

**Wallisdown & Winton West and Ensbury Park Area Forum**  
**Public Meeting**  
**27<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Present:** Chair (BC) Secretary (RT) Treasurer (CC) 3 committee members,  
Cllr Susan Phillips and 12 members of the public

**Apologies:** Martin Allan ACT; Cllr Nicola Greene; Cllr Rod Cooper

**Speakers:** Ray Willis Chair of Acres Road and Turbary Park Avenue Residents Association (ACT) and Gary Powell (Parking and Traffic Manager Bournemouth Borough Council), Chris Caley (Friends of Slades Farm) and Corrine Lovell (petitioning for a pedestrian crossing on Columbia Road).

- 1. Minutes accepted from last Public Meeting – Proposed by Wayne Cook  
Seconded by Cllr Susan Phillips**
- 2. Ray Willis – Chairman, Acres Road & Turbury Park Avenue Residents  
Association (ACT)**

The Chair spoke of the successes of ACT with regards to

- Road safety by the recent implementation of a pedestrian crossing at the top of Turbary Park Road.
- Helping residents with housing issues such as mould in their homes and
- Nature Watch which was created and continues to be developed on Turbary Park Common.
- Supporting the local area by supporting local fun days at West Howe and Slades Farm

He then acknowledged the support ACT had received from Bill Hill, Housing Landlord Services, local Councillor Nicola Greene and Patron Connor Burns MP.

ACT has now merged with Wallisdown and Winton West and Ensbury Park Forum. Current funds will be transferred to the new forum to support future activities.

**BC** – thanked Ray for his presentation and welcomed former members of ACT to join WVEPAF as Committee members.

P.C. Lee Tharme from the Community Police Team has sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting today.

- 3. Gary Powell - Parking & Traffic Manager, Bournemouth Borough Council**

Gary explained the different roles between Police and Council with regards to parking offences and the history behind the current situation now.

Main points from the presentation:-

- Parking tickets are given if an Enforcement Officer has seen a contravention of a law. This will be in the form of a fine placed in a blue plastic sleeve.
- If a car is parked on a pavement then it is an offence if it **causes an obstruction**, this would then be a Police matter.
- If a car is parked on a double or yellow line then an Enforcement Officer can ask the driver to 'move' the car.
- Parking in front of a dropped kerb can be dealt by an Enforcement Officer. If this is outside a property, i.e. a driveway, this will only be enforced if the owner of the property makes a complaint.
- Exeter have a zero tolerance to parking on pavements throughout the city however it would be very unlikely that a similar enforcement would be allowed by the Department for Transport no
- Parking on grass verges where there are no yellow lines is difficult to deal with unless it was causing damage or a nuisance. If the Council were due to cut the grass then enforcement could be made. If there are yellow lines then it can be dealt with by an Enforcement Officer, as the yellow line restriction applies to the extent of the highway, including the verge and/or pavement.
- Pedestrian Crossings and Zebra crossing parking can be dealt with by Enforcement Officers and Police. It is the only parking restriction that can be dealt with by both authorities.
- If a ticket is given by an Enforcement Officer called a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) and then the same driver receives one from the Police called a Fixed Penalty Notice FPN for the same offence then the Police fine will take precedence and the Driver will only be fined once.
- Bus stops should be correctly marked with appropriate signage before enforcement can take place.
- Margaret Leslie is the Parking Operations Manager at the Town Hall, if there are issues with motorists parking illegally or causing an obstruction, she is always happy to help. Photographs are often shown to Enforcement Officers or sent to the department however the offence must be seen by an Enforcement Officer to deal with it.
- Enforcement officers cannot direct traffic, as the old traffic wardens used to be able to, however they will ask you to move if you are on yellow lines etc
- Inappropriate use of Bus lanes can be dealt with by Enforcement Officers. Incidentally since the installation of cameras at Coach House Place, there has been a decrease in the number of cars driving down the bus lane from 115 an hour to approximately 20 a day.

Q&A

**Resident:** *In London they are putting white lines on the curbs so that you can park on the curbs, is that something that might be considered? Would that help with people with buggies coming through?*

**Gary Powell:** It could be that is in effect permission to park, so it's positively signed that you can do that. It depends on the location and on the issue. If you're going to do it generally you lower the pavement.

**Resident:** *Can bus companies expand the area where there bus stop is without any permission? Do they not need to let residents know or anything like that? Even though that restricts parking?*

**Gary Powell:** The bus companies cannot expand the area but the Council can. The reason for making them longer is to enable buses to access the stop adequately.. The bus company may notify us to report an issue and we would evaluate the length of the bus stop marking required for that service. But if it's too long then we can look in to making it smaller.

There is a CCTV camera car we can use for certain restrictions, we don't use it for everything because of the regulations around it, but where we have double yellow lines or single yellow lines with no loading signs, bus stops and outside schools we use it for that.

**Resident:** *The current speed limit on Boundary Road is 40mph what stops that being turned down to a 30mph?*

**Gary Powell:** Generally speed limits depend on what the road is used for and what type of road it is. Also if there is access off of the road, whether it is a residential road and how motorists perceive the road. In Boundary Road there are no direct frontages so in general it is a 40mph road. If there are a number of recorded accidents then the road could be re- considered for safety reasons as to whether or not to reduce the speed limit. Speed cameras are generally only considered if there are regular injury accidents.

GP offered to find out what the average speeds are and the history of the area.

#### **4. Chris Caley – Treasurer, Slades Farm Festival of Sport and Talent**

Gave an overview of the aims of the Festival which were:-

1. Bring community groups and individuals together to celebrate their talent
2. To publicize the clubs activities and services in the ward locally
3. Promote Slades Farm for the great resource it is for nature skills and education and recreation and leisure
4. To raise money to assist the progress of some of the items for the Council's Slades Farm Strategic Plan

An overview of successes and challenges were explained with main points captured below.

##### **1. Bring Community Groups and Individuals Together to Celebrate their Talent**

This was achieved over the three days. Friday evening there was a nice friendly creative atmosphere at the Battle of the Bands. CC acknowledged and thanked Amanda Catlin for the work she did leading up to and after the event in partnership with other individuals.

Saturday was too hot for much field sport but some 200 young people really enjoyed the skate park and they rose over £70 which is earmarked for improvement to the skate park. Friends of Slades Farm hope to be in a position to match fund it.

The co-operation with the managers of the velodrome showed what could be done for mutual benefit when we work together.

On the Sunday local talent drew appreciative small audiences to the Ensbury and Talbot stages. Also on the Sunday the small band of dedicated helpers changed lives on the velodrome, they enabled blind and otherwise disabled persons to try cycling with thrilling results. We shall do this again!

## **2.To Publicise the Clubs Activities and Services**

Many local charities and scout groups had free pitches to raise awareness and funding.

## **3.To Promote Slades Farm**

Visitors from outside the locality expressed surprise that such a green and lively open space existed between Wallisdown and Columbia Road. Several local residents expressed their thanks that the music stopped early and no rubbish was left on site. A letter was published in the Echo expressing delight .

## **4.To Raise Money**

Financially it wasn't too good. The very hot weather reduced attendance and this affected income. Our aim was to cover costs from fees for pitches and the fair despite so many of them being free and then to be able to use the profit from the programmes and raffle to boost the Friends of Slades Farm funds. However on the Saturday one caterer left losing us two days fees and the fair negotiated a reduction in their fee because fewer people attended. This amounted to £500 of lost income. There was also last minute expenses from the two stages needed, so income from the raffle and programmes paid for these.

There are still some outstanding payments and it appears that there may be a loss of nearly £100.

We may receive a donation which hopefully will cover this loss and include a small profit.

Lessons learnt for future events, due to the unpredictability of volunteer helpers from organisations, there needs to be more individual helpers recruited and committed to assist.

A small band of helpers had to work very hard to make the festival work. CC gave thanks to Darren Trout, Wayne Cooke and Neil Godfrey for their willingness to work long hours over the three days.

**Chair** thanked CC for his presentation and introduced the next item.

Councillor Susan Phillips openly thanked CC for his time and organisation of the festival and wished Ray Wills and his wife all the best in their new venture and thanked Ray for all his work with ACT and the community.

## **Q&A with Councillors**

**Resident:** *Are there any dog wardens in this area? Slades Farm is getting worse and worse.*

**Councillor Phillips:** Yes, there is one dog warden for the whole of Bournemouth. Any problem areas can be reported and the Councillor offered to speak to the dog warden regarding the concerns.

**Resident:** *How often are the bins emptied (at Slades Farm)?*

**Councillor Phillips:** Should be daily, Councillor will speak to Margaret Leslie to raise concerns .

**Resident:** *Can the velodrome be better sign posted from the road?*

**Councillor Phillips:** Eventually it will be.

**Resident:** *What does the Councillor think about recent movement in the Council when it comes to recording in the Council chamber?*

**Councillor Phillips:** Public questions are fully transcribed. I refer you to Kevin Neale from Democratic Services, the leader of the Council and the Mayor. I did make a very big in-road in the Council chamber when people are presenting petitions, you used to stand with your back to the Mayor with no lectern and now there is a lectern and a tannoy system and you are facing the chamber.

## **Dorset Police Update**

Lee Tharme did send his apologies for not being able to attend. All this information is available on the Dorset Police Website, about a scheme called the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The following was given out as a hand-out after the presentation:-

Police in Dorset are issuing advice and clarification to members of the public following recent media reports concerning the use of the Community Speed Watch scheme throughout the county.

The initiative, which allows members of the public to monitor motorists' driving behaviour in their area and pass on details to the police, has been successfully piloted in West Dorset.

Residents in Warmwell, near Dorchester, have taken part in the scheme.

Volunteers are trained in the use of a camera device and are able to record the registration numbers of speeding vehicles, before passing this information to the police.

Many of these volunteers have raised speeding as a priority safety concern in their neighbourhoods.

Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Whiting said:

"The Community Speed Watch Scheme is a voluntary activity already in place elsewhere in the country, including Dorset."

“Dorset Police works with local people, at their request, so that they are able to monitor speeds and driving behaviour in their areas and tell us about their findings.

The Force will then take action, including - if such behaviour is persistent - our own enforcement activity, which may lead to prosecution”

"Any suggestion that the Community Speed Watch Scheme is either a direct replacement for speed cameras or that it involves spying is entirely wrong. Scheme volunteers do not act in a covert manner and, in fact, wear high visibility clothing while participating. I am aware of a report in the media that could potentially give members of the public a misleading impression of the scheme and I understand that this will be clarified in due course."

If there was enough interest from the community for this initiative then further details will be given. There is a cost outlay which is approximately £300 but Lee thinks there may be equipment that we can borrow.

### **Corinne Lovell – Local Resident, Petitioning for Pedestrian Crossing at Columbia Road**

CL gave an overview for the reasons that she is petitioning for a crossing at the top end of Columbia Road.

Her daughter was involved in an accident on this stretch of road and she would like to prevent any further accidents from happening.

This stretch of road is used daily by local residents and school children to cross to go to shops and attend three local schools.

CL has joined the forum and is in the process of forming a local action group to improve the neighbourhood.

### **Closing**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

### **Future dates**

Next Public Meeting Saturday 19 October to be held at Turbary Park Centre at 10.30am