



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Coseley East and Sedgley

Date and time: Monday 13th January 2020 at 18:30

Venue: Christ Church Primary School

Attendance: Councillor B Gentle (Chair)
Councillors T Westwood, S Ridney, S Keasey, M Evans, P Drake

Officers/Police:

S Berry (West Midlands Police), D Murray (West Midlands Police),
PC Lewis (West Midlands Police), Lisa Watson (Area Liaison Officer),
Lydia Cooper (Community Development Worker),
Deborah Harkins (Director of Public Health and Wellbeing)

Members of the public: 13

1. Apologies and declarations of interest: None

2. Police and Communities Together

<u>Subject</u>		<u>Action/Response</u>
Crime Figures from October – January 2020		Noted.
<u>Sedgely</u>	<u>Coseley</u>	
Burglary 26	17	Noted.
Car Crime 34	42	
Criminal damage 9	24	
Robbery 3	6	
Theft 20	16	
Total 92	105	

Compared to same time last year

110

102

Councillor Gentle stated that car crime in Coseley was the highest issue. The Police advised that this was due to residents in colder weather leaving their car running with the keys in the engine. The Police advised that this invalidated car insurance. They had completed some early morning patrols to combat this. The Police also stated that a lot of car crime was theft of tools from vehicles.

Noted.

Councillor Evans thanked the Police for their work. Councillor Evans advised that he would like monthly meetings with the Police. The Police advised that they would put this idea forward. They also advised that there was a new inspector for the area.

Councillor Evans to liaise with West Midlands Police.

Councillor Keasey raised concerns regarding speeding around Northway, Wolverhampton Road, Sandyfields Road and Cotwall End Road areas. He asked for an increase in attendance by a mobile speeding van. The Police advised that it was a different department to local Policing who decided where the van attends.

Councillor Keasey to approach the West Midlands Police to request additional attendance.

Councillor Ridney raised concerns regarding speeding in Coseley, Gough Road, Tunnel Street, Yew Tree area. Several residents had walls knocked down due to speeding motorists. There had been several accidents and no working speed cameras in this area. Highways had also been approached for traffic calming measures. Issues raised regarding parking around train station and Christ Church Primary School.

The Police would get information of last 12 months accidents and speak to Enforcement but envisage that this matter would be referred back to Highways. It was also suggested a representative from the railway attended the next meeting. The Police advised that people were encouraged to use Public Transport without adequate parking. Councillor Ridney to liaise with West Midlands Police regarding this.

Resident queried placement of average speed cameras and why mobile speed van puts up signs. Noted.

3. Listening to you

Subject

Action/Response

Resident advised of lots of accidents in Ettingshall Road due to new traffic lights and queuing traffic.

Noted.

Resident questioned the location of proposed temporary travellers' transit site. They advised that they had emailed the Home Secretary and MP themselves. Resident had concerns that the land being used was contaminated and unsuitable due to location. A resident questioned why this site had been chosen as opposed to other areas in the Borough. One resident suggested withholding council tax.

Resident to continue with questions to Home Secretary and MP. Residents were advised to request answers from Leader of Council and Dudley MBC as planning permission had been granted. Councillor Ridney advised the proposal would go through the democratic process.

General discussions about contaminated land and how it could be treated; location of this site; how the Police would move people on if they do not use it and use an illegal site.

Residents expressed concerns regarding site not being used as the National Travellers' Council would be advising travellers that the land was contaminated; and concerns regarding the entrance to the site.

Resident concerned that a large processing plant to the rear of the proposed temporary travellers' transit site would be breaking laws due to noise. New sound barrier wall had been built two years ago but since then they had relocated the processing plant therefore wall not working.

Resident advised to contact Environmental Agency.

Residents advised that the funding for defibrillator in Sedgley (which was previously approved) was due to be installed very soon. Thanked the group.

Noted.

Resident on behalf of Dark House Church asked what the process was for placing bids.

Community Development Worker to assist with completing application.

Resident asked if a permit was required for companies to display animals in town centre as was concerned for their welfare (summer of 2019).

Question sheet submitted.

4. Working with you

Subject

Action/Response

Councillor Keasey had issues with speeding only. Reported a very good Christmas light switch on in Sedgley.

Noted.

Councillor Evans advised that he had been working on the war memorial proposal with several agencies.

Noted.

Councillor Westwood advised she had been putting pressure on for the cameras to be upgraded in Sedgley and this was being undertaken January/February.

Noted.

Councillor Gentle reported that the request for McDonalds in Coseley to be 24 hour opening had been rejected, however this had now been appealed. Written objections from Councillor Gentle had been submitted.

Noted.

It was advised that Councillor Gentle had been dealing with fly tipping in George Park, Poole Crescent and canal towpaths.

Noted.

Councillor Gentle had been working with West Midlands Combined Authority regarding the parking at the train station and the possibility of a park and ride.

Noted.

Councillor Gentle had attended Tenants and Residents Association meetings regarding parking and bins in Whitegates Road.

Noted.

Councillor Ridney advised that she had been dealing with ongoing speeding, traffic and wall issues Gough Road area.

Noted.

Councillor Ridney reported that she had been involved with options for park and ride at the train station.

Noted.

It was reported that the Coseley Christmas light switch on a success.

Noted.

Councillor Drake reported he had been dealing with speeding, all parts of Coseley and Hurst Hill and had contacted Dudley MBC for additional safety measures but this had been declined due to other priorities in the Borough.

Noted.

Councillor Drake reported he had been looking into parking around Wallbrook Primary School becoming an issue. Noted.

Councillor Drake advised he had many of the usual enquires from residents over Christmas period. Noted.

5. Funding

Applicant

All Saints Church - £5000 requested towards sound system which was part of ongoing modernisation of the Church Hall. Church Hall was used by numerous groups and charities who would benefit.

Application was presented at meeting:

All Saints Church, British Legion and Ex-Servicemen's Club - in partnership. £5000 to erect a war memorial in Sedgley

Recommendation

Approval of £5000 from the Sedgley Ward community allocation.

Approved in principle from Sedgley Ward community allocation, subject to usual process checks.

6. Date of Next Meeting

6.30pm on 16th March, 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

Meeting ended at: 7.25pm