



## Community Forum Action Notes



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

**Date and time: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm**

**Venue: Christchurch CoE Primary School, Church Road, Coseley. WV14 8YB**

**Attendance:**

Cllr Michael Evans (chair),  
Cllr Melvyn Mottram. (Vice-chair)  
Cllr Tina Westwood  
Cllr Sue Ridney  
Cllr Bec Gentle  
Cllr Shaun Keasey

**Officers/police:**

Donna Patel – Community Forum Liaison Officer  
Luke Bellamy – Community Development Worker, Public Health  
Aaron Laurence – Community Development Worker, Public Health  
Sergeant Richard Cruickshank – West Midlands Police  
PCSO Andy Taylor – West Midlands Police  
PCSO Emma Coffield – West Midlands Police

Members of the public: 21

**1. Apologies and declarations of interest:** None

**2. Police and Communities Together**

Subject

Action/Response

Sgt Cruickshank shared some statistics and comparisons across Sedgley and Coseley. There has been an increase in recorded crime in Coseley of vehicle theft particularly high powered cars and burglary to access keys to high performance cars. The police are

recommending the use of steering wheel locks. Generally the Christmas period has been good with not too much concern.

Cllr Bec Gentle advised of concerns related to Quad/ Motor Bikes off road and in open green spaces as an ongoing issue particularly around Harding Street and Salcombe Grove playing fields. Concerns also around fly tipping and anti-social behaviour in the Hospital Lane / North Crescent areas. The police advised that if it is persistent then they have the use of police drones. The police are working closely with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team within Housing to address issues. Sgt Cruickshank stated that it is easier to target persistent areas and can consider Public Nuisance Charges.

RC from Sedgley Community Centre thanked the police for their presence at the community centre due to anti-social behaviour and this has seen some improvements.

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

#### Subject

JB, resident requested information in relation to the Coseley Primary and Secondary School (Free School). Cllr Ridney shared some information that the build is going ahead.

#### Action/Response

DP is to enquire with the council in relation to the progress with the school and the admissions process.

30. 1.2019 – There will be some drilling of bore holes into the mine shafts taking place for several days, testing. Local residents have been informed.

Cllr Michael Evans requested DP to enquire with the council for an update to inform local residents of the plans, progress and admissions process.

#### 4. Working with you

##### Subject

##### Action/Response

Cllr Michael Evans reported that he was not satisfied with the response from Highways and the police in relation to the Local traffic enforcement regulations in relation to parking on pavements. Cllr Evans is to pursue within the council.

DP is to request for the Chief Officer responsible for Highways to contact Cllr Evans to progress

Sgt Cruickshank advised that the police and the local authority enforcement team do enforce Traffic regulations, but an unnecessary obstruction is a low priority.

Cllr Shaun Keasey stated that the Sedgley Christmas lights switch on was a big success and local businesses raised funds.

Cllr Melvyn Mottram shared that the Coseley Roseville Christmas lights switch on had also been a success and thanked local residents for their support. Cllr Mottram stated that the parking problems in Coseley are ongoing and that he is trying to address

Cllr Sue Ridney reported that a planning application has been made for a car park on the Horse and Jockey Public House site. The public house is to be demolished so there will be some noise.

Cllr Bec Gentle updated local residents on her work. She has undertaken a walkabout with local residents in the Haveacre Lane area due to narrowing of the pavement. Cllr Gentle is to pursue in view of the potential risks. She has also done a walkabout with the council Anti-Social Behaviour Manager in relation to the Bromfield Site. This is ongoing. Local residents reported that the clean-up had been very good.

## **5. Funding**

### Applicant

1<sup>st</sup> Sedgley Scouts, funding request for £4,990.98 to purchase equipment.

Donna Patel shared the Community Forum Funding update and copies were available for local residents at the forum to take away with them.

### Recommendation

Funding approved – Sedgley ward.

**Meeting ended at: 7.05 pm**