



**Minutes of a meeting of the Bosworth Community Forum held
at St Peter's Church of England Primary School,
Market Bosworth
on Thursday 10 December 2009**

Present

Cllr Morrell (Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council/
Sheepy Parish Council) – in the Chair

In attendance

Mr J Aldridge	Sheepy Parish Council
Irene Ashton	Dial a Ride
S Baker	Resident
Mavis Bassett	Clerk, Sheepy Parish Council
Mr G P Betts	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Mick Brotherhood	Barlestone Parish Council
Shirley Burdon-Burnett	Sutton Cheney Parish Council/Sutton Cheney Garden Project
Mrs R Camamile	Leicestershire County Council
Mrs P Crane	Desford Parish Council
Pauline Cutress	Resident
Lynne Eveson	Elohim Church
Stephanie Fraser	Age Concern
Mary Gallagher	Twycross Parish Council
Mr A C Gough	Sheepy Parish Council
Ann Harris	Age Concern
Alastair Johnston	Bosworth in Bloom
Mr R Kempton	Peckleton Lanes
Peter Loseby	Bosworth in Bloom
Cathy Lowe	Twycross Parish Council
Mr B May	Sheepy Parish Council
Cathy Monkman	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Mr I Ould	Leicestershire County Council
Ian Papworth	Sheepy Greens
Mr C Peat	Carlton Parish Council
Stan Pitt	Peckleton Parish Council
Dieter Roovea	Sutton Cheney Garden Project
Lindsey Short	Dial a Ride
Cllr B Sutton	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Mr R M Symonds	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Cllr R Ward	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Harry Whitehead	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Ms S Windybank	Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Partner Agencies

PC Graham Anderson Insp Richard Ward	Leicestershire Constabulary Commander, Hinckley and Bosworth Local Policing Unit
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Officers

Edwina Grant	Strategic and Community Planning, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Ron Grantham	Community Safety Manager, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Beverley Ireland	Committee Officer, Leicestershire County Council
Sabrina Malik	Community Engagement Manager, Leicestershire County Council
Jane Neachell	Environmental Coordinator, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
James O'Brien	Project Manager, Waste Prevention Project, Leicestershire County Council
Richard Palmer	Strategy and Regeneration Manager, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Juan Pardo	Community Engagement Officer, Leicestershire County Council

Apologies for absence were received from Maureen Cook and Caroline Foxhall (Witherley Parish Council) and from Cllr Bill Crooks, (Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council).

44. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Morrell introduced Ralph Wood, the Headteacher at St Peter's, who welcomed the community into the school.

45. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 26 March 2009, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

46. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman invited those who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were made.

47. Participatory Budgeting updated

Edwina Grant reported that 10 projects that had been successful in their bids for funding following their pitches at the Participatory Budgeting Workshop held on 15 October 2009. She explained that,

following the Workshop, the projects had been ranked according to the number of votes and then taken away and worked on to ensure that they were feasible and that the monies would be allocated appropriately. The ranking of the successful bids and the funds allocated are listed below.

Ranking	Project	Allocation (£)
1	Sutton Cheney Allotment Society: Memorial Garden, Blacksmith Lane	1,500
2	Age Concern & Community Transport for Bosworth	2,000
3=	St Michael's Church, Fenny Drayton	2,750
3=	Carlton Parish Council: footpath project	6,000
4	Sheepy Magna Scout Group: Scouts' Marquee	750
5	Elohim Church: renovation project	1,500
6	Sheepy Magna Memorial Hall	1,650
7=	Bosworth in Bloom	1,650
7=	Desford Community Action Group: Desford Church Centre	1,221
8	Peckleton Arts	979
	Total:	20,000

Cllr Morrell thanked everyone who had turned up to the Workshop and taken part.

It was noted that projects which had not been successful in bidding for funds under this scheme were being supported to access alternative funding streams. It was also noted that, if any of the projects listed above did not go ahead, the monies would be reallocated to one of the projects put forward at the Workshop.

AGREED:

- a) that the update on the outcome of the Participatory Budget Workshop be noted;
- b) that the congratulations of the Forum be passed to the projects that had successfully bid for funds at the Workshop.

48. Climate Change

Jane Neachell, the Environmental Coordinator at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council gave a presentation on the Climate Change Strategy 2008-11 (<http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/pp/service/directory.asp?id=5005&Tree=4884,4963&DetailID=4020>). She explained that, in her view, there was a correlation between human activity and global warming and that action therefore needed to be taken to protect future generations.

Ms Neachell offered the following tips that individuals could follow to help mitigate the levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere:

- switch off unnecessary electrical appliances
- fit draught excluders
- top up loft insulation
- turn central heating thermostats down by 1 degree
- try not to waste food
- set hot water thermostats to 60 degrees
- close curtains in the evenings
- take up the offer of a free home energy check (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/proxy/view/full/165/homeenergycheck> or call 0800 512012)
- recycling half of all household waste.

During discussion, the following were among the points raised:

- Officers offered to provide further information on when Sustainable Urban Drainage systems (SUDs) would become part of planning requirements.
- Where planning conditions required the planting of trees it was suggested that developers should be encouraged to plant fruit trees.
- Bus companies should be encouraged to ensure bus routes took users where they most wanted to go. It was suggested that there should be route in Hinckley that circulated the hospital, town centre and railway station.

49. Waste Prevention Project

James O'Brien, the Project Manager for the Waste Prevention Project gave a presentation on that project. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes.

During discussion, the following were among the points raised:

- Under the Courtauld Commitment, major food retailers had signed up to targets to reduce packaging and food waste. The Food Minister had recently announced that there would be a move away from sell-by dates towards use-by dates.
- Although composting does produce some methane, it is in very low quantities compared with landfill, due to differences in the processes that break the waste down.
- District Councils provided trade waste services: charges were levied for these.
- Polystyrene waste could not currently be recycled.
- The suppliers of large appliances were obliged to take the packaging away.

- Certain materials could only be recycled at a limited number of sites, which were not easily accessible for everyone across the Borough. There was not enough publicity regarding what could be recycled at which site.
- As Recycling Household Waste Sites (RHWSs) were funded from council tax receipts, local authorities discouraged residents from neighbouring areas from using their facilities.
- It was noted that, with certain materials, such as paint, RHWSs needed to hold hazardous waste licences before being permitted to handle it and not every site was suitable for handling these types of waste.
- There had been a fall in prices for recycled material and the process might not always be profitable, however, it cost less than sending the waste to landfill and the monies raised off-set the cost of collecting the waste.

50. Community Safety Partnership

Ron Grantham, the Community Safety Manager at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Inspector Richard Ward, LPU Commander, gave a presentation on the local community safety priorities. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes.

In connection with areas where the figures had shown a rise on the previous year, it was noted that:

- A 6 week operation (Blue Lamp) had already shown an impact on the number of Burglary Dwellings.
- Acts of Criminal Damage were falling, with known hotspots being targeted.
- Distraction Burglaries were a national problem and were being carried out by highly mobile criminals who only operated in an area for a few weeks before moving to another part of the country.
- The rise in Hate Crime figures indicated a growing confidence in the police force as more victims were coming forward.
- Anti-social behaviour was a priority but was not as big a problem as it was portrayed in the media.

During discussion, the following were among the points raised:

- Detection rates were at about 26%. There were currently no targets for detection rates; the only target that had been set by the national government had been to increase public confidence.
- Restorative justice was being applied in 4% of cases. The reoffending rate in these cases was less than 5% (compared with 30% reoffending rates in cases where a warning letter had been sent).

- The members of the Crime and Safety Forum (covering the rural parishes) would like to explore ways they could further help their communities and the Police, perhaps through offering information to vulnerable people regarding distraction burglaries.
- The Road Traffic Accident 1988 required all road traffic accidents to be reported in person (including incidents when vehicles damaged garden fences); it was not permissible to report them by telephone.
- It was not possible to monitor speeds on all the roads across the county, resources had to be targeted. However, the Police would look at areas of particular concern, if brought to their attention.

51. Bosworth Site Allocations update

Richard Palmer, the Strategy and Regeneration Manager at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, provided an update on the development of the Local Development Framework (LDF), a suite of documents that would be used to determine planning applications. He reported that the Core Strategy Document had now been found sound by the Inspector and could not now be subject to change.

There had been over 13,500 representations received over the Site Allocation document and the team were still working through them. It was expected that the document would be redrafted after Christmas and then there would be a further consultation on it, probably in September/October 2010. This would take the form of a Submission Consultation on the Borough Council's final proposals and would be a different format to the previous consultation.

During discussion, the following were among the points raised:

- It would not be possible to respond to everyone who had submitted representations on the Site Allocation document. A report on the representations and the Council's responses would be produced and made public. Individuals could ring and ask for feedback on their comments.
- The Council had to undertake a strategic flood risk assessment across the Borough. Further work would be undertaken to assess the risks of flooding associated with any particular developments, such as the proposed Sustainable Urban Extensions around Earl Shilton and Barwell, if they came forward. This would include looking at the potential impact on the surrounding parishes. The developers would be expected to contribute towards mitigation works.
- There is no green belt in Leicestershire but there were green wedges, which were not a statutory requirement. It was known that there were not sufficient brown field sites available to meet the current housing and other development needs.

- There would not be a definitive cap on the amount of houses that a developer put on a site. If there was an allocation for 60 houses in a village and a developer proposed building 68 that would probably be permitted, however, a proposal for 120 would not.
- The Site Allocation did not take into account the future needs of any significant increase in the number of people living on barges along the Ashby Canal.
- The next stage of consultation would be widely publicised, along with information on how to respond.
- Developers would be expected to bring forward proposals that included 40% affordable housing.

52. Question Time

The Chairman encouraged people to complete the question cards which had been circulated at the start of the meeting - questions could be tabled immediately or submitted later in the evening for a written response.

The following questions were put:

	<u>Question / response</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>	<u>Question to</u>
1.	When will the Police revert back to a proactive force and abandon their reactive policy?	Reg Ward	Leicestershire Constabulary/ Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
2.	Can anything be done about the problem of parking at the doctors, also a problem for older people's Friday Group parking? This problem has arisen because the High School now has a gate across the access at the rear of the High School.	Pauline Cutress	Leicestershire County Council
3.	Could something be planned for Older People's Month? There is an over 50s day organised in Hinckley but things could be organised at a local level.	Pauline Cutress	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
4.	Could we have some lighting at the junction of the B585 and the A444?	Pauline Cutress	Leicestershire County Council
5.	Heavy lorries seem to be increasing going through Market Bosworth.	Pauline Cutress	Leicestershire County Council/ Leicestershire Constabulary

(note: answers attached to the minutes)

53. Credit Union

Cllr Morrell reported that the Borough Council was in the early stages of developing a Credit Union, with a branch due to open in Earl Shilton and information was available at the meeting (a copy of which is filed with these minutes). A report on progress would be brought to a future meeting.

54. Date of Next Meeting

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 11 March 2011.

Members were asked to pass suggestions for future items and venues for future meetings to Sabrina Malik (sabrina.malik@leics.gov.uk).

Cllr Morrell thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7.00pm – 9.15pm
10/12/09

Questions Submitted to Bosworth Community Forum
10 December 2009

1) When will the Police revert back to a pro-active force and abandon their reactive policy?

Leicestershire Constabulary

Proactive Policing is a fundamental element of policing and both reactive and proactive policing run in conjunction with each other.

By its very nature, Policing is very reactive, however we do continually assess the incidents and crimes we attend to ensure that we do everything we can to prevent them occurring in the future and we do this by endeavouring to have the right officers in the right numbers in the right places and at the right times. Leicestershire Police needs to provide resources for reactive Policing, however we do not do adopt a definitive policy where we only choose to be reactive.

Operation Chimpanzee is great example of our proactive capabilities. In a two day period last week the Neighbourhood Action Team executed 15 drugs warrants across the Hinckley and Bosworth area: 8 people were arrested and 7 people cautioned for drug offences.

Operation Blue Lamp was set up 5 weeks ago to proactively target burglary suspects. So far over 40 burglars have been arrested for committing burglaries in the Hinckley and Bosworth area. Resources from Hinckley and Bosworth Local Policing Unit (LPU) and departments such as the Road Policing Unit and the Dog section were used to proactively patrol hotspot locations across the Borough at all times of the day and night. This operation led to a 10% reduction in burglaries over the period and has been extremely successful.

3 weeks ago the Neighbourhood Action Team worked with the force Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) team to target criminals using the main routes into the Hinckley area.

These examples are just a tiny proportion of proactive operations that officers carry out on a daily basis.

2) Can anything be done about the problem of parking at the doctors, also a problem for older people's Friday Group parking? This problem has arisen because the High School now has a gate across the rear of the High School.

Awaiting further details and clarification.

3) Could something be planned for Older People's Month? There is an over 50s day organised in Hinckley but things could be organised at a local level.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

HBBC is in the process of developing a member-led Older Persons Strategy, driven by Cllr David Inman HBBC Lead Member/Champion for Older Persons which will be supported by a delivery plan. A draft strategy is being presented to Executive Committee in January 2010, with a proposed 12 week period of consultation to further inform the strategy and delivery plan. The organisation of co-ordinated activity for an Older Persons Month will be put forward as part of this piece of work. HBBC has recently appointed an Older Person's Manager, Clive Taylor who will be the lead officer supporting Cllr Inman with this initiative.

4) Could we have some lighting at the junction of the B585 and A444?

Of the 4 reported injury accidents over the past 5 years only 1 (in 2005) occurred during the hours of darkness. David Moulard of the accident unit has confirmed that this site is not being investigated for accident reduction measures and that this level of accidents would not trigger an investigation. Lighting would not be provided at this location without the justification of accidents.

5) Heavy lorries seem to be increasing going through Market Bosworth. What can be done about it?

Leicestershire County Council

The main road through Market Bosworth, the B585, does not have a weight restriction in accordance with our policy. In areas where weight restriction orders have been put in place, contraventions of the restrictions should be reported to the police.

Complaints about breaches of Weight Restrictions should be sent to the following e-mail address;

weight.restricted@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

I have checked our records and the last complaint received from Market Bosworth was on 26th February 2008 – nearly two years ago. At the time there was a new golf course being built on Station Road in Market Bosworth and

there were numerous HGV movements, as you can imagine. It should be noted that an HGV over 7.5 tonnes can go within a Weight Restricted area if that vehicle is delivering or collecting from a premises within that restriction. It is often the case when we get a new complaint, from an area that is usually very quiet, that a new building site or similar has been opened and this causes the lorry movements.

To that end, we really need to know which roads in Market Bosworth are being affected by lorry movements. Dates & times of the alleged breaches and VRM/logo's on the lorries in question are very useful.. This will allow us to target our enforcement action into the relevant areas and attempt to trace where the lorries are coming from and going to.