

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING

Thurs. 24th Jan. 2012

Bullet Points

15 Crosspool residents, Cllr Rob Frost, and 6 members of the Forum Management Committee attended. The guests gave presentations as follows:.

MATTERS ARISING from Oct 2012 AGM & Open Meeting - none..

POLICE REPORT

PC Louise Atha - Louise & colleague Phil Whitaker have both been given PC of the Year Community Awards!

Matters of local interest include: 15 local youths congregating on Lydgate Green to drink alcohol - this has been stopped; allotment watch op restarted; scrap dealers & speed enforcement ops starting; licensing ops on-going; burglary & theft ops too (high vis patrols & plain clothes); hope to have more schemes to fit tamper-proof screws to car number plates.

There have been some minor RTCs involving the slanting car parking bays opposite Spar - caught on the police camera. Anyone who has experienced difficulties with the bays here, contact Ian. (There are also some issues with regard to the shopping parking bays being used for commuting' & poor parental behaviour with regard to parking round schools. Bethan Williams (Safer Neighbourhood Officer, Sheffield CC) spoke on a pilot project -"Its Your Child" running in the south of the city, as the S & SW have a big problem.

COUNCILLOR's REPORT

Rob Frost (here on his own as Geoff Smith was attending the SWCA meeting - sadly both coincided this time); said

1/ Bus bunching (no.51) Both he & Geoff are awaiting a re-scheduled meeting with the bus companies over this; Louise would also like to attend..

2/ Community Assemblies; these may be dismantled to save Council money; there is a consultation on-going about this.

3/ Lydgate Reservoir is not going to be sold for house building but remain in Yorkshire Water's hands.

4/ Crosspool recycling bank for non-bottle plastic & foil, Is there a real demand for one?

5/ Local ash tree health? :- Rob will try to find out.

6/ Crosspool bench; the replacement bench has been badly fitted & needs urgent attention. Rob will look into this.

7/ A57 chicane? Rob will also chase up progress on this.

CITY WIDE ALARMS

Mark Johnson (telecare growth manager for CWA) was introduced and spoke. This Council-approved system offers a wide range of aids to keep people safe, secure & independent in their own homes. The basic system is a box fastened to a 'phone line and call button worn round the neck (or different ways) while in the house. The cost of this is at the moment £4.67 plus VAT (which is in some cases exempt) per week, with no minimum contract or extra expenditure for battery replacement etc on top. There are similar schemes available to buy elsewhere but this company connects to a 24hour staffed call centre, and will send out its own mobile response team of trained & fully equipped staff to attend. Mark had a wide range of other devices he could offer - a bed sensor that knows if someone has failed to return to bed after popping to the loo in the night, or a door-mounted one that shows a dementia sufferer has wandered out of the house in the middle of the night, or reminder schemes that call to remind someone to take their tablets or expect a carer to pop in.

How to contact Mark and City Wide Alarms, 24 hour service:

Tele: 0800 013 0980

Email: citywidecarealarms@sheffield.gov.uk

EVENTS

Crosspool Festival Week, 28th June - 7th July; **Rev Frances Eccleston** hopes the community will build on the strength of the previous 3 Festivals & again celebrate the good things that happen in Crosspool. This sub-committee of the Forum hopes to offer a street market, barn dance, musical events, fun run, gardening question time etc again. Please contact her (as Festival Chair) with any ideas for events or to offer assistance. She also asked for suggestions to which local charities any Festival proceeds should go, & one idea from the floor (which was strongly recommended) was to support the Benty Lane Scout Hut renovations - disabled access & downstairs ladies toilet.

Other Events coming up are 1/ St Columba's Healthy Cooking & Eating for Men' course, 6 weeks from 19th April, 11 am-1 pm - small charge will apply. 2/ Summer Fayre - helpers needed please contact Ian Hague. 3/ Car boot Sales - the first will be on Sat 8th June; & then 4/ in Dec. Children's Christmas Disco.

CHAIRMAN's REPORT:

Ian Hague said

1/a new treasurer is to be appointed & detailed spread sheets of the accounts are available to anyone who wants them.

2/ The Christmas trees went up as usual - thank you to Barrie Clay for the organization, & to Andrew Fisher for shredding them after they were taken down.

3/ Hillside Harvest - Open Days 16th Feb & 16th March at their allotments

4/ Friends of Bole Hill - monthly meetings, & helping to get a Crookes Forum running

5/ Stephen Hill Luncheon club - vacancies; Wed, 2 course hot lunch, £3.50

6/ Computer course - going well, now at Benty Lane Scout Hut

7/Joe Castle (local historian) - queries for his new book, Bell Hagg to Strines area. Why did the Outer Circle bus route end? what is the meaning of the Rivelin Valley names (e.g. Plonk wheel)?; & why does Stannington Church have a Bell Hagg window in it (installed 1890s)?

8/ All the back issues of the Clarion are hoped to be available soon on the Crosspool website. 9/ Neighbourhood Watch has won a Queen's Award

10/ Website - there have been some 70 thousand plus hits on our site, from the UK alone - & 106 other countries have been looking us up!

AOB?

1/ No 51 bus centenary - more info, hoped on events to mark this. 2/ Wool wanted (for charity knitting)

3/ during the snow there has been a lot of poor parking on Manchester Rd.

NEXT OPEN MEETING - MON (note) - 22nd April.