

Wallisdown, Winton West & Ensbury Park Area Forum.

Public Meeting on 14th July 2012; 10.30am

Minutes:

Present: Bernie Culver - Chairman; Dianna Bagnato; Joyce Rolls; Pat Neilson; Cllr. Rod Cooper; Cllr. Susan Philips; Cllr. Nicola Green; A Warner; Carl Richards; Anson Westbrook; Barbara Martindale; John Martindale; Jack Killingback;

Apologies: Connor Burns MP; Chris Caley; Theresa Mc Manus

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1. Minutes of Public meeting held on 28th April 2012 were accepted.
2. B. Culver thanked all those who had helped in any way towards the success of the event held on Slades farm on 13th July.
3. **Report from Slades Farm Community Garden.**

As Theresa McManus was unable to attend Carl read her report to the meeting. He added that as the garden had started from scratch and bearing in mind the weather and availability of Parks dept staff much had been achieved. He hoped a risk assessment might be prepared so that volunteers can work without Parks supervision. More volunteers are very welcome. A water supply is needed. He looks forward to this project becoming a source of healthy food and lifestyle for local people, an educational experience for many leading to a more sustainable way of life.

4. **Magistrates speaking about local Court issues, and answering your questions.**

Bernie Culver welcomed Anne Warner and Ron Dennett from Dorset Magistrates Service who gave a very interesting talk covering the history and development of the Service since the 1200s. After 17 years as a Magistrate Anne now works in both Dorset East & West and Ron, who has been a Magistrate for 4 years, sits in the Adult Court of East Dorset. They both stressed how well trained Magistrates are today in this voluntary work. Over history the type of person who was a Magistrate has changed from just landed gentry to a real reflection of the population at the present time. The duties have changed from maintaining roads in the 1400's; conducting marriages in the 1800's; to licensing from the 1700's until 2008 when it became the local Authorities responsibility. Even now they can use their powers, first gained in the 1300's, to bind

persons over to 'keep the peace'. Women first were appointed Magistrates in the 1920's. There are 200 Magistrates in East Dorset and 80 in the West. They represent a broad spread of political leanings which they must be able to leave at the door of the Court. All criminal cases start at the Magistrates Court, 95% will be dealt with either then or at a later meeting of the Magistrates, only the most serious of crimes are sent to the Crown Court. Anne invited questions throughout their talk and there was lively discussion at several points particularly on various sentences. Bernie thanked both Anne and Ron for sparing their time to give us such an interesting insight into their work.

5. **Free School Update.** Our Councilor Nicola Greene gave an update upon the progress of the Parkfield Free School. It has received the go-ahead from Central Gov. for children aged 3 to 18 but premises delays means the opening will now be in September 2013. It will start with only about 40 children, while refurbishment of the building takes place in stages, and the LA encourages prospective parents to also apply for a main stream school. Bournemouth has very good statistics from which to plan education services – the birth rate has increased 45% since 2006. The free school is directly funded by Central Gov. and the only influence that Bournemouth has with it is over Planning matters. Whilst it would be ideal if there were sports facilities on the proposed site in-fact other LA schools bus their children to these activities off site.
6. **Latest on Bournemouth's consultation on HMOs.** Carl Richards spoke to this item to which there were many comments from Cllrs and public. The consultation, which was to have ended in early September has now been extended by one month to allow Students to engage. Licensing will demonstrate the rights and responsibilities of all those involved in HMOs. It was suggested that this consultation should result in a Borough wide implementation of the chosen way forward. This will be the subject of another meeting when the results of the consultation are known.
7. **Questions to Ward Councilors & A.O.B.** As the meeting had run over time these items were carried over to the next meeting.
8. Bernie Culver closed the meeting and expressed thanks to our guest speakers and all who had come.

Next Public meeting 10.30 on Saturday 13th October 2012 at Rooper Memorial Hall.

Next Committee meeting Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 6.00pm.