



Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes - 11 May 2017

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Champion-Smith (CCS), Geoff Gollop (GG) and Liz Radford (LR) – Councillors • Helen Furber (HF), David Mayer (DM) and Alan Aburrow (AA) – Ward Representatives • Stephanie French (SF) Tree Champion • Andrew McGrath (AM) - Bristol City Council (BCC) Neighbourhood Co-ordinator • PC Andy Stamp (AS) • Approximately 30 members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Marshall and PC Joanne Robertson

1. Introductions	<p>HF welcomed everyone and explained the proposed format for the evening. She then introduced the Councillors and the Police representative.</p>
2. Police update	<p>a) Introduction: AS advised that he was substituting for Joanne Robertson (Beat Manager for Henleaze). He then gave an update.</p> <p>b) Burglary: Four burglaries took place in the three months to 30 April 2017 compared with six in the previous quarter.</p> <p>c) Non-Dwellings (Shed/Garages): Twenty break-ins took place in the last quarter compared to eight in the previous quarter.</p> <p>AS advised that as a result of carrying out revisits to premises where burglaries and non-dwellings thefts had taken place, it was noted that individuals are still not making records of their possessions. He asked that Immobilise is publicised again – see www.immobilise.com</p> <p>d) Theft from motor vehicles: Four thefts took place in the last quarter compared to nineteen in the previous quarter.</p> <p>As reported at the last Forum, the police have been deploying a covert capture car around the local area and have been getting some positive results from this. It is thought that news about the covert car has spread amongst potential offenders and it is serving as a deterrent.</p> <p>e) Anti-Social Behaviour: Reported incidents have decreased (forty-two over the last three months compared with fifty-nine in the previous quarter).</p> <p>f) Rogue Trader Week: This was a recent operation by Avon & Somerset Police where Officers targeted door to door sales people; they ensured</p>

	<p>that they were genuine and abiding by trading standards laws.</p> <p>g) Southmead Police Station: The Station closed at the end of March. A temporary mobile unit is available outside Avon Fire & Rescue in Southmead Road. A permanent solution – possibly at the Greenway Centre – will be announced as soon as possible.</p> <p>h) Beat Surgery: PC Jo Robertson and PCSO Zak Bulbul are holding a beat surgery in Henleaze Library between noon and 1pm on Thursday 25 May.</p> <p>In response to questions raised, AS advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoplifting is taking place throughout Bristol. Traders are being offered advice and some have recruited security staff. • Following the closure of Southmead Police Station, response units are based at Patchway and in Central Bristol. • AS could not comment on the possibility of employing private firms to deal with tasks that the police lack time for – this is a matter to raise with politicians and/ or the Police & Crime Commissioner’s Office.
<p>3. Budget Cuts</p>	<p>The BCC budget for 2017/18 was approved at a meeting of the full Council on 21 February.</p> <p>An estimated 50% of the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) budget (mainly salaries) will be taken away in 2017/18 with the remainder going by 31 March 2019.</p>
<p>4. Environment</p>	<p>a) Sensory Garden: Up to £14,000 of NP funds has been provided for the design and installation of a sensory garden in Old Quarry Park (OQP). The project has been delayed due to role changes within Bristol City Council. AM has recently been appointed as the Project Manager; he will meet with HF after which local consultation will take place.</p> <p>When reviewing the requirements for the Sensory Garden, a resident asked that the gate leading into OQP should be inspected as it apparently does not shut properly and hence is a potential security concern given the number of young children using the park.</p> <p>b) Parks: Details were included in the notes of the last Forum meeting about potential budget cuts. Discussions will be delayed due to the General Election.</p> <p>c) Trees: The positive news is that three trees have been planted in the central reservation of the dual carriageway on Henleaze Road by OQP. In addition, residents of Grange Park/ Grange Close North raised funds to plant trees in their area.</p> <p>The news is not so good about trees that are scheduled to be planted at the end of 2017/ in early 2018 (in Northumbria Drive, West Broadway and Oakwood Road). Whilst funds have been secured (NP and privately) the proposed reduction in the street tree management budget, taken without consultation with stakeholders, is likely to mean that the trees will not be planted as the maintenance budget is insufficient for them. Attached is a</p>

	<p>summary prepared by the Bristol Tree Forum.</p> <p>The Councillors and SF are in correspondence with Bristol City Council (BCC) Officers about the way forward. One suggestion that SF had heard suggested was that the purchase cost of trees might increase to cover their ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Several meeting participants commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where private funds have been paid to BCC, contracts have already been entered into to maintain trees – e.g. in Harbury Road where a tree has already been planted and two years' maintenance has been paid for. Surely these contracts can be enforced? • If residents are prepared to help with maintenance work, would this constitute criminal damage? The Councillors agreed to try and find out what work can be undertaken on trees/ in parks without residents facing legal consequences. • It was unanimously agreed that BCC needs to produce guidelines for volunteers.
<p>6. Transport</p>	<p>a) St Ursula's and surrounding area: LR provided an update. The statutory consultation for the waiting restrictions in Brecon Road (and the surrounding area including Waterford Road) is due to start on 25 May; the work remains scheduled for the school summer holidays.</p> <p>Included in the proposals are three speed humps. From information provided, speed humps/ tables do not add to pollution concerns as they encourage a consistent speed. The recent announcements in the media related to speed bumps which can lead to vehicles slowing down and speeding and can almost double the amount of harmful gases the vehicles emit.</p> <p>b) North View: Progress has been slow regarding actions post the Parking Review. Concerns were expressed about the availability of funds to carry out any work.</p> <p>Alongside proposed North View actions, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been submitted to relocate the bus stop (towards Central Bristol) from North View to the taxi rank in Northumbria Drive (outside the Westbury Park pub). By submitting the TRO at this stage, if after consultation, residents/ traders agree to move the bus stop this will have saved legal costs.</p> <p>Meeting participants were keen that any consultation about moving the bus stop should involve those likely to shop at Waitrose etc. rather than restricting the consultation to local residents and traders.</p> <p>c) Henleaze Parking Review: This is likely to be a casualty of the budget cuts. Minor traffic schemes funding has been withdrawn. To have any chance of moving matters forward, the Councillors will need to request funding and will need to be able to demonstrate that their constituents are lobbying them for action.</p>

	<p>In response to a question, it was confirmed that Wildcroft Road and most of Falodon Way were not included in the North View review. They could be part of a Henleaze review – if it happens.</p> <p>d) Resident Parking Zones (RPZs): In response to a question, GG advised that any further RPZs would be difficult to implement due to budget cuts. In addition it would be necessary for a majority (not defined but likely to be more than a simple majority) of the residents to be in favour. CCS agreed with the comments and, as with the Henleaze Parking review, stressed the need for local residents to lobby the Councillors before any action could even be considered.</p> <p>e) Westbury Park Community Association (WPCA): It was agreed, if possible, to wait until after the General Election and to then give it a few months before proceeding with the ‘balanced survey’ about parking in Westbury Park which was proposed by Kevin Chidley at the last Forum. The survey results could give some weight to requests for the funding of a future scheme. Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze and Redland Councillors will need to work together if any actions become necessary.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that if Westbury Park residents are interested in the pros and cons of RPZs, it might be helpful to ask some residents from an area that already has them to speak at a WPCA/ alternative meeting to comment on the positive and negative aspects of introducing them.</p> <p>f) Buses: Concern was again expressed about the reliability of First Bus’ number 2 service. LR asked meeting participants to continue to send copies of their correspondence with First Bus to her.</p> <p>g) Other: A resident commented that Police and Enforcement Officers need to review vehicles abusing the double yellow lines by the Co-op in Cardigan Road. Similar concerns apply to the corner of Eastfield Terrace and Henleaze Road.</p>
<p>7. Young People</p>	<p>LR commented that BCC are seeking families across the city who are prepared to foster or adopt children.</p>
<p>8. Older People</p>	<p>A hard copy third edition of the popular booklet on activities in Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze for the over 55s has been discussed. Costs may be significantly higher than for the first two editions as LinkAge can no longer absorb the development costs.</p> <p>HF confirmed that progress is being made to collate data electronically (initially using an Excel spreadsheet). The collated data will be made freely available to local community groups. Further details will be available at the next Forum.</p>
<p>9. Small Grants</p>	<p>Due to the BCC budget freeze, no small grants payments have been possible in 2017.</p> <p>However, the NP as a whole was given £5,000 from the Avon & Somerset Police Transformers’ Fund to allocate towards youth projects. At a meeting on 6 March it was agreed that to award £1,610 to Golden Hill Sports Ltd towards the expansion of girls’ cricket.</p>

<p>10. Planning</p>	<p>a) Red Maids' High School: GG and CCS have had two meetings with the Headmistress. In addition, in excess of sixty objections were submitted to the application by the School for pods to be relocated from Redland High School – the application was rejected. In effect the rejection will not alter the expansion of the pupil numbers at the site but it has borne some fruit in that coach drivers have become more considerate by switching off their engines whilst waiting for pupils.</p> <p>b) 99 Devonshire Road: A slightly revised planning application was submitted. The Councillors are continuing to seek information – especially given health and safety concerns around the site.</p> <p>c) Over development: GG advised that in Westbury-on-Trym there have been four planning applications in the last six months for large developments on single sites. He suggested that if residents become aware of similar examples in Henleaze they should let the Councillors know as soon as possible. Councillors cannot act on behalf of residents unless they are requested to do so.</p>
<p>11. Other issues</p>	<p>a) Drains: Overflowing/ blocked drains continue to be an issue. BCC will act but only if the blockage is reported to them. Either go direct to BCC or via a Councillor.</p> <p>b) Leaf clearance: Comments as for drains.</p>
<p>12. Future Forums</p>	<p>At the end of the Forum, participants were asked if they would like the quarterly meetings to continue post the end of NPs. It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meetings are valuable to the Councillors. • Residents find the meetings to be informative. • Carry on holding quarterly meetings in the same vein as this meeting. • Hold the meetings in Henleaze Library.
<p>13. Contacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors: Clare Champion-Smith (cllr.clare.campion-smith@bristol.gov.uk), Geoff Gollop (cllr.geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk) and Liz Radford (cllr.liz.radford@bristol.gov.uk). • Henleaze Ward Representative: Helen Furber (helen.furber@blueyonder.co.uk).
<p>14. Next meeting</p>	<p>Subject to confirmation, it is proposed to hold a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 7 September 2017 in Henleaze Library. Thereafter provisional meeting dates are 30 November 2017 and 22 February 2018.</p>