



Meeting of Westwood Ward Forum

Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 8 November 2016

Who was at the meeting?

Residents

C Birch	C Kavanagh	J Proctor
M Boileau	B Keene	H Quinn
D Cabble	D Lee	B Redfern
Mrs Carr	A Martin	N Rippington
S Cooper	S Martin	C Spiers
G Franklin	A McConville	P Spiers
Mr Gamble	L McCusker	K Sprouse
Mrs Gamble	P McDonald	A Taylor
A Goldfinch	D Mooney	R Taylor
C Harrison	D Moseley	D Townsend
G Harrison	P Nelson	Mr Twigg
A Hartwell	D Nettle	Mrs Twigg
H Hewson-Scott	V Owen	T Weatherdale
S Hodgson	K Packer	S Wright
M Irvine		
43 plus 14 residents not signed in		

Officers and Partner Agencies

Name	Representing
Councillor Marcus Lapsa	Coventry City Council – Chair
Councillor Tim Mayer	Coventry City Council
Councillor David Skinner	Coventry City Council
Sgt Johanna Comer	West Midlands Police
PC Ben Woolerson	West Midlands Police
Ryan Forrester	West Midlands Fire Service
Dave	West Midlands Fire Service
Adrian West	Coventry City Council (Senior Support Officer)





Action Notes

1. Minutes of last meeting - 28th June 2016

Discussion:	No issues raised other than those on the agenda.
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2. Police Report - including traffic matters and speeding

Discussion:	<p>Sgt Johanna Comer from WM Police gave a short update on crime and community safety issues in the ward. The team provides a monthly newsletter with more information.</p> <p>During October in the ward there were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 burglary related incidents in the ward (this includes building sites as well as residential. Some were from unlocked properties and one where the keys were taken from within the hall to open the door)• 5 vehicles were stolen, some where keys were left in the vehicle.• 10 thefts from motor vehicles, some where doors had been left unlocked• 14 thefts• 13 reported violent crimes <p>PC Ben Woolerson talked about some of the work being undertaken by the local team to tackle Antisocial Behaviour, including at the Xcel Centre, off road bikes, nuisance bikes on the road and parking enforcement. Two speedwatch initiatives have been carried out on Charter Avenue and Kirby Corner Road.</p> <p>Issues raised by residents included: Parking on the corner of Freeburn Causeway between 9.00 to 5.00 – there are no parking restrictions but residents feel it is dangerous. The Police will visit.</p> <p>If you need to contact the local team phone 101 and ask for the Canley Team.</p>
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Discussion:	Ryan Forrester, the White Watch Commander from Canley gave a brief introduction to the West Midlands Fire Service in the ward. The Fire Service contributed to the speedwatch initiative on Charter Avenue following a series of three road traffic accidents. The service offers free safe and well visits to homes to check smoke alarms, escape routes and how to keep safe. The Service works with Age UK to offer a higher level of service to older people.
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3. Local Plan

Discussion:	<p>The Planning department at the City Council had provided the following update:</p> <p>Coventry's Local Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hearings are continuing and are expected to be finalised on the 15th December.• The Council will wait for the Inspectors recommendations to be finalised before agreeing our next steps.• We could then expect to have to consult on a round of main modifications, which are focused changes to the Plan generated as a result of the examination process. This consultation will require Council approval and is expected early in the new year.• This would be followed by 6 weeks consultation on these changes (around March time).• Those changes and the responses to the consultation then go back to the Inspector. Unless there are significant issues that require further examination the Inspector will then issue her final report (potentially around May/June 2017). <p>The Local Plan could then be adopted through Cabinet and Full Council over the summer.</p>
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4. Roads Update - including Templar Avenue area

Discussion:	<p>Concerns were raised again about the changes to Gibbet Hill Road. Helen May from the University was at the meeting and happy to receive any comments by email at: community@warwick.ac.uk</p> <p>Cllr Skinner has received an update about proposals for parking restrictions on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close which is summarised below.</p> <p>Following a petition (received June 2016), raising concerns about parents parking on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close; the Council consulted on proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in August 2016. We would like to thank everyone who responded to this consultation. The proposed CPZ would have worked by preventing parking for one hour in the morning (8.30am – 9:30am) and one hour in the afternoon (2.30pm – 3.30pm).</p> <p>However, following the consultation, a large proportion of residents (over 60%) rejected the proposed Controlled Parking Zone on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close. The majority of residents that rejected the proposals highlighted inconvenience caused by the parking restrictions as the main reason for rejecting the Controlled Parking Zone; as the restrictions would also apply to residents.</p> <p>After considering the response from residents, the Council is looking at an alternative resident parking scheme on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close. This proposed residential parking permit scheme would operate for one hour in the morning (8.30am – 9:30am) and one hour in the afternoon (2.30pm – 3.30pm) Monday to Friday. Only residents with valid resident parking permits could park during this time, and this would prevent non-permit holders parking in Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close when the scheme is operational. This scheme is considered more resident friendly as it has less impact on residents with a valid permit.</p>
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Discussion:	<p>Residents will be consulted on the new proposals over the coming weeks. If residents' support this scheme, the parking permits will be 'virtual' and will work in a similar way to the new car tax system. Residents will be charged for each permit (this charge is currently £20 for three years). The proposed resident's permit scheme would be shown by signs at the entrance to Knights Templar Way.</p> <p>The Council is keen to receive views about the proposed scheme, as at least 60% of households are required to respond and be in support of the proposals for the scheme to progress.</p>
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5. Parking around Tile Hill Station - including proposals for possible more building

Discussion:	<p>Cllr Skinner raised concerns about safety in the area particularly Station Avenue and Cromwell Lane.</p> <p>Residents asked whether any planning application for additional houses on Cromwell Lane could include additional resource to increase parking at Tile Hill station.</p>
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6. Canley Regeneration

Discussion:	<p>Residents raised a number of issues relating to the regeneration programme, particularly the impact on local facilities and services of the additional houses. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the additional school places that would be required, although it was noted that there was capacity and scope to expand in existing schools.• that some existing houses in the area have not been refurbished for more than 20 years.• that there are no plans to widen the roads when additional houses are built.• The proposals for double yellow lines at Prior Deram Park <p>Concerns were also raised about the impact of Finham 2 on parking, traffic and road safety.</p>
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7. Any other business - questions from residents

Discussion:	<p>Residents raised issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nailcote Avenue – the introduction of double yellow lines following the residents’ petition is really helping getting out of the road but the problem has now moved further on. Is there an opportunity to consult residents on further options?• The yellow lines at the bottom of Conway Avenue causing problems with parking (but were put in following requests from residents).• Duggins Lane – parking is dangerous at junctions.• A petition was circulating in the room asking the Council to acquire land and create a car park.• Corner of Dalmeny and Charter Avenue has Centro bus stop and the only access is via a rutted grass verge which is dangerous to walk across.• New houses off Templar – having to drive across council pavement – developers and council can’t agree who is responsible• Safety concerns outside Aldi• Concerns about speeding in Torrington Avenue from Tile Hill to Woolfe Road at evenings and weekends. <p>Ward councillors will follow these issues up.</p>
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(Meeting closed at 9.00 pm)