

Your Home, Your Forum Meeting Notes

Forum:	Halesowen
Date and time:	19th June 2023 at 6.30pm
Venue:	Colley Lane Community Centre, Colley Lane, Cradley, Halesowen.
Attendance:	<p>Councillors S Phipps, D Bevan, T Crumpton, N Neale, P Sahota, H Bills, A Taylor, J Elliott, T Russon, I Bevan and A Goddard.</p> <p>Officers:- M Wilcox (Liaison Officer) D Tiwana and C Tromans (Community Development Workers) Sergeant Chester, PC Steve Higgitt and PC Sim Kaur (Police).</p> <p>Members of the public: 41</p>
Agenda item	Notes
1. Welcome, introductions and apologies	Councillors R Buttery, P Dobb and S Henley and Neelam Bangar (Liaison Officer)
2. Election of Chair and Appointment of Vice Chair	Councillor A Taylor was appointed as Chair of the forum and Councillor J Elliott as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.
3. Have your say	<p>Community safety in the vicinity of Hunting Tree School was raised. There was no lollipop person and the crossing was in the wrong place. Suggestion of flashing red light with speed. Same issues experienced at Colley Lane. Reference was made to street poles and temporary speed signs and it was queried what had happened to the sign. These issues should be raised with the Highways Department.</p> <p>Halesowen Leisure Centre – The locker space is limited. It was queried whether the accounts for the centre were available to the public. Reference made to there being no marketing for this great</p>

	<p>facility/or classes that are on. Suggestion that boards need to be in place advertising this facility as it was under used.</p> <p>Reinstatement of Waste Site on Mucklow Hill. An email was sent to the member of the public the following day for details of the planning permission/officer dealing with this. A report was to be submitted by Highways to a meeting of the Ernest Stevens Trust Committee in July regarding Benjamin Drive and Homer Hill.</p> <p>Traffic lights at Colley Gate are problematic since the new lights have been installed. Councillor N Neale discussed the derelict shops and possible Traffic Regulation Order in place.</p> <p>Potholes in Burford Road, Park Lane. Fix my street and having to take photographic evidence is very dangerous, especially at Somers Island.</p> <p>Proposed budget cuts and Library closures was discussed. Councillor I Bevan stated that the social good that libraries provide will be considered as part of the work. Councillor T Crumpton expressed concerns regarding the cut in services and indicated that library staff should be able to talk to users over their concerns. Councillor I Bevan confirmed that this should be fine. The petition was mentioned and Councillor I Bevan stated that he had communicated with the Unions but had not received any acknowledgement. The community garden at the rear of Colley Lane Library should not be forgotten in this process.</p>
4. Police and communities together	<p>Police needed training for speed watch guns which is being arranged.</p> <p>Car cruising in Manor Way and Oldenhall Lane – Police are very much aware of this. Police are struggling for volunteers with Speed Watch. Business Cards were left on the desk at the end of meeting for contact details.</p> <p>Councillor Bevan requested an assurance for this summer regarding Belle Vale/Cradley South.</p> <p>Chapel House Lane/Tanhouse Lane speeding! Off road bikes near Stevens Park. Police cannot pursue under Section 59 if they do not affect residents. Police cannot chase but Police have a new team with off road bikes.</p>

5. Updates from Ward Councillors	Councillor S Phipps mentioned Trinity team.
6. Forum funding	Funding to the Groups was noted.
7. Date of next meeting	Details can be found by accessing the following link: Halesowen Your Home, Your Forum

Time meeting ended: 8:20 pm