

Weddington and St Nicolas Community Forum

Monday 6 March 2017

(Ambleside Community Sports Club)

Notes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors, Clarke (Chair), Kondakor, Tromans, Bonner, Wilson, Gutteridge,
Mike Slemensek – WCC
Steve Nunwick – Hinckley and N. Warwickshire College

1. Welcome & Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody and introductions were given.

2. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

2.1 The Police were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a data report which was considered and discussed at the meeting.

3. Issues log from previous meeting

3.1 Local Parking issues arising from College parking policy

Mr Steve Nunwick was in attendance from the College to listen to concerns. Whilst the colleges policy remained the same he would be happy to speak to residents about specific incidents in an effort to resolve concerns. Mr Jim Foster said there were still instances of residents having their vehicles blocked in. Pellinor Drive was mentioned specifically. Discussion referred to the need for a strategic review of parking restrictions in the area – because there were so many things going on- including proposals for an extension to St Nicholas School. Cllr Clarke said there would need to be a public consultation about the school extension. Cllr Tromans asked for a strong message to be taken back to the college about removing the parking charge – because very little money is being raised but there is a big impact caused to the local community which the College should take some ownership of. The principal of the College should be invited to the next meeting

ACTION: Steve Nunwick to feed the views of the forum back to the College. College principal to be invited to the forum by letter.

3.2 Community speedwatch

Anti-social behaviour using vehicles is continuing in the area including speeding and vehicles turning in people's drives. There was a request for the police to update on this at the next meeting- particularly including the risk assessments for community speedwatch.

3.3 Bus services – discussion took place about local bus service provision and the fact that this will be an important issue in a year or more's time when new housing developments begin. A new bus shelter at the top of St Nicholas has now been installed.

4. Current local issues

4.1 Noticeboards – discussion took place about the planned siting of community noticeboards and Cllr Kondakor mentioned the importance of keeping the cost reasonable as some products quoted upon had turned out to be very expensive. Ideas also included using noticeboards in bus stops. Mike Slemensek said that there were quite serviceable ones that could be obtained at a relatively low cost.

4.2 Proposed new building on the St Nicholas School site – this has been raised by a resident who is unable to get to the meeting. There was concern that the the proposed development for Nic Nacs nursery will cause further problem with regard to parking and there does not appear to have been any consultation locally. This led to wider discussion about the Borough Plan to ensure infrastructure is in place to support new building developments and about school funding provision.

4.3 Councillors explained that the procedure for development planning applications is that the County Council receive the application and do a report to the Borough Council. It is the responsibility of the Borough Council planners to agree or disagree and up to the public to raise any objections. The Borough Planning Committee who are elected members make the final decision. The objection must be based on a 'proper' reason and there was a Planning Portal on the council website and residents can go to the planning committee in person.

4.4 Traffic issues – discussion took place concerning traffic congestion issues at a number of locations including the bridge on Hinckley Road, traffic from Eastborough way up to the Longshoot and the need for further parking restrictions around schools. Cllr Clarke was aware of these problems and spoke of the need for some national governance of these matters.

4.5 Church Lane concerns – undergrowth and trees need to be cut down and re-instate footpath for the last 40-50 yards. Local residents have done a lot of work themselves to cut undergrowth back and there was a request for the local authority to complete this work. Helen Lidgate is the relevant officer. Cllr Bonner will pass the details on to Helen and will meet with the applicant.

ACTION: Cllr Bonner

4.6 Buttermere Park – Bellway Homes have caused damage to the hedgerow making the site insecure. Cllr Tromans has been working on this to make sure the site is kept secured and access to Buttermere Park will be pedestrian only. Cllr Tromans said there will be re0insatement and replanting work going on and will ensure Tree Protection Orders are considered.

4.7 Borough Plan – councillors re-iterated that the consultation period for the Borough Plan would soon be closing and encouraged members to contribute to the consultation process.

5. Summary and Close

5.1 Cllr Clarke thanked all for attending and looked forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

9. Date of next meetings

7pm on Monday 31 July 2017, Ambleside Sports Club

APPENDIX A

North Warwickshire and Hinckley College – Effect of Car park Charging on Local Residents

Report for Weddington and St Nicholas Community Forum on October 10 2016

1. Staff Car Parking

At a meeting with the group Director and Estates NWHC Mr Andrew Crowter on June 21 2016, a report had been supplied by myself that the average daily car parking numbers for the Hinckley Road cul-de-sac and the College staff car park over 12 working days from the end of May and the beginning of June were as below:-

Hinckley Road numbers 58-76	College Staff Car park (Capacity 209)
31.1 cars	71.4 cars

In the run up to the Community Forum a further 25 days were checked between the end of June to the present time as below:-

29.9 cars/day in cul-de-sac	70.56 cars per day in staff car park
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This shows that 30 percent of staff cars are being parked in the cul-de-sac to avoid the £1/day charge. Photographs which I will show at the meeting for today demonstrate this very clearly.

The slight average in the cul-de-sac car numbers were as a result of WCC Highways repainting the 'No Parking' sign in the turning circle which is now being respected.

2. Free 30 minute Drop-off time

Many parents are unaware of the free time given for dropping off their children. Others wishing to avoid travelling through the college to exit onto the Higham Lane exit are dropping off their children in the feeder road for numbers 58 to 76 Hinckley Road causing much obstruction, inconvenience and danger to the local residents in the absence of such a facility at the college entrance.

3. Access for Emergency and service vehicles

There is a serious issue where the double-parked vehicles prevent access of service vehicles such as Fire Appliances (see recent WCC fire service 'Park it Right leaflet), waste Disposal vehicles etc.

Only a double yellow line on the opposite side of the road from the houses will prevent that. My request through WCC Highways is in progress but very slow.

I will not go into more detail for the moment, but when as the local Borough Councillor for the ward I was asked by NWHC about this scheme last year I advised that it had been badly thought through and that WCC Highways should be properly involved. I will forward this note copying a number of key people including Gary Palmer from the WCC Highways Planning Group.

J. Foster

APPENDIX B Issues Log from 27 June 2016

Issue	Action	Outcome
Public – all-purpose litter bins to display dog stickers	NBBC to look into this	NBBC have confirmed that they have the stickers and these will be fixed to all bins in the park areas of Nuneaton and Bedworth.
Glendales giving an unsatisfactory service locally	NBBC Parks Department to keep on top of issues raised in Weddington / St Nicolas area for Glendale to action	Poor service is acknowledged by Glendale and NBBC but standards have now improved greatly due to proactive management of issues affecting performance – work is now back on track.
New housing developments and landscaping	NBBC Planning Officer to be invited to next meeting	Katherine Moreton, Head of Development Control, NBBC, will attend to answer questions.
Installation of notice boards & benches at local shopping parades	To install and secure insurance and maintenance agreement with WCC / NBBC. Approach Co- Op manager to agree installation of internal noticeboard	Agreement has been reached on insurance and maintenance and street furniture has been ordered and will be installed. Looking at a projected installation date of 8-10 weeks' time. Meeting held with Co-op manager.
Police / Community Speed Watch to include Pallet Drive / Milby Drive in CSW	Pallet Drive and Milby Drive to be risk assessed for suitable locations	Police will update at the meeting.
Pedestrian Crossing on Long Shoot - crossings not functioning for the benefit of pedestrians, not enough time to cross	Confirm: traffic signal junction at A5 / A47 The Long Shoot, Nuneaton.	28 June 2016 - The agents for Highways England, A-one+ have confirmed that the timings at the traffic signal junction at A5 / The Longshoot for pedestrians are in accordance with the standards
Arriva Bus Service	Request feedback on No7 drivers not following designated route	Members to feedback at next meeting of any further instances. Arriva has been contacted by WCC for an update from Toby France.
Lack of Forum representation at North Warwickshire & Hinckley College meeting on 21 June	College representative to be invited to the next Forum meeting	WCC have contacted the College and Mr Andrew Crowter, Group Director NWHC will be attending the meeting.
Update on Local Plan for Nun & Bed	Request for NBBC representative to attend next meeting to give update on Local Plan	The meeting will be attended by Christine Tydeman. NBBC have announced that consultation on the new plan will take place in January.

APPENDIX C Issues Log from 10 October 2016

Issue	Action	Outcome
Speeding vehicles.	Pallet Drive and Milby Drive to be risk assessed for suitable CSW locations. Police	
Inconsiderate parking and congestion caused to residents resulting from the college's new parking charges.	Mr A Crowter to take views back to college authorities including views expressed by Cllr Brindley. MR A Crowter	
Arriva bus service	Contact Mr Toby France for update Mike Slemensek	