

## Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

**Councillors:** Glenise Morgan, Clare Campion-Smith

**Police:** Paula Donnelly, Paula Perry, Sarah Bond

**Officers:** Gary Brentnall, Andrew McGrath, Mohamed Ismail

Approximately 50 members of the public

### Local developments and issues

#### Community updates

The Westbury Park Character Assessment is now available. It will soon be on the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/westburyparkca/>

Helen Furber was introduced to the meeting. Helen has expressed an interest in joining the NP. The meeting showed its support for Helen coming on to the NP. Afternote: Helen will be seconded on to the NP at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### Planning updates

Clare informed the meeting that there are still concerns regarding the landscaping and entrance to the car parking area at Waitrose. New ideas have now come forward and a new planning application is pending. These will be subject to comment in the usual statutory manner. If you have any concerns, please make sure you comment.

Go to: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/planning-and-building-regulations/object-support-or-comment-planning-application>

The zebra crossing near Waitrose is not very clearly marked. This needs to be reported. **Update:** reported to BCC Highways

St Ursula's. A pre-application has been submitted. It is a mix of new build and refurbishment of the existing buildings. It includes 13 flats on the complex. Again, please go to the link above if you wish to comment once it is a formal application

Sheltered housing is proposed for the site adjacent to Old Quarry Park. An exhibition locally will show the plans.

Planning permission at 47 Wellington Hill West has been refused but an appeal is likely.

A Character Assessment for Henleaze is currently being developed. More volunteers are needed to help with identifying places of interest for the assessment. Please contact the Henleaze Society if you are interested.

Ben Bowskill reminded the meeting that the Sustainable Transport Fund (3<sup>rd</sup> round) is open until the end of February. It is mainly focused on getting people to walk, cycle or use public transport. All ideas considered. Maximum application is £3,000.

Morgan Daly of Healthwatch informed the meeting of ways they can get involved in the programme. Healthwatch Bristol gives children, young people and adults across Bristol a powerful voice locally and nationally. Local Healthwatch works to help people get the best out of their local health and social care services. Healthwatch is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local health and social care services

### **Street Cleaning issues**

Gary informed the meeting that all grit bins are full and ready for any snow/ice. The leaf problem before Christmas has now largely been dealt with. Certain problem streets were targeted. BCC has a snow plan. It aims to clear main routes to keep the traffic flowing. Training is available for those who wish to become snow wardens. You get your own shovel.

**Questions:** Are notices available to show that streets are dangerous? Signs are available. The police put them out. Can citizens clear their own streets? Yes. It is a myth to say that if you clean a street and someone has an accident, the citizen is liable. Providing you've acted sensibly, you are under no threat of legal action.

What to do with leaves that have been cleared up? They can be composted or they can be treated as organic waste. The drain cleaning lorries come round every three weeks. Any specific problems can be reported by phone or website

## **BCC Budget update**

New proposals have emerged. Some reversed decisions e.g. public toilets and community transport. Council tax will rise by 1.95% but is a small percentage of the council's overall budget.

## **Police feedback**

New PCSO – Toby was introduced to the meeting. Crime is down 9% on this time last year. 4 burglaries since the last forum (reduction of 13%). 9 non-domestic burglaries; 18 thefts from motor vehicles and 2 thefts of motor vehicles. Shoplifting is up 48%. Police will hold more surgeries in targeted shops.

## **Working Groups updates**

### Highways:

- Work at crossing on Coldharbour Road is now complete
- The meeting was updated about early plans for a foot/bike bridge across the top of Bridge Valley Road
- The bus lane near Whitetree roundabout is about to be reviewed
- The proposed bus lane on Parrys Lane won't now go ahead
- The new 20mph speed limit came in to action in neighbouring areas. Henleaze' reduction will come in in August/September

### Older People:

- Several new groups have started since the successful festival event in July
- The last trip to Oakham treasures in December was very successful. 2 buses went. The next trip is to Woodford Lodge in May. Please talk to Val Bishop about this.
- The group is looking to help isolated older people

### Environment:

- Play areas – Fallodon Way has been very successful since it was launched
- Old Quarry – tree removal is complete. New trees will be different species. New pathways and improved entrance will be installed. Bulb planting will also take place across the park.
- The Environment Working Group is looking to spend some of its

S106 funding further improving Old Quarry

- Stephanie French, the NP's tree champion thanked the Henleaze Society for nominating streets for new street trees
- A planned meeting with residents to discuss trees with Waitrose hasn't yet happened

### **Community Issues**

Pavements in Henleaze are in a poor state. Howard Road was highlighted as having several tripping hazards. Alan replied that the NP does the best it can but has only a very limited budget. **Afternote:** This road has not been featured in the list of high priority footways in the NP area.