

Arden Community Forum Notes
28th June 2012
Tanworth in Arden Village Hall

A total of 33 people attended

The chair, Cllr Justin Kerridge welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Tanworth in Arden Village Hall for hosting the event and the WI for providing refreshments which included a delicious cream tea.

Cllr Peter Oakley was elected as Chairman and Cllr Peter Emberson as Vice Chairman of the Arden Community Forum for 2012-13.

Local Policing update

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

- **Targeted burglary patrols in Studley and surrounding area**– Commitment to conduct 24 patrols but actually conducted 39 patrols. A total of 3 burglary dwellings recorded in Studley and surrounding villages in past 3 months. Worked closely with neighbouring forces to try to determine crime patterns and to identify potential cross border offenders. Significant arrest of 2 individuals in Studley during March.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour patrols, St Judes Avenue and Nature Reserve**– Officers conducted a leaflet drop identifying the Forum priority and officer contact details to all residents within the vicinity of the Nature Reserve. 12 Patrols conducted, all after 10pm. No ASB incidents reported and no groups or individuals located during any of the patrols conducted.
- **Use of Earlswood Lakes in evening**–Meeting took place with British Waterways, Police, Environmental Agency, local residents and Parish Council where a number of issues were raised which have been taken away by British Waterways. Further meeting anticipated. A number of Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to drivers for obstruction offences on Malthouse Lane.
- **Twitter** – you can now follow the Alcester North SNT on Twitter @SNT_AlcesterN.
- 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:

- Anti-Social Behaviour patrols Pool Road, Studley
- Speeding along the Common in Earlswood
- Parking on Malthouse Lane, Earlswood
- Speeding on Malthouse Lane, Earlswood
- Parking at junction of Common and Umberslade Road in Earlswood

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- £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 have 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 Neighborhood teams and HQ regarding the issue of event licenses and if they were made aware when applications are made. The license an event in Preston Bagot has again been granted even though last year there was many complaints from residents.
Licenses 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.

- Speeding along the Common in Earlswood – *8 additional speed checks*
- Parking on Malthouse Lane, Earlswood - *12 additional patrols*
- Parking at junction of Common and Umberslade Road in Earlswood - *10 additional 30 minute patrols to be carried out*

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Police Funding

- £22.6 million to save by 2015 (£10m to go)
- Experience significant cross border crime
- Longest motorway network of any county

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Multi agency responsibility – not just Police. Pioneering work in Warwick District to integrate the efforts of all key partners eg: police, landlords, District and County Councils etc. Evaluate pilot and roll out county wide
- Anti-Social Behaviour fell by 14.9% (3681 incidents) during 2011/12

Police and Crime Commissioners

- Elections take place on 15th November 2012 for Police and Crime Commissioners. This is a really important election. Candidate's election addresses will only be available on line. Voters will have 2 votes which will be first vote and second preference. If a first vote is not recorded then second vote will not count.
- Cllr Oakley reported that both formally declared candidates – Fraser Pithie and James Plaskitt are keen to talk to large groups of people and will be invited to a Forum meeting

Strategic Alliance

- Warwickshire and West Mercia Police Authorities approved plan to share services across

forces to deliver £30m of required savings – Not a merger
The Police will have a busy summer with the Diamond Jubilee, Olympic Torch relay and Games as well as the usual events such as Global Gathering and Bulldog Bash. No leave is being taken during the Olympic period. A vote of thanks was recorded for all their efforts

You Said We Did

- **Community Forum Branding – the new name is:-** Your Community Forum – Arden
- **Road repairs in Common Lane, Mappleborough Green:-** this is currently being addressed
- **Voting on Police Matters in forum:** - Piloting a Live Stream at Shipston on Stour Forum. Arden Forum will be monitoring progress.

The You Said We did presentation is on our website
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Have your say:-

- Speeding on the Henley to Warwick Road is a problem in Claverdon. A petition signed by 180 people was handed into the Forum
Action – Lizzie Price to forward the petition to appropriate body
- Maintenance of pavements in Claverdon, particularly on Station Road is a real concern. A petition signed by 150 people was handed into the Forum
Action – Lizzie Price to forward the petition to appropriate body
- Proposed closures at Alexandra Hospital, Redditch. This is to be debated on 23 July by District Council. Public consultation is on line. Formal public consultation will take place during autumn 2012. Solihull Hospital is also under threat so will have effect on residents.
Action – Forum to publish link for consultation Online and contact Parish Councils to ensure those without Online facilities are able to register their concerns.
Residents are also encouraged to write to Karen Lumley MP who is opposing the closures.
- Residents raised concern that addresses in unadopted roads was not recognised by the Emergency Services.
Action – Cllr Atkinson to take this up. Member of Ambulance Service advised that if residents contact the Service directly their details can be updated onto computer records
- Cllr Oakley concerned that Solihull and Redditch Fires Services may be facing the loss of up to 20 officers and 1 appliance. He asked for this to be investigated and if true to be an agenda item at a future Forum

Emergency Planning & Emergency Service Response Times

Martin Scott (Area Manager) and Ben Lyons from the West Midland Ambulance Service were invited to the Forum to address concerns raised by Studley Parish Council regarding the target response times by Ambulances.

Cllr Bacon was concerned that the target for Code Red Life Threatening calls (8 mins response in 75%) had been achieved in 60 incidents out of a reported 80 incidents but if the First Community

Responder attendance as first at scene was taken out then the actual achieved was 45%, 36 incidents out of a total of 80. He was also concerned that not all First Responders are qualified to administer life threatening drugs. Martin Scott responded that he had reviewed all calls to the Studley area for past 6 months and the targets had been met without taking into account any attendance by the First Responders. He reported the following:

- Average response time for Studley is 10 mins
- Since changes have been introduced Studley is better served
- Now a Regional service regardless of boundary
- First Responders do excellent job and are purely there to help community and Ambulance Service, not to help response times
- West Mids Ambulance Service reviewing how they operate, using Staffordshire as model
- Centralised depots for ambulances, some stations closed to save money
- Locally 3 hubs, ambulances will be prepared so crews just pick them up and will be placed in strategically placed locations determined by historical data
- Will back up Community Paramedics
- Levels of high activity are where units are placed and constantly under review
- NHS Pathways call system now in place
- 999 – urgent calls identified immediately and other calls identified as non-urgent redirected to appropriate number
- Ambulance cars in small rural areas, ambulances will rotate with crossover built in when shifts change
- Worcestershire are looking at hub in Worcester but there will still be Community Vehicle in locality- still under consideration - car or ambulance to be based on Studley Road in Redditch.
- Henley – Ambulance based. Dorridge – Community Paramedic Scheme
- Alcester – Paramedic. Studley – Community First Responders
- Confirmed target 75% within 8 minutes being achieved. Data being gathered to provide a breakdown by post code
- The West Mids Ambulance Service recognized as best service now for 4 years in row
- Ambulance Service works closely with First Responders which are a valuable resource in South Warks. They are volunteers who sign volunteer agreement and managed by a full time Manager. Responders log on to shift and contacted by text if call comes in for area served, followed by verbal call, are now issued with radios
- Individual complaints fully investigated and responded to
- Paramedics trained to very high standard – first few minutes of basic first aid most important
- VASA coordinate Responder units and help establish units in new areas. Tanworth-in-Arden interested in setting up Responder unit. Ambulance service provide training
- Forum attendees felt it important that consideration be given to having defibrillators available in all Parishes – Tanworth-in-Arden Golf Club has defibrillator

Thank you to Martin Scott and Ben Lyons from Chairman for attending meeting and taking questions.

State of the District Debate – Cllr Stephen Thirwell, Stratford District Council

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Stratford on Avon District Council has an annual State of the District Debate as per its Constitution. Consultation takes place with Councillors and with the public this year through the Community Forums and the Stratford District Council Website – **public are urged to contribute**. All views will be taken back and debated. Issues raised and proposed actions will be reported on at the Autumn Forum.

- District Councils have a duty to work with partners and neighboring districts to bring pressure eg: housing.
- Enforcement being worked on
- Very protective of green belt
- Councils will have sight of any plans where building is proposed up to boundaries
- Anxious that cross boundary working takes place before legislation
- Draft Policy – will start to add weight to protect
- There is a duty to cooperate between neighboring districts. Around the country objections are being raised and Core Strategy is not getting through
- Stratford District Council – continuing theme not to have to take housing for Redditch

Information Sharing:

- Amendments of times of mobile library circulated
- Superfast Broadband Questions and Answers circulated
- Highways Newsletter – to be distributed to all Parish Councils
- WCC Grants - All County Councillors will have the sum of £5000 to spend in their area

Cllr Peter Oakley thanked Cllr Thirwell for attending the meeting and taking questions.

He also thanked the outgoing Chairman, Justin Kerridge for his contributions and dedication to the Community Forum during the past 12 months.

Cllr Oakley commented that his vision for the Forum during the forthcoming year was more about the community and less about the Parish or District Councillors. He urged the community to attend the Forums even when held outside their own community. The agenda can be about what the community want it to be.

Arden Community Forum Website Address:-
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/henleystudleyforumcommunity

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

Thursday 20th September 2012 Studley Village Hall

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

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

