



**Nuthall East & Strelley
and Watnall &
Nuthall West
Community Action Team
The Temple Centre
Thursday 23 February 2017**



Minutes

Present

Cllr Derek Burnett (Chair)
Cllr Jill Owen
Cllr Philip Owen
Cllr Paul Simpson
PCSO Neil Reddish

5 attendees

1. Apologies

Cllr Bob Willimott

2. Introductions

Chair, PCSO and other Councillors introduced themselves.

3. Crime update for the last month

PCSO Reddish advised that the biggest issue the police had faced in the last month was house burglary, and in particular there had been a "spike" last week. One perpetrator had been caught.

Discussion on several aspects of policing took place, including patterns of certain crimes, growing problem of thefts from "white vans", and use of plain clothes officers.

Problems caused by some motorcyclists, usually on Sundays was discussed.

Had been a success in terms of apprehending a driver who was over the limit for alcohol.

4. Horsendale Primary School

Cllr Simpson gave an update on the building works. The school is being extended to provide two new classrooms. However, there have been some delays due to the finding of buried asbestos. Once the classrooms are built, there will be an increased intake in the reception year which will then work its way through the school over the following years. The school has recently converted to an Academy and the next intake in September is already over-subscribed.

5. Residents' Issues

Cllr P Owen gave updates on the following:

i) HS2

From information gained at recent meetings, it seems the proposed route remains through Strelley Village using a cut and cover tunnel, then on a viaduct over the B600 to Watnall. Nuthall Parish Council are concerned about the disruption and ultimately the overbearing nature of the viaduct. Concerns had been expressed by residents about the lack of information on compensation issue. London to Birmingham stretch of line had received Royal Assent today. No indication when the next stage would get Royal Assent.

ii) Potholes in roads

On-going problem. Seems some get done and others don't depending if they meet the criteria. All that can be done is to keep reporting them.

iii) Air quality

Broxtowe BC continuing to monitor the main problem which is nitrogen dioxide. Current results show no exceedances of air quality guideline limits at the three sites in the Nuthall Air Quality Management Area. Other monitoring being undertaken at Nuthall Island.

iv) Parking on pavements

This is a particular issue outside schools. However, introducing restrictions can just move the problem elsewhere. It is an issue throughout the county. Blue badges and the abuse of them which sometimes occurs discussed.

Cllr J Owen updated on the following:

v) Kimberley Advisory Group

This is no longer in existence.

Cllr Burnett updated on the following:

vi) Fly-tipping

Broxtowe BC providing good service in terms of clearing up but often an area is as bad again in a short time due to people dumping again. Discussion on use of CCTV to catch perpetrators. Difficult as have to advertise presence of cameras. Cllr P. Owen gave some information on County Council thinking when introducing the need to register to use facilities at recycling centres. Number plate checks are done at random.

ACTION: Cllr P Owen to look into getting out of date signage removed at local recycling centre.

6. Any Other Business

i) Moles

Problem seems to be getting worse. Little that can be done on a general basis.

ii) Release of land by councils

Concern expressed that some authorities were using playing fields for building. Cllr P Owen advised that Broxtowe BC had no plans to do this. The only similar

sort of thing was in Bramcote where the school was looking to sell off unused land which it owns to raise funds for new school buildings. Cllr P.Owen gave a brief explanation of greenbelt and how it can be redesignated. Discussion on use of brownfield sites and how this can be a problem at times if owners don't exercise planning permission they have been given. In such cases, Broxtowe Borough Council may have to look at exercising compulsory purchase powers , as it is doing in one particular case. Discussion on high rise blocks. Concluded that this probably isn't a style of housing that works particularly well in the UK.

7. Date of next meeting

Date and time to be confirmed

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