



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Halesowen North and Halesowen South

Date and time: Monday 9th March, 2020 at 6:30pm

Venue: Tenterfields Primary School, Tenterfields, Halesowen, B63 3LH

Attendance: Councillors Joe Roberts (Chair), Hilary Bills, Ray Burston, Parmjit Sahota, Alan Taylor and David Vickers

Officers/Police: Tony Middleton (Liaison Officer), Aaron Lawrence (Community Development Worker), PC Hayley Denyer and PCSOs, Perry Bayliss and Chris Bilsby

Members of the public: 24

1. Apologies and declarations of interest:

Introduction of Tony Middleton who is providing maternity cover as Liaison Officer from the March meeting onwards.

2. Police and Communities Together

- Working closely with retailers to share intelligence. Shoplifting arrests have been made.
- Crime figures for the area are as follows:

	Last Year YTD	This Year YTD	% Difference
Burglary	193	157	-18.65%
Vehicle Crime	244	184	-24.59%
Domestic Violence	189	198	4.76%
Knife Crime	12	14	16.67%
Robbery	30	42	40.00%

- Schools – working more closely with schools to reduce knife crime due to knife culture
- Street watch – volunteers to walk around local area with high-vis. Anyone interested to speak to police after meeting.

The floor was then opened for questions

Subject

Action/Response

Councillor Sahota asked for clarification of the area covered by the above data

It was confirmed that the crime figures above were for Halesowen and Belle Vale. Councillor Sahota requested that the Police provide Dudley average data for future meetings as a direct comparator.

A resident asked about parking at Grange Road, following an incident where an ambulance could not pass due to poor parking.

Police confirmed they had issued warnings.

A resident raised concerns regarding drug dealing on the Elsmere Estate. Councillor Burston stated that he had observed Police dogs being used in bus stops.

Police asked residents to log number plates, with times and dates and report to police.

Councillor Vickers commented on a recent Twitter post which showed foot and car patrols of Officers last night. He wanted to formally say thank you, as it was what communities wanted. The thanks was echoed by the other Councillors present and the residents.

Noted.

3. Listening to you

Subject

Action/Response

The secretary of the Quinton Meadows presented an update from the previous meeting. A request was also made regarding funding for signage, litter/dog bins, at least 1 bench to be costed and provided and planting.

All Councillors supported the request and asked for a funding application form to be completed and submitted.

A resident raised a point about two trees being removed.

Councillor Vickers confirmed that this would be looked into.

A resident updated the forum about relocating a dance school.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the end of the meeting with residents.

4. Working with you

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Councillor Bills updated the forum with regards to planting trees.	Noted.
Councillor Vickers updated the forum with regards to town centre improvements and identifying shoplifters.	Noted.
Councillor Sahota identified parking as an issue and encouraged cross party working to resolve this.	Noted.

5. Funding

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Black Country Radio – replacing analogue with digital equipment	Agreed £3,990.60 for two items of equipment for main studio.

Councillor Sahota requested an update on the funding equality impact report.

Meeting ended at: 7:40pm