

Henley & Studley Community Forum Notes
22nd March 2012
Studley Youth and Community Centre, Studley

A total of 56 people attended

The chair, Cllr Justin Kerridge welcomed everyone to the meeting and hope that the Community Forum meetings continue to achieve results.

Important that we hear from members of the public as well as officers and Councillors

Local Policing update

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

- **Burglary patrols in Earlswood, Henley and surrounding areas** – Commitment to conduct 24 patrols but more than doubled the agreed number. Operation Fazeley launched and a number of individuals stopped and searched. Intelligence gathered relating to known burglars in the area.
- **Speeding Alcester Road, Wootton Wawen** – 8 speed checks conducted at various times. 214 vehicles passed through at the times of the speed check with none contravening the speed limit.
- **Speeding Middletown Lane, Sambourne** – 8 speed checks conducted at various times. 162 vehicles passed through at times of speed check. 21 vehicles contravened the speed limit. Maximum recorded speed 45 mph.

Further information and a copy of the presentation is available on the website :-

www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an

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

- Speeding Sambourne Lane, Sambourne
- Speeding in Tanworth Village centre
- Seasonal burglary patrols in Studley and surrounding areas.
- Night fishing and parking, Earlswood Lakes
- Anti- Social Behaviour – Public Open Space, Studley 10pm – 2am.

Police Authority Update – Bob Malloy

A copy of the presentation is available to view on our website.

- £22.6m needs to be saved over the next four years.
- Unanimous decision from the Police Authority for an increase of 3.94% on the police share of the budget for 2012.
- SDC have done their best to keep their Council Tax down and the police had an increase 3 years ago and the same arguments for further increase remain the same. If any authority puts their budget up by 4% there would have to be a referendum which is the reason it was put up to just below that figure!
- More volunteers and special constables being used on enquiry desk, upkeep of website etc to free up officers and PCSOs.
- Thanks from those who took up the offer to visit Leek Wootton Call Centre. It proved to

be very interesting.

- Proposal is to dispose of Leek Wootton Police HQ. Will be on the market in early summer. Comment from the floor that large amounts of money has been spent on the refurbishment and the infrastructure of Leek Wootton over the years, probably the reason it has had financial problems!
- Police will soon be moving from old to new shift patterns. Response teams bearing the brunt, there should be no impact.
- Concerns about the link between Neighbourhood teams and HQ regarding the issue of event licences and if they were made aware when applications are made. The licence an event in Preston Bagot has again been granted even though last year there was many complaints from residents. Licences are granted by SDC and the police would not have had an objection to the event and therefore it was granted again.

Priorities for the next Community Forum:-

After voting the following priorities were agreed.

- Burglary Patrols Studley and surrounding areas– 24 patrols
- Anti Social Behaviour, Public Open Space in Studley – 10 Patrols
- Night fishing at Earlswood Lakes – Police to have a meeting before any commitment made concerning patrols.

Residents very appreciative on what the local police officers do.

Citizens Advice Bureau Update – Spencer Colquitt

CAB continue to see a growing demand for their services from all around the district. 5,000 people helped during 2011. They are increasingly finding people in desperate situations. Particular areas of concern are older people in financial difficulties, debt problems, repossessions and evictions.

If you are a frontline worker dealing with clients and agencies there is a workshop on Wednesday 27th March in Elizabeth House which may be of interest.

Studley Outreach has been open for a year and has gone extremely well thanks to the support of Studley Parish Council and the village hall. Funding comes to an end on 31st March 2012 but do not want to close the service.

Enough money has been raised thanks to the Parish Council to be able to operate a different kind of service from April onwards. This will now be twice per month on a Tuesday morning at the village hall from 10am – 1pm. Instead of appointments it will be a drop-in service run by volunteers. There is no longer any need to make an appointment. The service will be on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. For further information phone 01789 200136.

You Said We Did

The You Said We did presentation is on our website

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Have your say:-

- Emergency Ambulance Response times to be discussed at the next Community Forum meeting together with Emergency Planning.
- The Henley and Studley Community Forum has a branding problem. Many residents do not realize it is for all villages and feel excluded. Trying to address the problem but is proving difficult.
- Common Lane in Mappleborough Green needs to be repaired as a matter of urgency. Residents feel it is beyond the power of the Parish Council, problems caused by a particular business. As it is an unadopted road not sure what can be done by the Forum. The domed mirror in place at the end of the road is no longer there and needs to be replaced. This should be done by WCC but due to health and safety issues WCC are wary of putting in a replacement.
- Community group recently set up in Abbeyfields, Mappleborough Green has a safety issue on the A435 close to the junction with Abbeyfields Drive. Would like to see street lighting along the A435.

Action

Lizzie Price to look at the problem for consultation.

- At the Washford junction on A435 a safety issue for pedestrians due to speeding traffic. Response required from WCC.
- Traffic lights on the A435 due to recent roadworks have caused major problems in recent weeks.

Action

Ayub to take residents details and contact WCC.

Draft Core Strategy**Presentation by Paul Harris.**

- The latest draft Core Strategy requires greater community involvement and the emphasis is on smaller developments. New housing to be dispersed more widely across the Stratford District including villages.
- In the plan period 2008 – 2028 require 8,000 dwellings (approx 5,600 from 2011).
- Concerned that there should be no more than a 2% increase in dwellings in Main Rural Centres and local service villages.
- Site allocation document will identify sites later once the core strategy is in place.
- Mappleborough Green is classed as a major service village therefore the strategy will have an impact.
- Closing date for responses will be 30th March 2012 and will be considered by the cabinet in June. Final version will be produced in September and then submitted to the Secretary of State and hopefully will be adopted by May 2013.
- Concern from Sambourne that 5/8ths of the proposed sites in Studley fall in their parish and are all Greenfield sites. Studley are disappointed that brownfield sites put forward in.
- Some suggested sites may be inappropriate, Studley is being dealt with as an urban area. Greenbelt is not necessarily a constraint if land is available and suitable.
- Concerns from the floor that the amount of affordable housing could bring down the prices of existing property. It will not only be affordable homes but family ones also that are required and any caveats on land can change.
- In local service villages proposed development is not in keeping with what has gone before.
- Feel that any green areas in Studley of which there is a shortage should be protected

and any development should be within the curtilage of the village.

- Traffic on the A435 is at capacity and subject to Air Quality Management scheme which would be a constraint on any extra development. Schools within Studley and Mappleborough Green are full with not much scope for extending their capacity.
- Infrastructure including roads and sewers cannot support and further development.
- Housing needs survey carried out by Studley Parish Council stressed the need for family homes. The brownfield sites previously identified should be developed leaving the greenbelt areas alone. The plan needs to look beyond current policy.
- Query from a resident why SDC not encouraging the development of existing sites such as the Co-op site in Studley and why not included. They have no confidence in the current draft plan. Paul Harris stated the reason it's not included as it is in the current plan.
- Communities can influence what they want in their villages on land that is available through Neighbourhood planning. Development should lead from the 'bottom up' not the other way around.
- Conservation areas will remain protected .
- Greenbelt areas should only be developed in exceptional circumstances. SDC are aware that everyone will fight for greenbelt.
- Scale of developments would have to reflect on present situations in local towns and villages especially schools.
- The Draft Core Strategy is not 'set in stone' which is the reason for the consultation.
- Concerns by many of those present that there has been very little publicity and notification about the Core Strategy.
- There is no mention that if a new settlement were to be built could solve the problem and be no need for the extra housing.
- No mention in the document concerning phasing of development but apparently this is difficult when sites have not been identified. There is also a need for a master plan concerning developments.
- Essential the buffer zone between Redditch and Studley as well as Earlswood and Solihull be protected. Borders are important.
- There was a concern about dispersal of housing among villages. Development should be urban and greenbelt protected and the 30% rule adhered to.
- All points raised should be individually sent. It is vitally important that residents write in as public consultations are often not publicised and responded to.
- Perhaps would be an idea as there is no demand in Sambourne or Studley for additional housing the North and South of the County could trade development to areas which want housing to those who don't.
- Thank you to Paul Harris from the chairman Justin Kerridge for attending the meeting and taking questions.

Action Plan:

Draft action plan for the next meeting and need to decide what is required.

Focus will be on Emergency Planning.

An accident on the M5 last year caused by fireworks. If happened on the M42 how would we respond?

Information Sharing:

VASA update

Healthwatch

Broadband

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

Thursday 28th June 2012, Tanworth in Arden Village Hall.

Thursday 20th September 2012 Studley Village Hall

Thursday 6th December 2012, Henley High School (Provisional)

Thursday 21st March 2013, Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon (Provisional)

