

Minutes

Councillors in Attendance	
Cllr D Williamson	Crompton Ward (Chair)
Cllr H Gloster	Shaw Ward (Vice-Chair)
Cllr H Sykes	Shaw Ward
Cllr D Murphy	Crompton Ward
Cllr J Turner	Crompton Ward
Partners in Attendance	
Liz Fryman (LF)	District Co-ordinator
Jen Downing	RSC District Caseworker
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Parish Cllr Louie Hamblett	Shaw and Crompton Parish Council
NBO Rob Fitzgerald	GMP
Sgt Lee Ingham	GMP
Members of the public	11
Apologies	
Cllr C Gloster	Shaw Ward
Carol Brown	Director Environmental Management

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Diane Williamson welcomed everyone to the meeting; introductions were made and apologies accepted.

2. Notes from previous Shaw and Crompton Community Forum

Minutes from 09 October 2018 were agreed as a true record.

3. Actions and updates on the minutes of the last meeting

3.1 Letter to CCG: 09 October - DE to write to the CCG for an update on progress and dates proposed for PPG at the Practice – No response received to date

Action 3: JD to send a second letter and copy in Carolyn Wilkins

3.2 Hate Crime: Contact GMP to request information on statistics on hate crimes – No obvious reason for the increase

Update: The incidents did not occur in the same locality; the incidents are varied in nature and have been committed at different times of the day and by different people. In three of the incidents the offender was identified but the victim chose not to take it any further. Sgt Hall and Insp Wilson to advise if they have any knowledge of tensions in regards to these statistics

3.3 Litter Plan: EE to add Derwent Drive and Road Knowl to list - Resident contacted about Derwent Drive - decided not to join in group. Road Knowl / Side of river Beal has been litter picked. To note this area is difficult due to unknown pollution on and in sites which is thought to be relating to illegal activity (waste disposal). Until the EA have reported back on the risks, volunteers cannot be exposed un-mitigatable risks.

3.4: Speeding Chamber Rd: this needs to be placed to capture vehicle speeds coming off The Avenue and down Chamber Road - Speed survey has been installed from 15th November on

Chamber Road - will come back with results when provided from Highways. Cllr Williamson said that this had been placed outside number 32 due to too many parked cars. Highways will return to place where requested outside number 46

3.5: Durden mews bins: Waste department have not been made aware of any issues with collections in Shaw. JD looked into the history on Durden Mews and could not see any active tickets regarding missed brown bin collections within the last few months. We have had a report regarding contaminated brown bins left out on the street back in September and these have now been removed. – District Team to explain to the resident at the next meeting.

3.6: Beal Lane Cllr H Gloster will contact Highways about possibility of installing pedestrian crossing at Beal Lane –The pedestrian / vehicle survey has been completed and the length of Beal lane surveyed does not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing facility. Highways are trying to establish if there is room to introduce a pedestrian island to allow pedestrians to cross the road in two stages.

3.7: Former Butterworths Building: District Team to contact Building Control and Environmental Health to report the concerns of the residents regarding the ex-Butterworths building - Building Control have been out to assess and confirmed that the building is boarded up and no access is available into the building. Building Control have said that everything is ok as far as they are concerned and there is no any action that they can take currently but will continue to monitor the building. Cllr HS stated that options are being looked into and a Section 215 is to be served, after a ward visit. Clean up work is to be done at the rear of the building.

3.8: Crompton Way: JD to investigate if permission has been sought from the Council to use the fence/land on Crompton Way for signage - JD contacted the estate agents and they removed the signage - no permissions had been sought.

4. Items for noting

4.1 Crompton Moor Sub Group minutes from 5th November 2018

Noted

4.2. Events Group minutes - Advised that any smaller meetings held leading up to the event on 1st December will not be minuted – Thanks were given to the Events Group, volunteers and businesses for all their hard work in making the Christmas Switch On a fantastic event.

5. Police Update: Sgt Lee Ingham and NBO Rob Fitzgerald

- Lee Ingham is the new District Sgt as Steve Hall has moved on.
- Residential Burglary is up slightly compared to this time last year
- Community Burglary and Theft of a motor vehicle are up greatly compared to last year
- Increase in theft from a motor vehicle
- Hate crime incidents in Shaw have risen significantly
- Priorities: Night time economy, Burglary and vehicle crime
- Local business owners attended tonight's meeting concerned over the amount of burglaries and what is being done by the Police. This is covered under public questions, item 9

6. Standard item: Update on the District plan

Cllr Diane Williamson and the District Team are working on how updates will be presented and this is being discussed at the next Cllrs briefing meeting.

7. Dunwood Park – Update on café building

Following a tender process, Pure Innovations have been selected to operate the café within the McGrother Building, Dunwood Park. They will provide a community focused café. Heads of terms have been agreed with the proposed operator and the Council's Legal Department is instructed to complete the new lease. Currently the building only has temporary planning permission to operate a café and this had expired. Pure Innovations have submitted a planning application for a permanent change of use to a café and the decision should be confirmed by the Planning Department towards the end of the year.

Also as required an application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their consent to this new letting and café operator. It is hoped that the new café will be open early in the New Year and Pure Innovations are looking forward to working with all the local groups and communities to promote the use of Dunwood Park and encourage further visitors to the park.

8. High Crompton Park update

- Initially all people who had expressed an interest in being involved with a HCP Group were contacted along with posters and social medial advertising people to join the newly forming FOHCP group; this was very well responded to.
- The next meeting has been scheduled for 21st January 2019 at 5:30pm where Action Together will be attending to support the group becoming fully constituted in order for them to progress and look at funding available.
- Cllr Diane Williamson has agreed that she will be the Chair for the first year, supporting the Vice-Chair to enable them to take over in the second year.
- The new operator of the HCP building (which will be named The Green) are proposing to transform the building into a café during the day time and a high-end bistro/eatery in the evenings.
- Full details of the lease are still being worked through with solicitors, however, it has been confirmed it will be a 250-year lease on the building and surrounding land.
- The Green café project is currently going through the planning process; however, a license has been granted for some works to take place to make the building safe and secure preventing any further damage over winter 2018. It is expected that the outcome from the full planning process will be (approx) March 2019, at which point the interior and further works required can commence.
- The operators have been and remain keen to work with anyone who may be affected or interested in the changes. The Friends Group are very much in support of this project and have built a good working relationship with the operators in a short time; with the operators offering to purchase the current bowling hut (porta cabin) for the High Crompton Bowlers and not least the proposal of new toilets which can be used by anyone enjoying the park not just customers of the cafe.
- The operators have a website which will be updated regularly including a newsletter which will be updated displayed the park noticeboards as updates are given.
- Link : www.thegreenhighcromptonpark.co.uk

9. Open Public Questions, Members Issues and Members update

9.1 Increase in burglaries at Business Premises:

10 local business owners attended tonight's meeting with concerns regarding the escalation of burglaries in Shaw, with some businesses having been burgled two or three times in a short period of time.

Issues discussed were:

- Businesses CCTV frustrated that Police had not been out to view this.
- Risk of businesses moving out of Shaw due to the continued targeting which would lead to a negative impact on the high street.
- High cost of repairs to damage and to replace stock
- Request for more visible Police patrols
- Weaknesses in CCTV – easy to disguise, cannot be everywhere, police resources in reviewing, quality.
- Rationale in having ANPR cameras in Shaw as appose to CCTV

Police Team advised that:

- Response Officers cover the area when the Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) are not on shift and like the NPT, if they get a call elsewhere to a serious threat, then they have to go there
- Calls made to the Police are triaged then allocated out with highest priority given to immediate threat incidents.
- Oldham CID, who would be dealing with this, have had a massive increase in their workload and have to prioritise.
- Unfortunately no arrests have been made so far but additional work will be carried out over the weekend.

Actions agreed:

- 1. Sgt Ingham said he would ensure that someone comes out to speak to the business owner as soon as possible.**
- 2. Business Owners are going to set up a ‘What’s App’ Group so that they can communicate between themselves.** Business owners signed in to the meeting and those that signed gave permission to share their information to start up a What’s App Group with Helen Wright, Children’s Society agreeing to set this up. This information would be emailed to Helen.
- 3. NBO Rob Fitzgerald also suggested that if businesses can afford to get their own CCTV, to go ahead.**
- 4. Business and Police to attend the next District Executive meeting in January to discuss progress of actions.**

9.2 Can anything be done regarding parking on Rochdale Road, outside the two take-aways?

Vehicles are parked on the pavement most nights from 4.30pm onwards and there are double yellow lines down.

Action: Will be added to Police Patrol plan and RF and LI will pay the area attention over the weekend.

JD to ask Parking Shop to attend the area and enforce parking restrictions (after 4.30pm)

9.3: Q George Street Playing Fields – Bridge has a large gap in the slats through damage which needs repairing

Action 9.1: JD to report the hole in the bridge at George Street Playing Fields

Members Issues

9.1 Cllr Sykes would like it noting that he has not been approached by GMP with any request for CCTV

9.2: Cllr DM – Crompton House School – The DE has written to the Chief Exec requesting financial assistance regarding parking permits and pupil allocations but have not received a reply.

Action 9.2: JD to follow up this matter with CEX office.

9.3: Homeless people at Tesco and Asda – Have people been approached and assistance offered. Duty to refer has been done by GMP for two people thought to be homeless in Shaw. LF advised that the Night Shelter, Lees Road is now up and running.

Action 9.3: LC to send out the 'Where Can I Find' booklet to councillors and post some copies to Cllr HG

9.4: How do Asda enforce the disabled and mother/baby bays, can we find out and get some reassurances from Asda

Action 9.4: JD to ask Asda how they enforce parking in disabled and mother/baby bays

9.5: Moor Street ambulance site – Can we chase up the developer and see how this is progressing

Action 9.5: JD to contact developer of Moor Street ambulance site and request details of how this site is progressing

9.6: Cllr HS informed the meeting that people in need can access free crisis furniture packs from Bulky Bobs. There followed a discussion regarding how people access this service and other support. This is through any frontline help service, eg. Citizens Advise, Salvation Army, Early Help, Contact Centre, housing providers, Welfare Benefits Service etc. This ensures that wherever a resident enters the system that there is a 'whole person' approach taken and not just solving one small problem.

11. Date of next meeting:

15 January 2019, 6.00pm, Shaw Lifelong Learning Centre