darwen, Lizzie Price – Warwickshire County Council
Robert Beggs – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Over 50 others.

1. Welcome

Cllr Gordon Sherratt welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence/ Minutes & You Said We Did

Apologies had been received from Councillors Hayfield and Watkins.

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum South, held on 6 December 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. There were no issues to be updated.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

PC Ellen Beaty, Warwickshire Police and Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum.

Following discussion the priorities identified were:

- Speeding on Birmingham Road, Ansley Village
- Parking outside St Edwards School, Packington Lane, Coleshill
- No right turn junction of Church Hill with High Street, Coleshill

Other issues highlighted included:

- Streetlighting in Coleshill – agreed an update for next meeting.
- Shustoke Reservoir Dog Bins – responsibility of Severn Trent
- Parking issues in Coleshill

Inspector Nick Tomkinson advised the Forum that the powers of PCSOs are being reviewed with the alliance with West Mercia Police. Currently PCSOs can't issue parking tickets

Neighbourhood Watch reported that communications are good with over 1200 contacts receiving alerts and there is an excellent partnership with the Council.

4. Ron Ball – Police & Crime Commissioner

Ron Ball introduced himself giving a brief outline of his career and talked about the role & responsibilities of PCC followed by questions and answers.

Weekly meetings with the Chief Constable – every 2 months the meeting is held in public around the County, the next one being 8 April, 10.00am at Elizabeth House, Stratford District Council Office, Stratford-upon-Avon

No change to 'precept' this year

Officer numbers won't reduce

PCSOs numbers will be retained at 100

Recruiting Special constables

Recruiting 30 Community Safety Ambassadors to act as link with local communities and Community Forums

5 Questions & Issues

Concerns were expressed around the proposed night-time switch-off of street lights. Parish Councils are encouraged to report to the County Council if there are lights where there is a specific reason why they should stay on.

It was suggested that more could be done to promote the Area Forum, for instance through the Coleshill Town Hall noticeboard, North Talk and the Gazette.

Discussion around facilities in Coleshill:

Money from Morrisons - development to be used for new Community Leisure Centre for Coleshill and surrounding area (to be built at Coleshill School).

Plans for expenditure on park (Brendan Close) – NWBC have agreed funding.

Coleshill Town Council are to discuss development of play area.

6. Items for Future Meetings

Street-lighting update

Suggested that the Forum should hold a future meeting at Coleshill School, with a view to engaging young people.

7. Next Meeting

Thursday 4 July at Filingley Village Hall, Tamworth Road, CV7 8EQ