



Action Notes

Henley Ward Forum

7pm, Wednesday 3rd December 2014

At Grace Academy, Wigston Road, Potters Green,
Coventry CV2 2RH

Who was at the meeting?

Alan Tyrrell	Sheridan Sargent	James M Bench
Dennis Walford	Michelle Sargent	Tom Terrence
Edna Lucas	M Mortlock	Anthony Bacworth
Elizabeth Brandrick	Lydia Bloxham	Bob Nickolls
Graham Randle	Suki Sian	Kevin Warren
Jan Phillips	Susan Field	Kelvin Bayliss
Lynn Lloyd	S.P	Chris Godber
Margaret Davoll	Kevin Humphrey	
Pam Randle	Julie Humphrey	
Sandra Watts	Alan Passman	
Anne Baber	Jonathan Passman	
Brian Goodard	Gary Yates	
Mandy Gee	Peter Howells	
Linda Kinsella	Graham Nabb	
Pauline Greenfield	Julia Wood	
Sue Bloxham	June Edwards	
Fred Bloxham	Y Howells	
John Hill	B Galdad	
JW George MBE	Jean Pointon	
Jayne Foster	Narinder Kumar	
No of Residents: 47		



Officers and Partner Agencies

Name	Representin
Councillor Kevin Maton	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor
Councillor Ed Ruane	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor (Chair)
Councillor Lynette Kelly	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor
Sarah Elliott	Coventry City Council – Senior Support Officer
Sgt David Langston	West Midlands Police
Rachel Brown	Coventry City Council – Project Support Officer for the
Ian Lewis	Coventry City Council – Senior Consultant – Transport
Christopher Berry	Coventry City Council – Planning Policy Assistant
Dave Allen	West Midlands Fire Service
James Horrocks	Mace Consultation
Pravin Palmer	Education Funding Agency
Julie Fairbrother	Coventry City Council – Places Co-ordinator
Faye Cockayne	Coventry City Council - Major Projects Community
Tarnjit Singh	Sevak Trust
Matthew Pennock	Willmott Dixon Group
Andrew Hassell	Glancy Nicholls Architects
Coventry City Council: 9	Partners: 7

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Councillor Ed Ruane welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Actions from previous meeting

Residents affected by Traveller Encampments

Action	Lead
Inform Bereavement Services of the issues raised by residents in relation to travellers accessing the cemetery site to take water and defecate on site	To be raised with Bereavement Services
Consider changes that can be made at a national level in relation to legislation for traveller encampments.	Cllr Ruane to raise with Local MPs
Concerns were raised in relation to the clean-up of the Sowe Common site eg. Oil and tissue that remain will be reported to the Street Cleansing.	To be raised with Street Cleansing
A written update will be sent to residents on the approach to traveller encampments.	Cllr Ruane
All actions complete. Letter for residents is in progress.	





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Henley Cycle/ Road Improvement

Action	Lead
Signage and speed hump discussion to be shared with highways, to see if these can be explored.	Parmi M to raise with the Highways team
Residents raised concerns about the lighting alongside the river by Henley College and would like the Council to consider if this can be improved.	Parmi M to raise with the Streetlighting team



Point 1

There are no signs authorised for use on the public highway that can advise drivers against the use of certain routes and experiences to date have indicated that drivers simply follow the instruction of sat navs over the presence of signs directing them otherwise. This is a problem that the Department for Transport (DfT) has recognised and is working with local authorities and transport organisations to try to resolve.

The Council will investigate the state of the signs on our strategic road at the junction near Ringwood advising 'unsuitable for large vehicles'. With respect to weight or environmental restrictions for all such restrictions there is an exemption for access which would permit larger vehicles travelling in to the estate accessing properties or businesses. It is not possible to implement a weight restriction without this exemption. The enforcement of weight restrictions is the responsibility of the Police however against other competing demands on their time and in some locations logistical difficulties making enforcement resource-heavy it is not always their highest priority.

Highways liaised with traffic and in conclusion the raised tables are to remain. However, the gradient on the approach and exit ramps will be reduced. Cllr Ruane is aware of the discussions and outcome regarding this issue.

Point 2 –

The footpath is not an adopted footpath and there is no funding available from the PFI Contract to install street lighting on an unadopted footpath. If funding could be made available from another source to cover the cost of providing a power supply and lighting columns on the footpath, the Council could explore the possibility of installing lighting columns.

Update on the Walkabout in the Area

Action	Lead
Waterlogged issues with the path from Pandora Rd to Winston Avenue to be investigated to see if this can be resolved	Cllr Maton
Condition of the car park at the doctor's surgery to be investigated to see if the Council can take any action.	Cllr Maton
Explore if the bins can be replaced by the food outlets at St Philips Church or if alternative bins can be provided.	To be raised with the Streetlighting Team and Waste



Point 1 - This is a footway which cuts across a grassed area. This will mean it will become waterlogged and muddy during periods of wet weather. The Council does not have any plans or funds to provide an improved footpath across this area. There is a less direct route that can be used as an alternative traditional surfaced footpaths that can be used.

Point 2 – verbal update at meeting

Point 3 - There were 2 waste bins attached to the original lighting columns outside 18 and opposite 31 Ringwood Highway. Following the removal of these columns during the street lighting replacement works the 2 waste bins were transferred to the nearest new lighting columns.

3. Fostering and Adoption – Rachel Brown

Discussion:	Short presentation to highlight the need for Foster Carers in Coventry was provided. There are currently 600 children in care, requiring Fostering
Conclusion:	For further details see: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering

4. Additional Agenda Item – Seva School Proposals for Walsgrave Triangle

Discussion:	<p>The Education funding agency (EFA) has been working with the Sevak School Trust to identify suitable sites for the school across the city. They have considered 4-5 locations, None of them were considered to be suitable/ deliverable.</p> <p>Sevak School Trust currently operates a Primary School on Tiverton Rd – but they are looking for a permanent location, to support the shortage of school places in the area.</p>
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	<p>Looking to create an outstanding school to contribute to the Community- which will be open and inclusive school with 50:50, with 50% of pupils form a Sikh faith and the rest from other or no faiths.</p> <p>Side being considered is the former Barclays call centre off Eden Rod – plans were shared at the meeting highlighting the desire to create a Primary and Secondary school on the site with 700 primary pupils and 750 secondary pupils, from within Coventry and outside the area (no set catchment area). There is only one access point to the site, but there will be pedestrian access off Eden Road.</p> <p>Q - How will traffic be managed? A - Traffic and transport assessment will be undertaken.</p>
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Other considerations are staggered start and finish times, the use of double decker buses and offsite parking. The Primary School has successfully operated on Tiverton Road with no traffic issues.

Q – What consultation will take place and for how long? The consultation period runs until March, and there will be a number of drop in days arranged for residents to provide feedback. The Council is working with the Trust to develop the consultation channels.

Q – Has a Wildlife Assessment of site been undertaken?
A - A number of trees may have to be removed, but a new Tree screen will be planted.

Q – Do we know how many people worked at Barclays? As the traffic number may not be affected as the volume is going to be similar?
A – no one was able to answer this question.

Q – will the traffic impact on the air be measured?
A – Air quality and the impact of traffic will be measured as part of the planning process.

Q – if the Mound cannot be removed will the school still be built? A – no

Q - Does the Council hold the freehold for the green area? A – yes

Q - When did negotiations to purchase the land start?
A – discussions have been taking place for the last 6 months.

Q – how many storey's high will the planned building be?
A – it will be no higher than the current building at 2-3 storeys high in different parts.

Q- Have any of the businesses on the site been informed of the school? A – They will be advised as part of the communications plan.

Conclusion:	n/a	
Action	Lead	Deadline
To look into the use of the Mound and what options exist for this going forward	Cllr Ruane	Next meeting

5. Update on Pinch Point Scheme - Ian Lewis

Discussion	There have been a number of delays in relation to completing the works to the entrance to hospital, mainly due to utilities and cables. Even the works along Bray Road will have to be revised due to fibre optic cables being found, which are too expensive to
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	<p>move.</p> <p>Pinch Point Funding has to be spent by 31st March 2015, and the Traffic Commissioner has been informed of the delays to the scheme. Funding not utilised may have to be returned.</p> <p>Q - Has any consideration been given to the location of the new Seva School? A – not yet.</p> <p>Q – What plans are in place for the Mount Pleasant roundabout, where vehicles speed up from the motorway and there are no indicators sued at the island? A – One plan is to consider lane markings to prevent people driving straight through the island.</p> <p>Q – Will Woodway Lane be widened? A – there will be lanes that will turn right.</p> <p>Q - How can minor alterations increase traffic flow? A – a number of measures will be implemented, including new LED signals to react to traffic flow and an increase in lanes which will also help.</p> <p>The Council was praised for keeping residents informed of the works whilst they were taking place.</p>
Conclusion:	n/a

6. Local Plan Update – Christopher Berry

Discussion:	This item will be moved to Agenda for the New Year
Conclusion:	Local Plan – Residents advised that any comments on the Local Plan need to be received by Christmas

7. Update from the Police Service – Sergeant David Langston

Discussion:	<p>The Police are reviewing the number of stations in the area as part of their Estate Management Plan, with the need to make £120m in savings. Plans include retaining Bell Green station, closing to Stoney Stanton Road Station as it is out of date and would require a large investment to bring it up to standard. Little Park Street is likely to close, along with a number of front offices in the next 6-12 months. Stations will be a base for Officers, not open to the Public, however Willenhall station will remain as a front desk and Fletchamstead Highway will also remain open.</p> <p>The Police are looking at the ways they communicate with the public. Rationalising the number of buildings will allow the force to retain a number of officers.</p> <p>New Sargent David Langston – introduced himself to the residents contact details provided below) Key statistics for Henley</p>
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- Slight rise in vehicle crime by 3.7% (5 incidents), mainly thefts from motor vehicles, residents urged not to leave valuables on display.
- Criminal damage has seen an 8.8% reduction
- Arson, 35% reduction following operation Cinders
- Burglaries have increased with an additional 11 cases taking place over night.
- Areas with high Anti-Social Behaviour have had Officers patrolling the area up to 3 times a day
- Police now have active tenancy enforcement powers
- Working with Trading Standards in relation to catching bogus builders
- Operate a cycle safety scheme with free safety checks and registrations once a month.

Q – What are the Police doing about the Motorbikes on Henley Green? A – The Police have requested additional resources with traffic Sargent but resources are limited

One resident thanked the Police for their work in relation to off road bikes, with five being recently removed.

Many of the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes need reinvigorating – for help contact the Sargent on the details below.

Conclusion:

Sargent David Langston contact details – D.Langston@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

8. Update from the Fire Service – Dave Allen (West Midlands Fire Service, Watch Controller)

Discussion:	No update available
Conclusion:	n/a

9. AOB

Action	Lead	Deadline
To report back on when the work at the cemetery will be completed	Cllr Ruane to confirm	Next meeting
Additional meeting to be arranged – Agenda items include the Seva School, Local Plan, A46 capital investments Hospital update	Parmi Mudhar/ Sarah Elliot	End of January



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