

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING

Thurs.25th July 2013

Bullet Points

21 Crosspool residents, Cllr. Geoff Smith, and 9 members of the Forum Management Committee attended.

MATTERS ARISING from Apr.22nd 2013— Ian H. is expecting a meeting with Tapton Hill SW Delivery Office next month.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: Ian welcomed everyone & asked PCSO Gary Hizam & PC Tim Beazley to take the floor.

POLICE REPORT & Discussion

- 1/ Operation Kid-do, patrolling the Crosspool triangle in the school holidays to check on youth behaviour.
- 2/ Scrap van op; 6 vans stopped on Cross Lane alone. Note they are out & about from 5am, when the police can't be! Residents must be vigilant & not leave 'non-waste' (e.g. barbecues or bikes) outside.
- 3/ 'Cold calling zones' - residents can ask for streets to be marked as such by the police & for cards to stick up in windows or glass doors to say the occupant does not buy anything at the door. (Phone 101 & ask for Gary Hizam, Crewe Flats, to do this for your Street).
- 4/ 'Gardening vans break-ins'; there has been a spate of break-ins targeting marked gardeners' vehicles.
- 5/ Car licence plate thefts; if yours is just stuck in place these can be removed easily for use in petrol thefts from garages. They need tamper-proof screws.
- 6/ Crewe Flats police station - this is due to close in early 2014. & the officers moved to Hammerton Rd. (As eventually this is also earmarked for closure, with the Crookes Ward police then attending all the way from Woodseats. A petition was passed round for signing to send in about this. Cllr Smith will also write to the Police Commissioner Sean Wright on the community's behalf, to pass on people's concerns.)
- 7/ Claremont Hospital staff parking? Since 2009 there has been a great increase in cars parked (in particular) along Sandygate Park all day, & no answers to letters to the Hospital about their plans for Highbury (411 Sandygate Rd). Cllr's Sylvia Anginotti, Rob Frost & MP Nick Clegg have been informed, - to no avail. Cllr Geoff Smith will take this up. A meeting was suggested between the Hospitals, local residents, Councillors & Crosspool Forum.
- 8/ Hagg Hill/Back lane allotment vandalism: There has been some recent 'mindless' vandalism, but not theft, along these allotments.

EVENTS:

- 1/ Car Boot sale (8th June) well attended! Next one Sep 7th
- 2/ Crosspool Festival Week; - also well attended, and good sums made for the Benty Lane Scout Hut (disabled access) scheme & Weston Park Hospital cancer charity. Any ideas for next years' Festival & Fayre to Rev Eccleston or Ian Hague - it was proposed that an open meeting to discuss this be arrange.

CROSSPOOL FORUM PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE: Ian Hague & Angela Southward gave a PowerPoint presentation on the inception & Launch of the Forum, its role in the community, completed projects and new ones. Ideas are always most welcome for articles in the Clarion. Meetings, activities to go on the website, & proposals for schemes that the Forum can work toward

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- 1/ Grit bin request for Sandygate Park.
- 2/ Community skips: £4000 pa has been allocated to the Crookes Ward for just this sort of thing. Councillors for the ward will decide on how it is spent.
- 3/ Black dustbin collection problems: The Barnfield area reported that on 3 occasions over 3 months the Monday collection had not happened until Tues lunchtime.
- 4/ Leaflet drop re possible 4G signal interference with TV 'Freeview channels; one free gadget per household is being sent out - though many houses will need more if it is one per television. Some houses have not even had the leaflet yet.
- 5/ The 51 bus service still no better! Cllr Rob Frost is setting up another meeting with the Bus Company & SYPT.
- 6/ Amey Highways - Streets Ahead scheme are running a little behind in the Tapton Hill area. There have been rumours of the scheme is running over budget!

AOB

- 1/ Crosspool & District Youth Sports Trust, Gillian Drinkwater (a trustee of the CDYST) spoke briefly about the history of the Trust, based at Coldwell Lane, which hosts the Summer Fayre & whose pitch is the home ground of Crosspool Juniors Football Club. As the Trust operates on a shoestring, and this spring the Children's Playground had to have a very expensive repair done to it, she welcomed the involvement of the local residents in keeping the facilities clean and tidy for the use of the community.
- 2/ Community friendship coach trip? Ian Hague asked the meeting whether they would like him to try to find funding for a families' coach trip - with lunch! Ideas for destinations please! (Two previous trips were to Stratford upon Avon (a reward the Clarion delivery team), and to the Salford Quays/TV studios (for the over 60's)..