ACTION NOTES
HOLBROOK WARD FORUM – 19 March 2009

Who was there:

Avis Williams	June Jeffrey	June Jones
Margaret Lancaster	Malcolm Stamp	Jean Genders
Lynne Genche	P O'Kane	J Barber
Mr Leslie Swain	Bryan Lole	Brian Todd
Mrs Gillian Swain	Bob Arnott	D F Spice
Davie Morgan	Dave Watkins	James SA Wagstaffe
Residents:	**18**	

Name	Representing
Cllr Rachel Lancaster	Councillor
Cllr Ann Lucas	Councillor
John Walsh	Holbrook Wardens (CCC)
Mandy Davies	Community Safety Officer (CCC)
Ian Foster	CCC
Jane Murphy	CCC
Amanda Carr	CCC
Greg Gavin	Street Cleansing CCC
Mark Harriman	Street Cleansing CCC
Frances Kendall	CCC
Shelia Lucid	CCC
APS 20055 Moran	West Midlands Police
Dave Sexton	Neighbourhood Warden
Ray Wilkes	Neighbourhood Warden
Coventry City Council: 11	**Partners: 1**

Welcome to all and apologies for the cancelled Ward Forum on the 5 February

1. Actions brought forward from the last meeting

1a. President Kennedy School (PKS) – BSF

Discussion:	Cllr Lancaster fed back on the planning at PKS. There had been resistance from residents in Rookery Lane. A petition was raised and upheld and a second access has been adopted from Watery Lane which should alleviate the perceived problems.

1b. Watery Lane – update

Discussion:	Ian Foster updated the group and highlighted that he had walked around with Mr Jones. Mr Jones was not present at the meeting. Street Cleaning staff were present at the Ward Forum meeting. An annual clean was undertaken in January 2009. Cllr Lucas commented that some drains were so blocked it was a problem and it is understood that the ones causing flooding are those that have been done. Cllr Lucas wants assurance that those that do need cleaning out get done. Discussion took place regarding Penny Park Lane, Bennetts Lane and Hen Lane (no. 47 to the corner) where a resident stated that the drains had not been cleaned – they were clogged (outside jetty in Penny Park Lane) Resident has video evidence and has reported it to Cllr Clifford. Still issues with litter from Ricoh Arena. Greg from Street Cleaning asked for resident's name and number and a colleague will visit her. Cleaning of Hen Lane does take place after events at the Ricoh Arena. Residents said cleaning is being done but not to a high enough standard. By the railway bridge and Phoenix way there are issues, bins are full before events (especially on the 7 March 2009 which was the Ricoh's largest event) The issues of the drains has been going on for 3 years now. Greg made himself available at the end of the meeting to speak with specific residents.

1c. Whitmore Park Road - update

Discussion:	Cllr Lancaster highlighted the summary notes that were available at the meeting on the Whitmore Park Road issue. Mandy Davis said that everyone who had signed the petition relating to Whitmore Park Road will be written to and asked if they agree to the area being gated. Mandy will look at raising funds (if the majority agree) to the area being gated. Mandy said that priority decision will go to those that have right of way. The issue has been discussed at Safer Neighbourhood Groups (SNG). Cllr Lucas highlighted the problems that have existed for some of the residents and stated that if we don't move quickly, we will not get the money (for gating) that has been promised – there is a will to help people, it needs to be done properly. Cllr Lancaster offered to discuss the issue at the end with interested parties.

2. UHCW NHS Trust seeking foundation status – presentation

Discussion:	Malcolm Stamp (UHCW Chief Exec from 1 December 2008) provided a presentation on University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust seeking foundation status. In summary Malcolm stated that the presentation is not about seeking support for the trust – there will be a full consultation for this. The presentation is simply to highlight what foundation trusts are.

Rachel asked for residents to indicate if they wanted a copy of Malcolm's presentation

3. Holbrook Youth Club

Discussion:	Cllr Lancaster updated the forum that the Youth Club had been an ongoing project for the last 2 years. The Youth club was launched on 20 February with lots of different activities . It runs 2 nights a week every Tuesday and Friday. Amongst other things they are working with Coventry University to do drama work. Last Tuesday, 22 children attended and on Friday, 19 young people attended. A resident raised an issue about litter and they requested more bins. Cllr Lancaster said it can be raised via street cleaning

Action	**Lead**	**Deadline**
Street Cleaning to see if further bins can be provided in the area around the youth club	Greg Gavin	ASAP

4. Police Issues

Discussion:	An issue was raised with Wardens. A couple of weeks ago a large truck delivering to Bargain Booze, blocked the footpath and was a danger in the road. The truck parks there every time they deliver. Wardens not aware of the issue, but now they are they will contact the council parking enforcement officer to see what the situation is. The incident usually happens on a Friday morning, PC Moran will take issue back to the police as well. In addition, across the road 3 or 4 cars are blocking the road in front of the shop by the letting agency shop. Issues for the police - Jerome Moran (attending on behalf of Sgt Tarr) Jerome mentioned that Sgt Tarr had attended a police forum 2 nights ago (St Patrick's night) no body attended. Resident raised that Sgt Tarr said that all future meetings would be joint with CCC. In future, meetings will be joint. Cllr Lancaster will speak with Sgt Tarr and ask about future meeting. Future meetings will be at the community centre or Unicorn Club. The next 2 police surgeries are 25 March 2009, at Cottage Farm Lodge and 24 April 2009 at the Ricoh Arena library. Local police will more visibly active for 80% of the time – this is a target. If you want to contact police, it should be local neighbourhood police (Stoney Stanton Rd) and there will an appointment booked/contact made within 48 hours. West Midlands Police web site gives more info about the police pledge including an email address. An update was given about previous months priorities – there have been high visibility patrols, but no major issues.

	New priorities for this month; Anti social behaviour in Ecot Close – use of airgun Anti social behaviour – Yellow Stone Estate (off Watery Lane) Alcohol fuelled behaviour on Everdon estate (joint with Whitefriars) Crime figures – target 4% reduction. Down 8% (147 fewer crimes compared to last year). 31 less crimes in the recent period. From 1 April 2009, Groundwork team will be scouring the area and checking what would get the kids off the street (usually sport related – has worked well in Radford) A resident living on Hen Lane had issues with no police activity on Hen Lane after Ricoh events (damage to property, verbal abuse) mostly on match days and event days – antisocial issues by adults on events days. Speed of traffic an issue too. Cllr Lucas said that she is aware that there should be a camera being placed on the crossing to protect children. A resident raised an issue about a brothel by the filling station in Holbrook - needs closing down. Police are aware of the issue and police are investigating it. Cllr Lucas raised the issue at the Safer Neighbourhood Groups (SNG). Concerned about the age of some of the women/girls. Children from John Shelton School playing football in Masser Road – causing issues. Have mentioned it to parents, but no action taken. It is happening at about 3.30pm . Lady has spoken to the police. Cllr Lancaster said that we will speak to Wardens. Issue of cars parking on the pavements on both sides of the John Sheldon estate. Rachel will ask wardens to look at this when they are looking at children issue.

Action	**Lead**	**Deadline**
Wardens to contact the council parking enforcement officer to see what/if any action is required regarding the parking of delivery lorries outside Bargain Booze. PC Moran will take issue back to the police as well.	Greg Gavin PC Moran	By next meeting By next meeting
Update: The day after the Ward forum Jerome Moran passed the details of the lorry parking problem to the Neighbourhood Wardens for Holbrook's and Sgt Tarr of Holbrook's Neighbourhood Policing Team.		
Cllr Lancaster will speak with Sgt Tarr to ensure that future meetings are joint between the police and CCC.	Cllr Lancaster	Before the next meeting
Update:		

Action	Lead	Deadline
Cllr Lancaster will speak to Wardens about; • children from John Shelton school playing football in Masser Road at around 3.30pm. • cars parking on the pavements on both sides of the John Sheldon estate.	Cllr Lancaster	Before the next meeting
Update:		

5. **Blue Badges – Presentation – Frances Kendall**

Discussion:	Frances Kendall from Therapy Services in Coventry gave a talk on the Centre of Excellence award that has been given by Dept of Transport. This is part of modernisation of the scheme. Status has been awarded jointly with Birmingham. Aim is to improve management and make the service fit for purpose and share best practice. At CCC we will be looking at misuse and enforcement – Birmingham is good at this. We will employ an enforcement link officer to manage targeted enforcement. Resident thinks that blue badges are provided too easily. A gardener at Coombe has a badge? This project will look at making things more consistent and challenge these types of issues, - badges are renewed every 3 years.

6. **Answer any questions from Holbrook's resident**

Discussion:	Building on green belt land in Keresley– core strategy was passed on Tuesday night. Cllr Lancaster highlighted the targets given by government within the spatial strategy, need to provide 33,000 houses over 25 years either within Coventry or working with our neighbouring partners. No green belt will be built on until all brown sites used, and empty properties used – this is stated in the strategy. Cllr Lancaster can get a copy of the core strategy to anyone who is interested

Discussion:	Traffic calming from Park Gate Road to railway – money provided by Pro Logis Park. Some traffic calming done at the same time as Ricoh island, but nothing else has been done. Plans have been drawn up, where has money gone to do Park Gate road and level crossing. Cllr Lancaster said the council's budget (£1.5m in budget for whole of this year for highways) was smaller than previous years. Cllr Lancaster can look into where the money has gone to. Speeding is an issue in this area as a result of island.

Action	Lead	Deadline
Cllr Lancaster to look into where the money provided by Pro Logis, allocated for traffic calming has gone to.	Cllr Lancaster	By next meeting
Update:		

Discussion:	Concern was raised about the forth coming 'Take That' concert and traffic. Cllr Lancaster obtained details from the resident.

Discussion:	Concerns raised about the 'House on the corner of Briscoe Road' which is in a poor state and abandoned – Mandy Davies said section 215 of town and country planning can be used and a charge put against the property. It has been brought up at SNG.

We will confirm the date for the next meeting as soon as we have the details.

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