

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Forum held on Wednesday, 8th July 2015, Redford Village Hall, Redford.

Attendance and Apologies (in italics):

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| Bepton Parish Council | <i>Apologies sent</i> |
| Cocking Parish Council | Attended: David Imlach, Peter O’Neill, |
| Easebourne Parish Council | <i>Apologies sent (Parish Council meeting)</i> |
| Elsted and Treyford Parish Council | Attended: Andrew Shaxson, Andrew Leno |
| Fernhurst Parish Council | <i>Apologies sent (Parish Council meeting)</i> |
| Harting Parish Council | Attended: Andrew Shaxson |
| Heyshott Parish Council | Attended: Simon Laking |
| Linch Parish Meeting | <i>Apologies sent – Steve Collins</i> |
| Lodsworth Parish Council | Attended: Caroline Neville, Deryck Hamon |
| Lynchmere Parish Council | Attended: Sandy Moore <i>Apologies sent – Sylvia McCallum</i> |
| Midhurst Town Council | Attended: Brendan Flynn, Mark Purves, Gordon McAra |
| Milland Parish Council | <i>Apologies sent</i> |
| Rogate Parish Council | |
| Stedham with Iping Parish Council | Attended: Lucy Petrie <i>Apologies sent – Eddie Lintott</i> |
| Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council | |
| West Lavington Parish Council | Attended - Keith Elmy and Tony Jones |
| Woolbeding with Redford Parish Council | Attended: Marion Hansford, Adrian Hearle |
| Sussex Police | Attended - Craig Dunlop |
| West Sussex County Council | |
| Chichester District Council | Attended: Elaine Thomas, Andrew Frost, Shona Turner <i>Apologies – Cllr Gillian Keegan, Cllr Steve Morley, Cllr Francis Hobbs, Cllr Philippa Hardwick, Cllr Norma Graves</i> |

1. Introduction by the Chairman

Andrew Shaxson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A couple of items were raised:

- The Redford Village Hall is approaching its 60th anniversary and currently fund raising for the roof.
- Very shortly before this meeting, only 2 Parish Councils had confirmed their

attendance, and Shona had to chase up many invitees. Therefore, in future, please let Shona know if you are able to attend the meeting or not without being prompted. If there are insufficient numbers, we may have to cancel the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of last meeting – 21st April 2015 were accepted as a record of the previous meeting.

Matters arising:

There was a brief update on the Westhampnett Transit Site. This has now opened, has its first occupants and is working well. Having this site means that the Police can now divert Travellers to it, otherwise the Travellers must leave the area.

Careline – the Open Day - 9th July 2015, Andrew suggested that if people could, they should pop in.

3. An Update from Sussex Police

PCSO R Craig Dunlop

Craig had not arrived so the meeting moved on to item 4 of the agenda.

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<http://www.sussex.police.uk/help-centre/your-local-district/chichester/local-team/WC3NH20>

4. Health and Wellbeing

Elaine Thomas, Community Wellbeing Manager, CDC

Elaine explained that Chichester District Council's Wellbeing Service is commissioned by WSCC Public Health life style services to help reduce heart disease, encourage weight loss etc. Elaine has a Team of Wellbeing Advisors who work on a one to one basis, making small life style changes. The Team have been operating for 4 years, with current funding until March next year and hopefully, potential future funding from WSCC to continue the service.

The Wellbeing service consists of various activities ranging from weekly heartsmart walks to monthly wellbeing MOTs. They also provide wellbeing weightless workshops. Bookings can be made by contacting CDC or self-referrals, Further information is available on the website

<http://chichester.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/>

The service underwent a review in 2012-2013 and in that period they had a client base of 1,200 people. Last year this had risen to between 1,700-1,800 people. Elaine would still like to bring more people into the service.

Elaine discussed with the Forum how she could improve the service in Midhurst/Petworth area and although outreach services are provided through the GP at Midhurst and at The Grange, she asked whether people in the small villages are aware of the service?

The Weight loss Workshop held at the Grange did not run its full course due to lack of people attending. However, the same workshop was held successfully in

Petworth. Elaine is happy to run the course again at the Grange.

From the discussion, it was suggested that monthly markets which are good social events could either have information or someone from the Wellbeing Team attend. Likewise with the farm shops and community shops such as Lodsworth Larder, these could also display information, along with Parish Council newsletters and websites. In addition, leaflets could be placed in village halls.

In response to questions:

Regarding the Wellbeing MOTs, it is also possible to have MOTs with the NHS but they have a cut off age of 74. The NHS Health Checks are for people between the ages 40-74, these MOTS include tests, whereas the Wellbeing MOTs are similar but without the tests. The Wellbeing Team refer people to the NHS ones but will also see people either side of that age group.

With younger people who have a life span ahead of them, do you focus on them? We are commissioned to work with adults, however, we now go down to 16/17 year olds. WSCC commission a range of services, not just us! We can sign post to other services.

Your funding comes from WSCC, does any come from the NHS? Yes, public health has moved from the Primary Care Trust to the County Council and is now called Clinical Commission Groups. There are 3 of these Groups; we come under the Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commission Group and through this and engaging with local GPs, referrals for the Wellbeing service have increased.

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5. Assisting local communities - power outages / resilience plans / options for power lines

Nathan Jeffery, Customer and Community Advisor
Scottish and Southern Electric Power Distribution

Nathan gave a brief background description of what a Customer and Community Advisor does and how they came about after the 2013 storms. They work alongside other welfare support services and can supply food, drinks, mobile phones etc. In addition, the Customer and Community Advisors attend events, forums etc to promote the service and the Register. By attending these events it helps them to understand the communities' vulnerabilities.

Nathan explained the Priority Services Register. By collecting and storing information about customers, particularly vulnerable people, when there is an emergency, their information will be flagged up and then welfare and support can be provided on a first-hand basis. All information stored is data protected and password protected. This is a free service capturing information to identify areas that need to be concentrated on in an emergency.

The Resilience Communities Fund is funding that is available for communities to help them become more resilient in an emergency especially in the period before the Emergency services arrive etc.

The Fund is from £500-£20,000 and can potentially be used to purchase basic equipment - from high-vis vests to generators. £1,000,000 will be distributed over

two years from March 2015. The funding round is open twice a year. All applications are reviewed by a Panel who are made up of representatives with expertise in community resilience and Southern Electric Power Distribution management team. A Leaflet is attached to covering email and is also available on our website for further information.

Nathan also briefly mentioned that they are working with WSCC with resilience planning.

Burying overhead cables underground – Nathan explained that this was not within his area of knowledge but that he would take any details and give them to the relevant person.

Rather than cutting and trimming trees etc, why do you not put the power cables underground? To do this costs a lot more money and investment. If it had been a possibility, it would have been carried out. With underground cables, if there is a tiny nick, it could take days even weeks to locate the issue. It takes a lot longer to fix rather than if a tree has just taken a power line down. Also, undergrounding cables are not always feasible, eg. going through private land etc., basically, it is not that easy. Plus undergrounding is more difficult in isolated areas but if you can put a strong case together for underground power cables, contact Nathan.

With domestic out cables from houses that have problems caused by over grown trees etc, if the tree is within the property, it is the responsibility of the owner of the property. The Owner can go to Nathan for help and support. Can you enforce? No, we do try to persuade owners but we cannot enforce it.

Nathan does regular line walks to point out issues and contacts property owners as permission is required from the owner prior to entering their land to carry out works.

Do you work jointly with BT? No, but we do speak to each other, building relationships and partnerships.

Can you provide drinking water when the pump goes down? Yes, this would be our problem to resolve especially in an isolated area.

Stedham has a resilience plan; however, there is one problem, nowhere to go in an emergency other than the Village Hall which is all electric. With the Resilience Communities Fund, you could apply for a generator for the Village Hall

Recently, works were carried out in Cocking; water, sandwiches, drinks, etc were supplied whilst the area was being checked. It was brilliant, thank you for your support.

Nathan confirmed that it is Southern Electric who bills you, with the meter inside the property whereas they are the distribution side. Regardless of who you are billed by, they will look after you in an emergency, door to door, with a wagon, they want to help and need to.

Any queries please contact Nathan (or Shona)

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6. Future topics

- Andrew Shaxson had approach Chris Paterson, SDNP Officer who is leading on the Local Plan. The Local Plan is going out to consultation from 2nd September until 30th October. It was suggested to hold an extra-ordinary meeting of the North West Community Forum dedicated to the Local Plan with Chris Paterson and to also invite the North East Parishes Forum. Chris Paterson had agreed to this idea. The end of September/beginning of October was suggested as a possible time, may be 21st September with potentially Midhurst (SDNPA) to host the meeting.

7. Any other Business

Caroline Neville raised the issue about the Riverside Doctors surgery being closed for staff training. A lady had taken her daughter to the Doctors only to find it locked with no information about why or where to go. In the end she took her daughter to Chichester hospital. Were other people aware of this situation and had similar experiences? The Doctors Surgery is closed about 8 times a year for staff training, without any notification and can also be closed at lunchtimes.

It was suggested that perhaps this is something for CDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee? To hold people to account or at least become aware of the situation. One person may not have much power but perhaps with support of the Parish Council and elected Member. It was suggested that Caroline initially write to the surgery and also raise the issue with Steve Hansford, Communities Team at CDC.

Parish Councils have been called to a meeting at Boxgrove Village Hall next March by West Sussex SALC which has proved very useful in the past. Date of the meeting is 27th March 2016, meeting starts at 7pm.

The next All Parishes meeting is the 30th September 2015 at CDC Offices.

New Homes Bonus reminder, the closing date for applications is the 31st July 2015.

Future topics for next year.

Broadband? (Andrew Shaxson attended the meeting on 23rd June at Lurgashall Village Hall basically, the people who were going to provide the service are now unable to.

Community speed watch - self appraise your area. Would it be useful to invite someone to come and talk at the meeting? In some areas it is too dangerous to do this, nor can you take photographs.

Neighbourhood Watch – any good? It is always difficult to find more Area Coordinators and NHW is an extra resource. Although NHW is up and running in Lynchmere, this topic was not taken up by the Forum.

With there being no other business Andrew Shaxson thanked Marion, Adrian and Redford Village Hall for providing refreshments and the venue for the meeting.

The date and location for the next meeting was discussed.

Possibilities being: Hardman Hoyle Memorial Hall, Lynchmere or Lodsworth Village Hall – January 2016?

Just before the meeting came to a close PCSO Craig Dunlop arrived and gave his apologies along with a brief update:

There has recently been a bad patch of shed breaks which have been slightly different to ones in the past. There have been three or four different groups which may have come over the Hampshire border. Although it was very busy for a couple of months it has now all gone quiet. There does not seem to be any rhyme or reason to the sudden increase of shed breaks.

Otherwise, there is nothing coming to his attention. There were 2 arrests for tractor theft.

Lost Police Officer PC Quinnell who has transferred to Chichester and Arun Proactive Team and now left with 4 PCSOs.

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They now have a new venue at the Grange (based next to the front desk) plus new handheld equipment which means that PCSOs can now book on via their phones and do not need to go to the Station. Response Officers also use this system which means a Proactive Team of 6-8 Police Officers can attend an incident instead of just 2. The front office is still there from 10-2, Monday to Friday.

Information and reporting can still be accessed through the internet and websites.

Target prevention – please report things to the Police.

The meeting came to a close.