

**Forum: Coseley East and Sedgley Community Forum**

**Date and time: 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 6.30pm**

**Venue: Christchurch C of E Primary School, Church Road, Coseley WV14 8YB**

**Attendance:** Councillors P Drake, M Evans, B Gentle, S Keasey, S Ridney and T Westwood.

PC M Lewis and PC C Trentham – West Midlands Police

S Griffiths – Democratic Services Manager

D Tiwana, Community Development Worker, Public Health

**Members of the public: 8**

### **1. Appointment of Chair**

Councillor B Gentle was appointed Chair of the Forum for 2019/20.

### **2. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Councillor T Westwood was appointed Vice-Chair of the Forum for 2019/20.

### **3. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillors and Officers introduced themselves.

### **4. Listening to you**

#### Subject

Various concerns in Whitegates Road, including littering (some dropped during refuse collections), parking on pavements, speeding vehicles, green care maintenance and problems associated with a particular block of flats. Reference was also made to traffic issues concerning Daisy Street.

#### Action/Response

Ward Councillors were aware of the problems. Discussions would continue with the Police and Council Officers with a view to resolving the various issues identified by local residents. Ward Councillors would assist with organised litter picks.

The need to resurface Siddons Road given the situation with potholes.

To be pursued by Ward Councillors.

Fly tipping problems on the Coseley Canal towpath

The problems were acknowledged and had been reported to the Council and the Canal Trust. Members supported action to resolve the issue as a matter of urgency. Concerns would be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Street Services.

Concerns about motorists ignoring the 'No Entry' signs at the top of Church Road.

Ward Councillors to raise with Council Officers.

Road/traffic safety issues concerning Rock Road/Clifton Street

Various ongoing/ historical issues were noted. Ward Councillors would raise the issues with Officers to see if any further action could be considered in the interests of improving safety.

Need for work to clear an overgrown gully at the top of Rock Road

To be reported by Ward Councillors to relevant Officers.

## 5. Working with you

### Subject

### Action/Response

Councillors R Gentle and P Drake referred to the Planning Application for the extension of opening hours at McDonalds on Birmingham New Road.

Objections had been received and a decision on the application would be made in due course.

Councillor S Ridney referred to a planning application for residential development on the Bean Road site; the development at Dark House Lane and the demolition of the former Horse and Jockey

Reference was made to various infrastructure issues affecting schools, health provision and parking. The site of the former public house was in need of regeneration.

Councillor T Westwood referred to the clearing of blocked gulleys due to the recent spell of rain. Noted.

Councillor M Evans referred to meetings concerning the ward memorial in Sedgley Noted.

## 6. Police and Communities Together

### Subject

### Action/Response

Councillor R Gentle reported on a recent Anti- Social Behaviour session held in Sedgley/Coseley. Feedback would be reported to a future meeting.

Councillor S Ridney reported that concerns of drug dealing in Old End Lane had been reported to the Police. Residents were urged to report any issues or concerns to the Police.

Councillor M Evans requested an update on action to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour around a Community Centre in Sedgley. The Police had patrolled the area and noted that no further incidents had been reported.

General concerns were raised about the increasing problems associated with vehicle crime in the area. Noted.

## 7. Community Forum Funding:

The Forum received a report on the allocation of expenditure from the Community Forum funding budget for the 2019/20 municipal year.

There were no new applications received for consideration at this Forum.

Councillor T Westwood queried the 'Actual Spend' figure of £4,990.98 relating to the Sedgley Ward for 2019/20. This would be checked with the officers concerned.

Councillor T Westwood also requested an update on a grant towards the Dark House Baptist Church toilets in February, 2017.

Councillor M Evans requested that details of expenditure during the year be circulated to all Members of the Forum.

**8. Next Meeting:**

9<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – 6.30pm at Alder Coppice Primary School, The Northway, Sedgley.

**Meeting ended at:** 7:10pm