

Wallisdown, Winton West & Ensbury Park Area Forum.
Public Meeting on 13th October 2012; 10.30am

Minutes:

Present: Bernie Culver - Chairman; Chris Caley; Joyce Rolls; Pat Neilson; Cllr. Susan Philips; Cllr. Nicola Green; and 21 members of the Public.

Apologies: Diana Bagnato; Norman Wellersley.

1. Minutes of Public meeting held on 14th July 2012 were accepted.

2. **Explanation of role of new Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.** Nick King, a candidate for this new post gave us a non-partisan talk on the role and responsibilities of this post which will replace the Dorset Police Authority. The election will be on 15th November and the successful candidate will start on 22nd November.

There are at present 4 candidates for the post – 1 independent and 3 attached to the main Political parties. There is could be another candidate before the ...close on 19/10. The post will cover all of Dorset and has to sign an oath of impartiality on taking office. The post holder will appoint and if required dismiss the Chief Constable. He/she will manage a budget of £110 million of which 40% comes from Council Tax (£180 per householder) and 60% from Central Gov. (£80 per person in Dorset while the average for the UK is £120. The highest is Manchester £220.) After consultation with the population of Dorset the Commissioner has to publish each year an evidential based proven Policing Plan. The draft has to be circulated by 21st December each year. The programme, must deal with all the Policing statutory requirements. It must also cover community safety in conjunction with Boroughs, Fire Police and Health Services. The present priorities include antisocial behavior/Drugs/Domestic Violence. The first Commissioner will serve for 3 years 6 months after which the term will be 4 years with elections held at the same time as Local Government. The post attracts a salary of £70,000pa and the successful candidate may appoint a deputy if wished.

Residents can hear the views of all candidates at:

British Heatherlands hotel, 12 Grove Rd, at 2pm on Monday 29th October.

Venue TBC – Monday 5th November at 2pm.

3. **Visiting speakers on Nuisance Noise.** Welcome to Ian Jones, Bournemouth University Community, Art and Sports Manager, whose department encourages Students to be good neighbours and liaises with the Community over instances of noise when B.U. students are shown to be involved. However when these occur in Private rented property the first point of call is Bournemouth's Environmental Health Dept. as this is only a civil matter. The only exception is if the property concerned is owned or managed by the University themselves.

University students are adults (18+) and the data protection act applies – meaning the University cannot talk about these students with their parents or residents.

Only a small element of the 18,000 Bournemouth University students are involved in anti-social behavior – about 2 incidents a week, except during fresher's week when incidents rise. Often the culprits involved are found not to be students or those of the University but are enrolled in other Education Organizations. However the university appreciates that if you live next door to noisy neighbours it is a major problem for the resident. There are funds from The University for the Environmental Health team and two SNT members. When the Environmental Health Dept. have investigated the incident of noise and find Bournemouth University Students are involved they notify Ina's Dept. The University has several options when dealing with irresponsible students causing trouble for neighbours including fines and ultimately sending down from the University.

Bournemouth's night time entertainment culture and the Police funding priorities affect the incidence and effective action possible over noise complaints. In today's society revelers leave home at about 11pm and return about 4 am often drunk and noisy.

Certain roads in the Borough have too many rentals and the Council has doubled the Environmental Health team to assist residents suffering from this problem. On Friday and Saturday nights there is a dedicated response team to visit, assess and take action if necessary in reported instances of noise.

The representative speakers for Bournemouth Council and the SNT were unavailable to attend the meeting.

4. **A.O.B.** Upkeep of Private rented accommodation in Wallisdown Road.
Traffic flow problems caused by irresponsible parking.

5. Bernie Culver closed the meeting and expressed thanks to our guest speakers and all who had come.

Next Public meeting 10.30 on Saturday 12th January 2013 at Rooper Memorial Hall.

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