



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Coseley East and Sedgley

Date and time: Thursday 6th September 2018 at 6.30 pm

Venue: Alder Coppice Primary School, The Northway, Sedgley, DY3 3PS

Attendance: Councillors M Evans (Chair), M Mottram, B Gentle, S Keasey, T Westwood.

Officers/ Police: Donna Patel (Liaison Officer), Iain Gillett, (Community Development Worker), Sergeant Luke Humphries (West Midlands Police), PCSO Heather Coffield (West Midlands Police), PCSO Taylor (West Midlands Police)

Members of the public: 10

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest.

Apologies: Councillor S Ridley

2. Police and Communities Together

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Sergeant Humphries shared the Crime Data from July 2018 to present for Coseley and Sedgley:	Noted.
Coseley: 7 thefts from/ of motor vehicles, 2 burglaries and 1 high performance vehicle stolen.	
Sedgley: 4 thefts of motor vehicles.	

Ongoing issues related to anti-social behaviour and quad bikes.

Dudley and West Midlands Drone Team are to trial a project operation on the 15th September 2018 specifically targeting local parks / hot spot areas. Joint operation between Wolverhampton and Dudley to consider barriers for parks.

A spate of thefts of Transit vans from May - August 2018. Sixty-one across Dudley. Eight vans have been found, but there is no intelligence to pursue. The Police have some intelligence re. sites in Tipton containing stolen vans/ parts.

The Police have been successful in obtaining a defibrillator for Sedgley, and a second one is currently being pursued.

Reduction in bike thefts - police operation in place. Thefts believed to be linked to local gangs.

Cllr B Gentle raised concerns in relation to the data collation for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Coseley due to concerns from local residents, that not all 101 data is being recorded.

The service desk is not managed by a police officer and most ASB is also linked to a criminal offence, so it is likely to be recorded as the primary concern i.e. criminal offence rather than ASB. The police want to push the use of social media to improve Crime Data linked to ASB.

Cllr B Gentle - aware that on the 17th July 2018, specific concerns related to Bramfield were shared with the Police and DMBC Officers.

Cllr B Gentle will follow up with the people concerned to establish an outcome in terms of any action to be taken.

Cllr B Gentle raised concerns from one resident in Whitegate Road in relation to parking on the pavement / obstruction.

The police advised that in these circumstances they can use their power of discretion. Cllr Evans suggested a meeting between the police and DMBC officials to clarify the process and agree the responsible agency.

Cllr Mottram clarified that the community forum had been advised that the police would pursue if parking on pavements led to an obstruction. The council would investigate where there is parking on pavements that is not deemed to be an obstruction (i.e. would enable a wheelchair user / pushchair sufficient access).

One resident advised of evidence of drug use in some area's when he is walking his dog and sought clarity from the police in terms of the specific intelligence needed by the police from local residents about this ASB in local areas.

Cllr B Gentle to pursue with the DMBC Officer involved (PT) and the Police to establish an outcome and actions to be taken.

Sergeant Humphries is investigating the concerns.

Cllr B Gentle shared concerns relating to Bradley's Lane, which is a weight-restricted road but is being used by lorries above the weight restriction. Some concerns in relation to the signage being too late in the journey for lorry drivers and lack of enforcement in place from the council and the police traffic enforcement units.

Local residents have been advised to record vehicle registration numbers or photograph the vehicles and their company name and report to the police.

3. Listening to you

Subject

One resident asked for an update on Haveacre Road, Coseley in view of the ongoing concerns. Donna Patel shared the details from an email from Jeremy Butler, Highways (dated 4.9.2018), received in preparation for this meeting.

Action/Response

A review of the collision history has been undertaken, with no recorded personal injury collision recorded in the last 3 years.

Given the above, this location would not be considered as part of a local safety scheme programme, which is primarily to treat sites where there is an identified and treatable patterns of collisions. However, as part of an annual review of all injury accidents across the Borough, Haveacre Lane will continue to be monitored.

Jeremy has visited the site at Haveacre Lane and reported to the Green Care Team concerns in relation to overgrowth encroaching on the carriageway.

A corridor study has been undertaken to look at the whole route. There will be public involvement in this study - due to take place in the autumn. Members of the public that have an interest in the study should monitor the press and the council's website to take part.

Local residents disputed the accuracy of the recorded accidents, one resident reported a recent accident that he had been involved in and another one that he was aware of which is alleged to have previously been reported to Cllr Ridney by this resident within the last year. Residents continued to express their concerns in relation to road safety in this area.

Cllr Evans requested that a site meeting is arranged between Jeremy Butler, Highways, residents and elected members to review, in view of the safety concerns and ongoing concerns from local residents.

Cllr Evans expressed concerns as to how the data is collated and shared across the police and council.

4. Working with you

Subject

Action/Response

Cllr S Keasey focussing on issues related to trees and Christmas lights.

Cllr T Westwood dealing with day to day enquires from local residents.

Cllr M Evans responding to the impact of the World Cup / England match, which resulted in significant damage to an island in Sedgley. CCTV footage is being followed up by Green Care and the police.

The Gospel End Street modifications' have seen a reduction in accidents.

Cllr Melvyn Mottram - currently working with Cllr Bec Gentle on the traffic light issues on Birmingham New Road and Shaw Road / Bilston Street. Joint work with a Wolverhampton Councillor and Wolverhampton council/ Highways Dept. Some alterations made. Ongoing work.

Car Parking space at Coseley train station - ongoing meetings planned.

Cllr Bec Gentle - Bramfield Close and anti-social behaviour related to drug dealing. The council is to cut back the shrubbery. Working to reduce fly tipping and litter, and considering a barrier in the local park.

The police advised that they do patrol the Bramfield Close area and discuss issues with local residents. The police will continue to monitor the area. Residents do send the police registration numbers and concerns.

One resident viewed this area as an eyesore since the garages had been knocked down. He suggested that this land could be used for car parking; however, this option has previously been declined by local residents.

Residents raised concerns in relation to the proposed 65-bed hostel, in Coseley and the planning request.

A local resident shared concerns in relation to the drug dealing in Haywood Street, Coseley and Stanley Grange Court.

Cllr Evans reassured that local concerns have been raised with the planning department.

The police are aware of the concerns.

5. Community Forum Funding:

Applicant

Recommendation

Christmas trees and lights

Agreed to recommend funding of £4,760.19 from Coseley East and £5,000 from Sedgley

Friends of Wrens Nest Nature Reserve

Agreed to recommend funding of £2,528.04 from Coseley East

Coseley Black Country Day and Christmas Lights Committee

Agreed to recommend funding of £3,500

Dudley Community Church

Application deferred pending precise figures, and information on the benefits for the residents of Sedgley and Coseley East. This type of resource / support service is already available in the Sedgley area for local people.

The Sedgley and District Community Association

Application for funding towards the car park at Ladies Walk withdrawn by the applicant until match funding has been secured.

Additional Item

D Patel shared a briefing note on 'Community Safety Priorities' which provided information on the annual consultation and public meeting. If you would like to attend the Safe and Sound Board Meeting planned for late January 2019, at Dudley Council House then please contact community.safety@dudley.gov.uk or call the Community Safety Team on 01384 814735 or contact Katriona Lafferty on 01384 813278 or email: katriona.lafferty@dudley.gov.uk.

Meeting ended at: 7:40pm