

## **Henley & Studley Community Forum**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Henley Primary School, Arden Road, Henley**

**Members in Attendance:** Stephen Thirlwell  
Mike. Weddell  
Mrs Helen McCarthy  
Laurence Marshall  
Paul Beaman  
Hazel Wright  
Richard Hobbs  
John Horner

32 Members of the public and support officers from SDC and WCC  
Apologies were received from Tony Dixon, Les Topham & George Atkinson.

### **1. Election of Chair**

Cllr Tony Dixon was elected as chair at the first Community Forum meeting but as he is unable to attend future meetings he has stood down. Cllr Mike Weddell proposed Cllr Stephen Thirlwell seconded Cllr Helen McCarthy. Cllr Thirlwell elected as chair.

### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome by the Chairman to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Community Forum. Members of the District and County Councils were introduced together with the support officers from Stratford and Warwick.

### **3. Update and Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Bob Shaw Safer Neighbourhood Team advised that a site has now been agreed for the Claverdon Speed Check site. It will now go forward for funding which is positive news.

### **4. Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Report**

Sgt Bob Shaw gave a power-point presentation, which is attached to these notes of which it forms part.

- Parking issues an ongoing problem High St, Henley and Tesco Express, Studley and as yet not resolved.
- Parking at Tanworth School – visits to school and letters sent to parents. Building work has exacerbated the problem.
- Speed checks carried out B4189 Claverdon, The Common Earlswood, Station Road and Toms Town Lane, Studley. Middletown Lane Sambourne and High Street Henley. 30 warnings and 2 fixed penalties given.
- Anti Social Behaviour in Henley extra police patrols organised and enhanced policing 12am – 1am.

- Series of burglaries of barns, sheds and vehicles in and around Henley as well as youths gathering on Millennium Park Studley. Renewal of Dispersal Zones being applied for to help tackle the situation.
- Substantial damage to skatepark in Henley.
- Operation Orleans designed to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour on run up to Halloween and Bonfire night a success. Incidents reduced to nil over past 3 years.
- Warning given by the police not to leave Satellite navigation systems in vehicles. 22 stolen over the past week .
- Resident from Henley rang Henley Police Station but no reply should have gone through to Warwick. Laurence Marshall said contact could be circulated.
- Resident raised the point that communication is very difficult for the deaf and hard of hearing. She was involved in a near miss whilst turning right into Arden Road. Could the police look into it as area a problem. Moves are afoot to reduce the speed down the hill.
- Question concerning the manpower budget and whether there would be an increase or decrease, Sgt Shaw said it would be the same. There are hot spots but not in Henley, Studley area. SNT team will remain the same. Cross border policing a high priority such as in Studley where Redditch is within walking distance. If Redditch has an initiative Studley suffers.
- Over the last two months in response to complaints of lack of policing after midnight in Henley advised that they have had everything that can be offered.
- CCTV of offenders stealing from St Johns Church in Henley.

## **5. Parking Issues across the area**

- No parking experts from WCC in attendance. Some issues dealt within the SNT report.
- Parking on Henley High Street needs to be pushed forward.
- Parking on the pavement along Alcester Road, Studley. Discussed by the Parish Council at length but nothing happens. This was noted and will be brought back to the next meeting.
- Important for the future of these meetings that something is happening and issues are going forward.
- 18 months talking about the parking outside Tesco in Studley. Close to a busy junction and there has been 3 accidents already. It is a very serious situation. A Highways issue and needs to be sorted out as a matter of urgency and not pushed to the next meeting.

**Action** Helen McCarthy – Answer by next meeting

Dave Webb SDC and Martin Gibbins WCC although not experts will take back any issues impacting on District or County.

As a point of process, would have expected an expert from WCC. Officers need to attend these meetings.

## **6. Have Your Say**

### **i) Change of hours to Studley Library**

- Martin Gibbins stated that WCC aware of a number of issues. County wide review of the Library Service being undertaken. Community Forum will have a say in what happens.
- Studley has a population of over 6,000 and receives only 50% of available hours. Review of usage undertaken in the school summer holidays therefore analysis irrelevant. As it is now not open after 5.30pm anyone at work cannot access the library other than on a Saturday morning.
- Helen McCarthy who was consulted about the change of hours said the change came about because wanted the hours to be more uniform. Will be looked at over next 6 months. The footfall exercise showed that few were using the library in the evening and there was difficulty with some young people.
- Henley hasn't been consulted concerning the review being undertaken.
- Need to have faith something will be done.

### **ii) Studley Swimming Pool Access**

- Adrian Smith represents a group of teenagers in the Studley area. 'Booted out' of Stratford Sharks age restriction of over 13 can no longer be a member.
- Alternative sessions offered in either Stratford or Shipston which is too far away when there is a pool that can be used in Studley.
- Financial support for the new club received from Studley Parish Council it has also been constituted. Teenagers are a priority
- Use of Studley Pool was offered in principle between 7.30pm to 8.30pm Tuesday evenings which is an open slot which is underused.
- SDC have refused to allocate a spot as this should be used for the community. It seems unfair when Stratford and Redditch have a slot but not Studley.
- Contacted Rob Walsh at SDC but unsupportive. They have 3 qualified coaches in the club and offered to pay full fees. The club needs the support of the Community Forum to get something done.
- Hazel Wright commented that it is the only pool bought and paid for by residents and they have the least access.

**Action** Cllr Mike Weddell and Dave Webb to contact Rob Walsh to see what is happening. Should have something resolved for the next meeting

### iii) Wootton Wawen Flood Defence Scheme

- Compliments on the completion of the scheme, hope to never have to prove it works. Really grateful to everyone who took part. A positive result.

## 7. Parish Pump/ Information Sharing

- Dave Webb brought to the attention of those present that the Draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy is out for consultation from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Can be viewed and downloaded from the District Council Website [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)
- Warwickshire Observatory, County Profile- Raft of information in Alcester District including Henley and Studley [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)
- Studley Cinema Club Mamma Mia showing on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in Studley Village Hall 7.30pm

## 8. Items for future meetings

- Improvements to the new timetable London Midland train service
- Future funding plans, Henley Youth Club
- Commercial Vehicles High Street/Station Road, Studley
- Closure of Senior Citizens Action Network.
- Policing

## 9. Any Other Business

- Very few residents from Studley in attendance. Those from Henley that did attend felt that the forum meetings were not publicised enough. Martin Gibbins support officer responded that all Parish Councils notified press releases. As much was done as is possible. Most powerful tool is by 'word and mouth'.
- Some residents attending thought PACT meetings at a local level should be retained.

## 10. Dates and Venues for Future Meetings

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 7.30pm Studley High School