



**Minutes of a meeting of the Bosworth Community Forum held
at Dixie Grammar School, Station Road, Market Bosworth
on Thursday 11 March 2010**

Present

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

In attendance

Jim Aldridge	Sheepy Parish Council
Eileen Baker	Sheepy Village Hall
Graham Betts	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Derek Crane	Barlestone Parish Council
Michael Brotherhood	Barlestone Parish Council
Mick Brown	Resident, Sheepy Magna
Ruth Camamile	Leicestershire County Council
Pat Crane	Desford Parish Council
Bill Crooks	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Julie Dixon	Resident
Lynne Eveson	Elohim Church
Mary Gallagher	Twycross Parish Council
Andrew Gough	Sheepy Parish Council and Bosworth Area Crime and Safety Partnership
Oswald Hall	Sheepy Magna
David Hickie	Witherley Parish Council
Alistair Johnston	Bosworth in Bloom
Zoe Lethbridge	Higham on the Hill Parish Council
Cathy Lowe	Twycross Parish Council
Jayne Matis	Sutton Cheney Memorial Garden
Cathy Monkman	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Michelle Nelson	St Michael's Parish Council
Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
Rob Parkinson	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Chris Peat	Carlton Parish Council
C Raham	Resident, Barlestone
Dieter Roovod	Sutton Cheney Allotment Society
A Smalley	Resident, Barlestone
B Sutton	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
David Treddinick	Member of Parliament for Bosworth Constituency

Partner Agencies

Graham Compton	Leicestershire Police RPU
Alex Foster	Leicestershire Rural Partnership
Alison Hassel	Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT
Sarah Mallec	Environment Agency
Doreen Sadler	George Eliot Hospital

Jonathon Shaw Ian Smith	Leicestershire Police Leicestershire and Rutland local Resilience Forum
Michael Whitworth	Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT

Officers

Edwina Grant	Strategic and Community Planning, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Sabrina Malik	Community Engagement Manager, Leicestershire County Council
Juan Pardo	Community Engagement Officer, Leicestershire County Council
Ben Smith	Committee Officer
Rob Parkinson	Head of Community Services, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Apologies for absence were received from Shirley Burden-Burnett (Sutton Cheney Parish Council), Pauline Cuttress, (Residents Association), Sarah Windybank (Sutton Cheney Parish Council) Cllr Reg Ward (Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council)

55. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Morrell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

56. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2009, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

57. 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.

58. Reports and Feedback – Local Transport Plan 3

Sabrina Malik drew the Forums attention to information which had been handed out which outlined how the community could get involved in the process for drawing up a new Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for the County. A copy of the information is filed with these minutes.

59. Potential Flooding and New Developments

Rob Parkinson of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Sarah Mallec of the Environment Agency delivered a presentation on potential

flooding and new developments to combat flooding in the Bosworth area.

Arising from the presentation and subsequent discussion, the following points were noted:

- A Flooding and Water Management Bill was currently going through Parliament;
- Approximately 2,500 homes were due to be built in Hinckley and Bosworth in due course over the next few years including Sustainable Urban Extensions to Earl Shilton and Barwell. For those new developments to be built all developers were required to undertake flood risk assessments within flood zones and be required to undertake development control to ensure there was no perceived risk of flooding. The Environment Agency were also now statutory consultees for planning applications for housing and developers had to consult them at an early stage of the process;
- Where surface water discharged from such developments was greater than naturally occurred from the catchment area, new developments would be required to be controlled by on site measures with an emphasis on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS);
- It was recognised that the soil in Bosworth was predominantly clay in nature and that SuDS were less effective in such an environment. However any new developments would be designed out to prevent any increased risk of flooding to the existing villages situated downstream;
- The majority of town centre flooding was caused by sewers filling to over capacity in the event of extreme rainfall. The Environment Agency worked with Severn Trent and the Highways Authority to ensure drains and sewers were regularly inspected and cleared of debris in order to reduce this risk;
- Dredging did not stop rivers from flooding as when a major flood occurred, water naturally filled the river very quickly and covered the floodplain. As rivers were no longer dredged this also allowed the natural habitat of the river to develop and prevent damage to foundations of bridges, weirs, culverts and river walls which had could accentuate flooding problems;
- Where there were specific issues in the local area, the Environment Agency could be contacted at the local Lichfield office at Sentinel House, 9 Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 8RR or via telephone on 08708 506506, for instance in respect of the following issues raised:

- foreign debris blocking up rivers under bridges - the Environment Agency could undertake inspections and contact the riparian landowner to remove it;
- SuDS lagoons being blocked up and not fulfilling their purpose;
- Where there was currently no formal flood warning system, flood gauges could be placed in local areas of risk which could alert flood volunteers to high water levels.

60. Road Safety and Traffic

Graham Compton provided a presentation on the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership (LLRRSP), the overall aim of which was to provide a safer environment on the roads using education, enforcement and engineering to enable all road users to travel in confidence, free from fear of death or injury. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Graham provided the Forum with the following information:

- Collaborative working across agencies involved in road safety had achieved significant progress on casualty reduction targets, with those to be achieved by the end of 2010 on course, as follows:

	1994/98 Baseline Average	Target by 31/12/2010	31/12/2009
40% reduction in people killed/seriously injured	577	346	369
50% reduction in children killed/seriously injured	72	36	32
10% reduction in slight injury casualties	4357	3922	3180

- Concerns with regard to the enforcement of weight restricted zones could be reported by ringing Leicestershire Constabulary on 0116 2222222 or via email at: weight.restricted@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
- It was to be noted that lorries exceeding the 7.5tonne limit could enter a restricted area to load or unload goods;
- Complaints regarding disregard of weight restrictions and excess speed were acted upon locally when reported in conjunction with Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council;
- It was recognised the recent poor winter weather had caused a number of potholes in the area. Leicestershire County Council

Highways were working very hard to repair them as quickly as possible. Should any member of the public have any issue with the state of the roads they were requested to report these to the Highways Dept via telephone to the customer service centre on 0116 305 0001, or by filling in a webform at the County Council website www.leics.gov.uk.

61. George Eliot Hospital – Foundation Trust Membership

Doreen Sadler of George Eliot hospital gave a short presentation in order to promote membership of the Foundation Trust. There were currently over 10,000 members from Nuneaton and Bedworth, North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth. Membership was free and involvement could be as little or as much as the member wished from filling in feedback surveys, volunteering and sitting on task and finish groups.

If any member of the public wished to join the Foundation Trust they could do so via the hospital website at: www.geh.nhs.uk/foundation-trust.

62. 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.	Could public transport (a bus) be provided from Sheepy Magna through to Market bosworth and onto Leicester? at present there is no bus service into Leicester, only in to Warwickshire.	Julie Whatson	Leicestershire County Council
2.	Barlestone Parish Council is spending considerable time and money on the ongoing national problem of traveller sites in our area. How can we get support and help from a wider field?	Derek Crane	All

[Note – Answers to these questions are attached to the minutes.]

63. Police Update

PC John Shaw provided a police update for the area, the following principal points of which were provided:

- As the Bosworth area was large and diverse with 47 villages to cover, the local Neighbourhood Policing Unit would be contacting every Parish Council in the area to provide them with a first point of contact, one of the four members of the Beat team. It was noted Sergeant Nick Tims had recently joined the Team;
- A number of positive steps were noted from over the recent period, including:
 - Burglaries were down 55%;
 - Work had been undertaken with Trading Standards to promote official cold calling zones;
 - 125 units of Smart Water had been provided by the Borough Council at a subsidised rate with 100 units having been distributed since December so far;
 - A Youth Diversion Scheme had been initiated for a group of 10 youngsters responsible for 80 incidents within the village of Newbold Verdon. Beginning from Easter they would be taken on trips to Police Headquarters, the Support Unit and to the Police Helicopter, supported by an educational theme at each event.

64. Participatory Budget Update

Edwina Grant updated the Forum on the distribution of the £20,000 participatory budget for the area. One of the projects previously approved had declined the offer of £6,000 and so it was now proposed to re-allocate the money to the next two preferred projects arising from the Budget Workshop, as follows:

£2,200 – Sheepy Playing Fields Benches and Picnic Tables;
 £3,800 – Sport in Desford Fitness Equipment

AGREED:

That the re-allocation of funding be supported, as outlined above.

54. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted the next meeting would be held in approximately six months.

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.

7.00pm – 9.10pm
 11/03/10

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2.	Barlestone Parish Council is spending considerable time and money on the ongoing national problem of travellers and sites in our area. How can we get support and help on a wider field?	D. Crane	All	<p>Matt Bagley, Multi Agency Traveller Unit Co-ordinator, Leicestershire County Council:</p> <p>Planning enforcement and unauthorised encampment enforcement is strengthened considerably by appropriate provision of new sites especially if those new sites are controlled by the local authority.</p> <p>On the other hand, Gypsies and Travellers have the right for</p>

				<p>somewhere decent to live the same as everyone else then the aspect of where could, and should, be resolved by the planning process in the same way that housing is.</p> <p>The newly formed Housing, Planning and Infrastructure Group (HPIG) are looking at site provision on a county wide basis and are also monitoring delivery I feel that this is a very positive step forwards in locating and developing good sustainable sites for the future.</p>
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