

Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 30 November 2017

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Campion-Smith (CCS), Geoff Gollop (GG) and Liz Radford (LR) – Councillors • Helen Furber (HF) – Facilitator • Stephanie French (SF) – Tree Champion • Approximately 40 members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Aburrow, Tracy Edwards-Brown, Jane Hole-Jones, PC Tara Pike, Brian Snary, Ruth Snary, Roger Sturge

1. Introductions	HF welcomed everyone and explained the proposed format for the evening. She then introduced the Councillors.
2. Police update	<p>a) Introduction: HF advised that PC Tara Pike was unable to attend and that there were no other Officers available to replace her. However, statistics had been provided for the ward of Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze as a whole. (Note that the figures provided were for the three months to 31 October 2017 and hence included data for August that had been reported in the statistics for the three months to 31 August 2017).</p> <p>b) Burglary: Twenty-nine burglaries took place in the three months to 31 October 2017 compared with fourteen in the previous quarter. As in previous quarters, a large majority of the burglaries were via insecure front or rear doors.</p> <p>c) Non-Dwellings (Shed/Garages): Forty-one break-ins took place in the last quarter compared to thirty in the previous quarter.</p> <p>d) Theft from motor vehicles: Twenty-nine thefts took place in the last quarter compared to fifty-four in the previous quarter.</p> <p>The police have continued to deploy a covert capture car around the local area and have been getting some positive results from this.</p> <p>e) Anti-Social Behaviour: Thirty-eight issues over the last three months compared with thirty-nine in the previous quarter.</p> <p>f) Southmead Police Station: The Station closed at the end of March. An enquiry office is available within Southmead Fire Station (10am – 6pm) until a permanent solution is available. However, the local Beat Team (PC Tara Pike and PCSO Zaheer Bulbul are based at Bridewell and not at the temporary Station; the officers travel to/from Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze.</p> <p>g) Beat Surgeries: A discussion ensued about the days/ times for Surgeries. It was agreed that Friday evenings should be avoided. If possible, monthly Surgeries should alternate between a Wednesday evening and during the day on any weekday.</p>

<p>3. Libraries</p>	<p>GG provided an update on the Consultation. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Report has been commissioned which should be available in approximately four months' time. As at 30 November, it was unclear what the terms of reference would be. As a minimum, if the terms are not made public, the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board which had a 'Task and Finish' group for Libraries, will ask for sight of the terms of reference. - Suggestions made by the Task and Finish Group (involving reduced hours etc) did deliver the cost savings sought by Bristol City Council. - Public sector mutuals (PSMs) may be involved in the eventual outcome. PSMs are organisations that are, or have been, in the public sector, which continue to run public services, and which have a significant degree of employee control, influence or ownership. As such, they have a wide range of legal forms - for example, trusts or community interest companies.
<p>4. School Crossing Patrols</p>	<p>LR gave an update on the Consultation. The two Patrols in Henleaze remain unchanged.</p> <p>A short discussion ensued about the positioning of one of the Patrols in that one of them may not be in the correct place following work carried out by the Highways Department. CCS advised that she had sent an email to Robert Grieve and to the Safer Routes to Schools Officer at Bristol City Council.</p>
<p>5. Transport</p>	<p>a) Traffic Choices: Prior to the budget cuts, Bristol City Council introduced an on-line process whereby residents can suggest highways projects (e.g. parking restrictions, changing lane markings etc) which they consider to be necessary and/or helpful. Due to a combination of Neighbourhood Partnerships ending and the budget cuts, the website (https://www.trafficchoices.co.uk/) is still active but, other than recording issues on it, Bristol City Council is not currently taking any actions.</p> <p>In the last quarter two local issues were added to the website, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kellaway Avenue/ Wellington Hill West: Caravans are parked twenty-four hours a day. They are occupied and, at night, there is no external lighting to make road users aware of them. - Rockside Drive/ Oakwood Road: Large vehicles are parking on the corner of Rockside Drive and Oakwood Road. Both roads are narrow and the parking reduces visibility for pedestrians and motorists. <p>As the individuals who reported the above issues were not at the meeting, the specific issues were not discussed further. Ideally, if and when Council funds become available, issues such as the above should be discussed at future Forums so that they can be understood and prioritised.</p> <p>b) Civil Enforcement Officers ('parking wardens'): At the previous Forum, the point was raised that Parking Services at Bristol City Council do not appear to take sufficient action in Henleaze to enforce parking restrictions and issues such as cars parking on pavements. As a response to the comment about enforcement, the Councillors have arranged for activity statistics to be provided at the Forums.</p>

In the period from 1 January to 31 August 2017, 183 visits were made to Henleaze Road and 97 to North View. The next statistics will be prepared for the period to 31 December 2017.

As previously advised, residents need to be proactive in notifying the police if pavement parking is a problem. Generally, no action will be taken if sufficient room remains for a double buggy to use the pavement.

- c) St Ursula's and surrounding area:** Contractors started working in Brecon Road (speed humps, double yellow lines and other road markings) on 31 July. The work, mainly completed by October, took longer than expected as the scope of the work was underestimated. However, signage to make other markings enforceable was not ordered until November and was still awaited. When the signage is in place, it is suggested that the School's Principal is asked to issue a note to parents and carers advising them about it prior to any visits from Civil Enforcement Officers.
- d) Cribbs & Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN):** Matters are ongoing; these include the location (Bristol or South Gloucestershire) of a proposed Park and Ride.
- e) RedMaids' High School:** GG/CCS have continued to meet with representatives from the School. There is a desire from the School's representatives to help with the traffic issues but viable solutions are required.
- f) Cotham North Residents Parking Zone (RPZ):** At the September Forum, it was noted that the RPZ had been extended and that this was highly likely to put further pressure on areas such as Westbury Park. To have a new RPZ, the Councillors need to be able to confirm that the majority of residents in the area concerned are in favour of having one. Discussions are in progress with the Bristol City Council Cabinet Member responsible for Transport about the guidelines for extending/ having fresh RPZs.
- g) Statistics re Accidents etc:** Details regarding road accidents for the last three years are included in the Traffic Choices website – go to (<https://www.trafficchoices.co.uk/>) and select 'view traffic accidents in your area here.'
- h) Buses:** Ongoing reliability issues with First Bus' number 2 service were raised.
- i) North View bus stop:** Although a consultation took place to enable the bus stop in North View (approaching central Bristol) to be moved to the taxi rank opposite Waitrose, bureaucracy and budget cuts may mean the move will not happen. The consultation was part of a Parking Review whereas a Bus Stop Review now appears to be required!
- j) Community Speedwatch:** Groups of local residents are asked to volunteer to monitor traffic speeds. Vehicles travelling at excess speed can be recorded and reported to the Police who can then issue letters to the registered keepers of the vehicles involved. Repeat offenders are

	<p>then targeted by the Police. If anyone would like to assist by becoming a Community Speedwatch volunteer, please contact the local police team (Tara or Zaheer).</p> <p>k) Pollution: This is a cause for concern throughout Bristol. A Council 'Task and Finish' group has been set up to consider air pollution and actions to take.</p>
<p>6. Environment</p>	<p>a) Old Quarry Park: A proposal for sensory and other enhancements to the Park was issued (electronically and on display on Henleaze Society notice boards) in advance of the Forum. It was unanimously agreed at the Forum to ask Bristol City Parks Department Officers to go ahead with the proposed enhancements. (Note: Funds for the work were approved a year ago and come out of monies paid by developers which had specific conditions attached to them.)</p> <p>b) Trees: SF gave an update on trees to be planted in West Broadway, Northumbria Drive and Oakwood Road. Four of the trees in Northumbria Drive are the result of crowdfunding; the remainder are covered by funds from the now extinct Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze Neighbourhood Partnership. Given the current proposals, Bristol City Council will no longer be maintaining street trees. The resultant issues (no pollarding, obstruction, falling branches etc) which will lead to trees being felled for Health & Safety reasons have been outlined at earlier Forums.</p> <p>c) Parks Consultation: The Consultation closes on 29 January – see https://bristol.citizenspace.com/neighbourhoods/parks-and-green-spaces/consult_view/</p> <p>d) Leaves: It was reported that Hobhouse Close was 'ankle deep in leaves'. GG offered to report this to the Council.</p> <p>e) Pavements/ hedges: Dangerous footpaths were reported in front of Tesco at Golden Hill and in Henleaze Park Drive. Overhanging hedges were also referred to. If help is required in reporting these or other street issues (e.g. pot holes), go to https://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue or contact the Councillors.</p> <p>f) Hill View/ Park Grove: Following the discussion at the last Forum about problems at the triangular area at the junction of Hill View and Park Grove, there has been some success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The stolen sign for Hill View has been replaced. - The post box has been painted by the Post Office. (Thank you to the five people who volunteered to paint the post box before the Post Office stepped in). <p>We are now trying to get the broken bench repaired/ replaced.</p>
<p>7. Westbury Welcome</p>	<p>Alan Cook, Chaplain to the St Monica's Trust, gave a brief overview about Westbury Welcome and the help that the group is seeking in order to welcome a Syrian refugee family to Westbury-on-Trym. Details are available by searching Westbury Welcome on Facebook or by sending an email to westburywelcome@gmail.com</p>

<p>8. Planning</p>	<p>a) Restrictions on permitted development (Article 4 Directions): Shirley Phillips, who leads on Planning for The Henleaze Society, gave some examples of building works in Henleaze which concerned her and some other residents. In the cases cited, planning permission had not been necessary as they were covered by what is known as permitted development. However, Henleaze has an adopted Character Appraisal – https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/0/Henleaze+character+assessment/1719a373-1617-4f53-bb97-ecbce1c5b89. Building works have arguably been ‘out of character’ for the areas in which they are located.</p> <p>By applying for what is referred to as an Article 4 Direction, which can apply on an ongoing basis to a named road/ a series of roads and to classes of development, planning permission has to be sought before building works can commence. This offers an opportunity for consideration to be given to proposed alterations that may change the character of a building/ a local area.</p> <p>Currently residents’ views are being sought on a potential application to Bristol City Council to consider the removal of permitted development rights for large roof extensions and hip-to-gable extensions, for interwar houses in Henleaze. If an application is approved, planning permission would be required for the examples given.</p> <p>If you want to make comments or to receive more information about Article 4 Directions, please send an initial email to henleazeforum@hotmail.com.</p> <p>b) St Ursula’s: Residents remain concerned about the future of the old building and the site currently occupied on a lease by SHINE.</p> <p>It is understood that Bristol City Council remains keen to retain the sports hall as a community facility. SHINE’s lease runs to September 2018.</p> <p>Council Officers have visited the site and are preparing recommendations as to the way forward.</p>
<p>9. Contacts</p>	<p>Any emails sent to henleazeforum@hotmail.com will be forwarded to the relevant contact. Please also send an email to the email address if you want your name to be added to the Henleaze Forum mailing list.</p>
<p>10. Next meeting</p>	<p>7pm on 22 February 2018 at Henleaze Library.</p>