

Henley & Studley Community Forum Notes
23rd March 2011
Studley Village Hall

A total of 48 people attended the meeting

The Chair, Cllr Stephen Thirlwell welcomed everyone to the meeting. The proposed change to the name of the forum to “North Arden” was discussed. It was generally agreed that the change would be misleading and vague. It was agreed that the name of the forum should remain as Henley/Studley Community Forum but that all the parishes should be named individually on any publicity material

Local Policing update

Presentation by Sgt Bob Shaw including an update on the three priorities agreed at the last Community Forum which were:

- Speeding vehicles along A3400 at Wootton Wawen.
- Anti Social Behaviour at junction of Crooks Lane and Pool Road, Studley, also sales of alcohol to underage persons.
- Dangerous parking outside One Stop and Somerfield, Henley in Arden

A copy of presentation is available to view on the Warwickshire County Council website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums (for a hardcopy call Lizzie Price on 01789 260133)

Further information is available on the Safer Neighbourhoods website at: www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

Issues were put forward and voted on

There were a several “Issues Raised” forms that were not specific to the police which were passed to Lizzie Price to forward to the appropriate officers. Lizzie will monitor and feedback the outcomes.

Action – Lizzie to action as above

Action – parking in Henley to be put on the agenda for the July meeting to take a multi-partner approach to the continuing problem

It was noted that as a result of the new police structure, Sgt Shaw will be taking a different role and that Simon Bennett will take over the role at the forum. The Chair thanked him for his work on behalf of the forum.

You Said We Did

- **Youth & Community Centre/Youth Services** – Work to the lights has been agreed and should be completed very soon. The future of the provision of Youth Services is still under review but the forum felt strongly that the Youth Clubs should be retained
- **Broadband** – Coventry University is working to identify the worst coverage areas across the district. A funding bid has been made the outcome of which be determined on 18th April. **ACTION: update at July meeting**

Henley/Studley Youth Forum Have Their Say

Robert McCluskey outlined the current position and confirmed that the Youth Service will change but the detail is not yet known. Studley and Henley Clubs are both potentially under threat of closure

Members of Studley Youth Club raised their worries and concerns over the possible loss of the Centre. Discussions that followed included:

- If the centre was to close, anti-social behaviour will get worse
- Numbers at Studley are on the increase
- The youth are willing to undertake fundraising to help maintain their building
- Youth Club in Bearley is funded by Parish Council, could this be an option?
Studley Parish Council concerned that there is insufficient in it's precept to do so
- What can the community do to save the Youth Clubs?
- Will the forum be consulted before any final decisions be made?

URGENT ACTION: Forum to develop a management group to look at ways to save both Youth Clubs. A working party to meet with WCC as soon as possible. Steve Smith/Lizzie Price to follow up

Public Sector Budget Update

- **NHS** – Liz Murray outlined the health budget for Warwickshire as £820m for 2010/2011 and forecast is it will break even. Half is spent on hospital services and the other half on primary care including opticians, mental health etc. 2011/2011 need to save £50m. Government white paper which will require an Act of Parliament outlines a proposed change to abolish Primary Care Trust and replace with GP Consortia. There will be 4 in Warwickshire i.e. North Warwickshire, South Warwickshire, Rugby and Nuneaton & Bedworth. Community Services will transfer to Warwickshire Foundation Trust. More information is available on Dept of Health website or NHS Warwickshire
- **Fire & Rescue** – Gary Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer advised that the implementation of the Fire Service Improvement Plan would save £1½m from the 2011/2011 budget. Implementation has started including shift systems, managing sickness and winding down stations marked for closure. Studley Station is schedule to close in March 2013. Fire alarm response will save £65k. Home Safety Checks are above target (2011/2012 £20k- need to renegotiate). Training site is in Moreton-in-Marsh offering good facilities. There are cross-

border arrangements for flooding and some savings for specialist equipment. There is £100k from WCC for FLARE (Young Fire Fighters). It is a challenging time in light of serving officers being charged following the fire at Atherstone but Gary assured the forum that the service will be delivered.

- **WCC** – Cllr Mike Perry outlined the budget as attached. Concerns were raised that Studley in particular is losing a lot of its services and questions were asked as to what WCC is doing for Studley. Residents will demand a reduction in Council Tax if it receives less service than elsewhere in the county. Particular concern was raised regarding the potential closure of Studley and Henley Libraries. An additional Community Forum dedicated to the Library Consultation is being held on 19th May, 7.00pm at Studley Village Hall. Subsequently an additional meeting has been arranged on 24th May at Henley C of E Primary School

ACTION: will services for people with disabilities be cut? Feedback in July

- **SDC** – Dave Webb outlined the budget as attached. Concerns were raised regarding the potential closure of the public toilets which would have a detrimental effect on the elderly, businesses and Studley in general. Dave advised that there will be a Equality Impact Assessment undertaken and he will ensure the forum's comments are passed to the Management Committee. The decision will be made by the Cabinet. **ACTION: Dave Webb to follow up**
- **VASA** – no one was in attendance from VASA but a brief outline of its budget was given as attached. It was noted that the events referred to in the statement had already taken place. The forum asked to be made aware of any additional events taking place and also for any feedback from the events that have taken place. **ACTION: update at July meeting VASA**

Opportunities in 2011 – Influence Future Development in the District

Stephanie Chettle, SDC Planning Policy Manager, gave a presentation as attached outlining how people can get involved in the development of the Core Strategy. Concern was raised at the inclusion of the site at West of Birmingham Road, Studley which Cllr Beaman was confident has been withdrawn from the draft document. Stephanie advised that any consultations that had been made in February 2010 would be included in the next draft. To make consultation visit the SDC website www.stratford.gov.uk Or contact the Planning Policy Team. The third draft will be publicly available and adopted in 2012. To be brought to the forum when available

ACTION: Stephanie to follow up and feedback on the Studley site to the forum in July.

ACTION: Third draft to be brought to forum when available

Have Your Say

- Cllr Perry accepted a petition from residents of Bearley regarding the condition of pavements in Oak Tree Close. Cllr Perry will forward to Graeme Fitton
- Cllr Perry accepted on petition from residents of Wootton Wawen opposing the closure of Henley Library. Cllr Perry will present the petition to WCC on 29th March

- Flooding from over-flowing sewers in Studley – can Severn Trent help?
ACTION: Lizzie to invite them to July meeting
- Studley Car Boot Traffic – what are the arrangements for 2011
ACTION: Lizzie to investigate and feedback to July meeting
- Traffic including HGVs in Toms Town Lane, Studley causing damage to verges and no parking signs have disappeared
ACTION: Lizzie to pass to WCC and feedback to July meeting

Police Priorities – The Results

- Antisocial behaviour in the Millenium Park area was highlighted and also the area along Pool Road close to the Leisure Centre - Before the next Forum the SNT will carry out an extra 12 patrols in the area to tackle the issue. They will also explore the possibility of obtaining a new dispersal zone for the centre of Studley
- Dangerous Parking was highlighted along Pool Road in Studley particularly in relation to school traffic - The agreed police actions are to complete 12 patrols in the area to advise motorists. To link with Stratford District Council to request enforcement of limited waiting areas.
- The priority identified was speeding cars along the built up area of Mayswood Road in Wootton Wawen - Agreed actions are to carry out 8 speed checks in the area before the next Forum.

Information Sharing

- Spencer Colquitt from CAB Outreach advised that an office is now open in Studley Village Hall offering free, confidential and impartial advice. By appointment only – to book call 01789 200136. Spencer thanked WCC/SDC for the grant funding contribution that had helped
- Rob McCluskey advised that Studley Mini Total Place is progressing and Jenny Murray will bring further update in July
- Staying Healthy in Studley Event organised by AgeUK taking place on Thursday 31st March, 9.30-13.00 at Studley Village Hall – for more information or to reserve a place call Charles Potts on 01926 458111 or email Charles@ageukwrks.org.uk
- Staying Healthy in Henley Event organised by AgeUK taking place on Thursday 5th May, 9.30-13.00 at St John & St Nicholas Church Hall – for more information or to reserve a place call Charles Potts on 01926 458111 or email Charles@ageukwrks.org.uk
- Escape Community Art in Action FREE Arts & Crafts Sessions every Tuesday morning 10.00-13.00 at Studley Youth & Community Centre – for more information call Ali on 07766 313654 or visit website www.escapeworkshop.co.uk

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

(meetings times are Local Surgery 6.30pm, forum start 7.00pm – no surgery on 19th or 24th May)

19th May 2011, 7.00pm – Studley Village Hall (Library Consultation)

24th May 2011, 7.00pm – Henley C of E Primary School (Library Consultation)

Thursday 7th July 2011 – Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon

Thursday 6th October 2011 – Henley (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 15th December 2011 – Wootton Wawen Village Hall
Thursday 22nd March 2012 – Studley Youth Centre

