



## Community Forum Action Notes



**Forum: Coseley East and Sedgley**

**Date and time: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019- 6:30pm**

**Venue: Alder Coppice Primary School, The Northway, Sedgley**

**Attendance:** Councillors: P Drake, B Gentle (chair), S Keasey,  
S Ridney, T Westwood

**Officers/police:** H Jeavons (Community Liaison Officer), L Watson (Community Liaison Officer), D Tiwana (Community Development Worker), A Taylor (PCSO West Midlands Police), E Coffield (PCSO West Midlands Police)

Apologies: Sgt L Humphries (West Midlands Police)

Members of the public: 14

**1. Apologies and declarations of interest:** Apologies - Councillor M Evans  
No declarations of interest

### **2. Police and Communities Together**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Unavailability of crime figures. PCSO's unable to access inbox of absent, designated police officer; therefore unable to present statistics.	Action: Councillor Keasey requested a breakdown of crime figures to be shared.  Should the crime figures be unavailable because of the absence of a key police officer with sole access to this information, there needs to be a contingency plan.  Councillors suggested the use of the North Dudley West Midlands Police inbox. Issue to be followed up.

Crime summary/trends:

Thefts from motor vehicles include 'interference', where a theft has been unsuccessful.

Noted: Crime prevention measures and the vigilance of residents has had a positive impact on the outcome of attempted thefts from motor vehicles.

A few burglaries in Sedgley

Distraction burglaries in Coseley, Bradley Lane area

Noted: 'Sedgley Past and Present' Facebook site contains information relating to current 'scams' in the locality.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/655462824623028/?ref=direct>

North Dudley Neighbourhood Watch post information and advice on their Facebook site.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/northdudleynhwcommunity/>

Councillor Gentle urged residents to share information.

Trending telephone scams include people purporting to be from internet providers and HMRC. Vigilance is needed.

Targeted criminal damage to two motor vehicles in Sedgley.

These were related incidents.

Iceland car park in Sedgley:  
Discarding of whipped cream  
chargers/inhaling nitrous oxide  
in relation to substance abuse

Resident highlighted the dangers of the misuse of  
these canisters to produce a 'quick high' for the user.

Police are aware of this trend and the locations where  
this activity is predominant. The police have  
successfully patrolled specific areas and the problem  
has diminished in these locations; however users  
have found other areas to gather and engage in this  
activity.

Resident was thanked for highlighting a new  
gathering area. Police will continue to target known  
locations.

Cleaning areas where whipped  
cream chargers have been  
discarded.

Noted: If the ownership of the area is disputed,  
neighbourhood watch residents have worked with the  
council to clear specific areas.

### **3. Listening to you**

#### Subject

#### Action/Response

Parking regulations - Clifton  
Street/Rock Road.  
Issue with parking on the  
junction.

Action: Any concerns over inconsiderate parking  
can be raised with ward Councillors. They will  
raise with the Highways Department, who will  
follow through if cars are illegally parked.

On-road parking outside Hurst  
Hill Labour Club and Church.

Noted: The Police can act if a vehicle is illegally  
parked.

Gatherings on Clayton Park, Coseley.

Police were present over the weekend. No anti-social behaviour whilst they were present. Residents were asked to report spikes in the number of youngsters gathering.

Noted: Police and The Rainbow Centre have provided activities during the Summer holidays for young people. This was positively supported. A similar opportunity is being developed for October half term.

Ward Counsellors are keen to support such ventures and asked to be notified.

Cones on Brook Street/ Bourne Street.

Action: Resident referred to Gornal, Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum meeting.

Abandoned car on pavement in High Park Crescent.

Noted: Several residents have reported this. The owner is known and attempts have been made to contact them. The car is taxed, but not insured and parked without obstructing pedestrian access. The car can be removed when the designated time period has elapsed.

Co-ordinated approach to support for lonely and isolated local people.

Ridgeway Surgery and Dudley Council are co-ordinating information and making it available. All Saints Church are focusing on supporting this group within the community.

Development in Red Lane and impact on view from homes in Sedgely.

Noted: A rock salt storage facility is visible on land in Red Lane - Sedgley. A South Staffordshire Councillor has been contacted as the farm is in South Staffs.

#### 4. Working with you

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Councillor Keasey: Meeting to discuss Sedgley Christmas lights switch on event.	Noted: Meeting arranged at the Conservative Club on 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 6.00pm.
Parking along Cotwall End Road.	The situation is being regularly monitored by ward Councillors.
Litter pick in Sedgley.	Thank you to the residents who supported this event.
Ongoing issues with trees (dead, dying or dangerous)	Following up with residents.
Responsibility for clearing up fallen leaves/clearing drains	The clearing of fallen leaves depends on the location of the tree and who is responsible for the tree.  Noted: Any specific issue relating to clearing leaves or drains can be raised with ward Councillors.
Councillor Westwood: Individual issues raised by residents.	Noted: Work continues with residents on specific issues.
Councillor Ridney: Initiative to help loneliness and mental health	A group meets regularly and is currently making pom-poms to raise greater awareness.  Representatives will be attending a conference to share their experiences.  'Just Straight Talk' are a group in Coseley supporting a number of initiatives.

Parking around Coseley station.

This is an on-going problem and is being monitored. The implementation of parking restrictions is not a quick process. Ward Councillors are meeting with representatives from the rail company to discuss a resolution.

Councillor Drake:  
Issues with trees are on-going.

Application to extend opening hours to 24 hours- McDonalds Coseley.

Ward Councillors and residents campaigned against the proposed extension of opening hours. This was successful and the application was rejected

Forming of a group to support King George's Field- Hurst Hill.

The area is becoming a wooded area and not a park. Ward Councillors are keen to establish a community group to focus on this park. Funding is available to support the work needed.

Clayton Park make-over.

Work has been undertaken to paint fences and clear up the area.

Councillor Gentle:  
Leafleting of Hurst Hill area to generate support for 'Friends of King George's Field'

Leaflets will be distributed in the area around the school and Clifton Street.

Walk around in Coseley by Chief Executive.

Issues were highlighted to Chief Executive, including the reopening of the public toilets. There will be a similar 'walk about' in the Sedgley ward.

Proposed Whitegates Road TRA.

Working to establish this group.

Safe and Sound ( Dudley's Community Safety Partnership)  
Community Cohesion and Hate Crime Strategy review  
Public views-survey.

Paper copies were circulated for resident's contributions.  
Electronic copies of the survey available here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BXRKRB2>

## 5. Funding

### Applicant

### Recommendation

#### **Sedgley and District Community Association**

Agreed

The Association is requesting £5,000.00 towards the total cost of approx. £80,000 of creating an on-site car park.  
Representative from group present.

#### **Sedgley Evening Townswomen's Guild**

The guild is seeking £640.00 for the printing, and delivery of 3,000 Sedgley Heritage Trail Leaflets.  
Representative from group present.

Agreed

#### **St. Andrew's Church, Sedgley**

The church is asking for £1,000.00 towards the costs of purchasing a defibrillator and cabinet to be located on an external wall of the church,  
Representative from group present.

Agreed

#### **Christmas Trees and Lights**

£1,560.90 for the Vicarage Road tree  
£1,752.60 for the on-street lighting in Coseley

Agreed by Coseley elected members

£1,561.00 for the Bull Ring tree  
£4,301.10 for the on-street lighting in Sedgley

Agreed by Sedgley elected members

**Meeting ended at: 7:50**

Date of next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Venue to be confirmed