

Henley & Studley Community Forum Notes
6th October 2011
Henley High School

A total of 30 people attended

The chair, Cllr Justin Kerridge welcomed everyone to the meeting. Would like to see the Forums achieve more and everyone, Officers, Councillors and members of the public to have their say.

Thank you to the Market Place participants:

David Julien, Act on Energy, Chris Dobson, SDC – Recycling Refresher

Citizen Advice Bureau update- Spencer Colquitt

- At present busy training 18 new assessors. Cases are increasing with approximately 5,000 clients to date.
- Number of outreach offices increasing and now includes Studley.
- Home visits are also carried out for those who are physically disabled and cannot get to an office.
- In the present economic climate Benefit, Debt, Housing and Relationships are becoming more complex. Specialist Court worker is available who can represent a client in court if necessary.
- Survey to be published in October, a copy can be requested from CAB
- Specialist money advice team in place dealing with money management and this has started in schools.
- Always concerns about funding cuts but CAB are grateful to WCC, SDC, Stratford Trust as well as Parish Councils for the support given. Free advice is available and will always help those with problems.
- Question from the floor concerning those working and receiving benefits. Paul Lankester stated that SDC can be contacted as they have a team who deal with such cases.
- Question of publicity was raised and how people can get information. This is often difficult but a lot of work has gone into publicising the service.

You Said We Did

The You Said We did presentation is on our website

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

- Henley has received a report of Parking Warden visits 2009-2011. Visits have halved which has exacerbated the parking problems in Henley.
- Parking in Croft car park an issue especially if you have a large vehicle with children. SDC have no intention of purchasing the car park.
- SDC would not object to receiving funding to help with Traffic Warden patrols.
- Enforcement is always an issue and if not there it won't matter what signs etc are in place.
- Paul Lankester stated that charges for on-street parking would be the answer but that is not what Henley wants. If more resources are required needs to be funded locally by either charges or the Precept.
- Forum feels that even though WCC provides funding, rural areas do not get their fair share.

Local Policing update

Presentation by PC Simon Bennett including an update on the three priorities agreed at the last Community Forum which were:

- Burglary – Claverdon, Henley, Wootton Wawen
- Obstruction & Speeding – Mayswood Road/A3400 Wootton Wawen
- Speeding – A4189 through Claverdon.

Issues put forward and to be voted on for the next Forum meeting:

- Speeding – Alcester Road, Wootton Wawen
- Burglary – Studley and surrounding areas
- Anti- Social Behaviour, Crooks Lane Recreation Ground
- Speeding, Warwick Road, Henley

At a recent meeting in Tanworth in Arden Cllr Oakley would like to have noted how pleased the residents of Tanworth are with responses and how much the police are valued.

Difficulty with the Police phone system was raised. When contacted get a very poor reaction and often the police do not turn up when called. PCSO's are excellent but they go off duty at 10pm but this work is negated by the attitude of the Police call centre.

Action next Forum meeting - Bob Malloy

Further information www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an

Police Authority – Bob Malloy

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Thank you from the Police Authority to the local police during the upheaval and changes. Strategic Alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia is now formalised and a creation of a senior team. Each force will keep their Chief Constables. Will keep their separate identities, Government encouraging alliances not mergers.

National number, 101 for non – emergency calls will go ahead in the near future.

New policing model is in place to deal with the issue of officers having no police office.

The Police Authority will be abolished in its current form. Elected Commissioners will do much the same work. Will be drawn from District and County Councils.

Concerns that the Community Safety Partnership in South Warwickshire has not had a meeting, Reduced to six monthly meetings due to staffing levels and County Partnership has been withdrawn.

Paul Lankester to speak to Portfolio Holder Mrs Gillian Roache and report to next Forum meeting.

State of the District Debate, Have Your Say presented by Cllr Chris Saint

Copy of the presentation on our website.

- Concerns that the report gives a distorted view as Henley and Studley should be separated. Needs addressing as not just happening in this area.
- Fuel poverty strategy is in place but it is a very worrying trend as rural areas do struggle within affluent areas. Figures can get masked.
- Locality plans will help SDC decide what is required in villages. Need a balance between affordable and family housing.

- Green Belt is not a barrier to new housing but draft guidance very strong, will not be mass building will look at the dynamics of an area.
- Need to bring the Local Development Framework forward in the next few months.
- National Planning Policy by 1st April 2012. SDC Core Strategy will be published and in place by January 2012. Procedure will take over a year to be approved to make sure its in time before the Development Structure Levy. 70% if the country in the same position.
- Planning Framework will only work if seen as not causing demonstrable harm. Work needs to be done on what is deemed 'harm'.
- Query concerning Neighbourhood Plans – These are part of the Localism Bill and when in place they can go ahead. Need to be compliant. Neighbourhood plans will then take precedence and definition of sustainability will be defined locally. SDC working towards it.
- 'Rat run' issues in rural communities. Infrastructure needs to be in place or will not be sustainable. Would need better roads for a new development. Already an issue with large developments in bordering authorities impacting on small rural communities. Should be stronger links between local authorities when developments proposed.
- Manoj Sanghera – NHS Trying to deal with cross border issues as over 23,000 using GP Practices from neighbouring counties. Looking at funding to help.
- Recommendations will go forward and issues will be dealt with by relevant agencies
- Planning, Transport and Youth Services will be debated
- Expectations from the State of the District Debate should not be too high as funding limited
- SDC happy with the current arrangements concerning bin collections
- SDC phone system issue not included but should be referred to. **Action next Community Forum meeting.**

State of the Forum

- Would like to see more done and try and decide what matters. Cllr Kerridge feels that what is dealt with is Parish Council matters but this usually happens when the Parish Councils do not achieve results.
- Often members of the public do not wish to attend meetings Councillors attending can bring issues forward on their behalf.
- Residents should be encouraged to come but often difficult to get them to attend.
- Issues often cannot be resolved on the evening but will come back to next meeting
- Maybe an idea to take issues forward as priorities, look at the top three, receive an answer and then move forward.
- NHS cuts are having consequences. GP's taking on a more significant role. Public can join Practice Participation Groups often an important 'port of call'. Cuts already has affected Speech Therapy but not very often publicised, therefore people are not aware of what has happened until too late.

Priorities for the next Community Forum

After voting the following priorities were agreed:

- Speeding, Warwick Road, Henley – 12 speed checks to be carried out
- Burglary, Henley and surrounding areas – 12 patrols
- Anti- Social Behaviour, Crooks Lane Recreation Ground, Studley – 12 patrols

Have Your Say

- Concern by a member of the public about children crossing the road to the school in Henley due to the volume of traffic. A pedestrian crossing is required. Proposals are in force to install a crossing area in the form of a 'refuge' rather than a Pelican crossing. This will not be put in place until construction of the development is completed and is part of the Planning consent conditions.
- **Libraries-** No mention in the State of the District Report about the proposed closure of libraries but this may be due to the fact this happen after the report was carried out
Report at next Community Forum meeting

Information Sharing

- Permission received from Social Media Board and Henley and Studley Community Forum can now be found on Facebook.
<http://www.facebook.com/henleystudleyforumcommunityforum>
- Update on superfast broadband. All information can be found on website
- Community Pay Back Scheme –Frank Gravener can be contacted if anyone is interested in using the scheme.
- Race Online 2012 throughout October to encourage people to give 1 hour of their time to help people get on line for the first time organised by the BBC. More information can be found on www.raceonline2012.org

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

Thursday 15th December 2011 from 6.30pm Wootton Wawen Village Hall
Thursday 22nd March 2012 Studley Youth Centre



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