

Forum: Halesowen North and Halesowen South

Date and time: Monday 17th September 2018 at 6.30pm

Venue: Tenterfields Primary School, Tenterfields, Halesowen

Attendance: Councillors K Shakespeare (Chair), J Roberts (Vice-Chair)
H Bills, R Burston, A Taylor, D Vickers.
Officers: Jackie Scott (Liaison Officer), Sally Cornfield (Observing)
Davinder Tiwana (Community Development Worker)
Police: Sgt Lisa Brooks

Members of the public: 86

1. Apologies and declarations of interest: None.

2. Police and Communities Together

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
<u>Crime figures</u> Sgt Brooks provided a summary of crime figures. She has bid for additional resource to tackle the significant spike in burglaries, which, through Operation Cantill has led to 19 arrests with charges made in each case. However the limited resources in terms of PC's to cover the area was also highlighted. Sgt Brooks encouraged reporting of issues and sharing intelligence with her team.	Audi & BMW car owners should note that those high value cars remain specific targets. Contacts for Halesowen Policing Team:- Email: halesowen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk Twitter: @HalesowenWMP
<u>Halesowen Police Station</u> Sgt Brooks confirmed there are no plans to close the station with the Police Driving School recently having moved in.	
<u>Graffiti Halesowen In Bloom</u> Cllr Bills highlighted action being taken including installation of new 'vandal proof' benches.	Should problems continue then a Disposal Order will be considered.

Howley Grange Speeding Vehicles

Residents shared problems they have been experiencing and the frustration of trying to get these addressed. A copy of recent speed report was handed in.

Sgt Brooks agreed to mention to the Road Harm Reduction Team.

Manor Lane Parked Cars

A resident mentioned ongoing parking at Manor Lane where access is for residents only but problems persist.

As above.

2. Closure of Crestfield GP Surgery

Laura Broster of the NHS Dudley CCG shared news that the retirement of Dr Mittal will result in closure of the surgery. Letters are being sent out to all patients highlighting alternative GP Surgeries in the area.

Residents are encouraged to register with a new GP.

Primary Care talk to be scheduled for a future Community Forum.

3. Safer Routes to School

Hurst Green Primary School

Adam Cross, Traffic & Road Safety Engineer outlined exiting proposals for the gateway approaches to the school, stating a public consultation period of 3 weeks will start with letters to residents. Discussion followed with residents raising queries that were responded to. Plans were then made available for viewing and following the meeting will also be available at Long Lane Library and Council Offices.

Feedback to proposals can be made direct to Adam Cross by:

Telephone: 01384 815485

Email: adam.cross@dudley.gov.uk

By Post: Adam Cross, Dudley MBC
Traffic & Road Safety, 4 Ednam Road,
Dudley, DY1 1HL

Cllr Shakespeare asked that Adam also make plans available at Hurst Green Primary.

Agreed.

4. Listening to you

Cornbow Hall - Community Asset Transfer

Cllr Vickers confirmed the current position as the Council have had an expression of interest which is under consideration.

However the EOI process is open for any new EOI's (online on DMBC web site).

The Council will support groups through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process with links maintained to ensure compliance with contracts post transfer.

Much discussion followed where it was generally agreed that resource was needed to improve promotion of the venue to increase usage. A suggestion to tidy the car park area and foyer to make it more attractive was also suggested.

Halesowen BID explained how they could support promotion but not take on a venue themselves. However a resident stated he had already expressed an interest.

Howley Grange

Residents outlined steps being taken locally to tackle problems in the area which include, speeding at all times of the day, parking on pavements, burglaries etc. Some concern was expressed that incidents in the area were not appearing within reports. Support to address issues was requested.

Residents also asked if funding might be available to support their activity for example: speed restriction stickers for wheelie bins.

Olive Hill School zig zag lines

A resident asked if plans to paint zig zag lines on the opposite side of the school was included in this year's programme of works.

Neighbourhood Watch

The next co-ordinators meeting of the Halesowen Sector will be taking place on the 26th September at the Lutley Community Centre at 730pm.

Any new Expressions of Interest in the Community Asset Transfer should be raised through the Council's Web Site.

Contact Officer: Martin Shaw

Tel: 01384 815171

Email: martin.shaw@dudley.gov.uk

On checking that EOI would require a commercial lease rather than a CAT

Councillors advised that the school Headteacher may be willing to lobby for improvements. Likewise the speed report handed in and any outcomes from Police assessments may influence change.

Further information on Community Forum funding is available by emailing: community.forums@dudley.gov.uk

Officers to review.

Leaflets handed out

contact: halesowensector.nhw@gmail.com

5. Working with you

New Community Street Watch Group

Cllr Bills mentioned that she is now part of a new Community Speed Watch Group.

Fairfield & Nimmings Road

Cllr Bills mentioned that a car parked opposite the buildings site on the bend had recently been damaged and that she's requested signage to warn people of the risk.

Community Safety Priorities

Cllr Shakespeare mentioned the annual consultation and public meeting with further information available online and through contact details on leaflets provided.

6. Funding

Applicant

Recommendation

1st Lapal Guides

£2,200 requested to fund the replacement of the roof of the storage cabinet and towards new camping equipment.

Councillors agreed to support the funding request in full.

Friends of Hurst Green Park

£3,000 requested to fund the installation of materials donated to improve drainage in the park and towards a new see-saw

Councillors agreed to support the funding request in full.

Shell Corner Christmas Lights

Cllr Bills mentioned that costs for this have not yet been established, therefore an agreement in principle was requested in order to finalise costs etc.

Councillors agreed in principle, subject to estimates to be shared between meetings.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm