

CROSSPOOL FORUM – OPEN MEETING

Thurs 31st July '14

Bullet Points

The Police; 6 guest speakers; 10 Forum Management Committee members; Cllr Ann Murphy & 50 Crosspool residents, attended.

MATTERS ARISING:- Open Meeting 26th April 14 & 51 bus services meeting 30th May.

- **Crosspool Tavern** – as long as you have a valid parking ticket for the car park there will be no problem if you overstay the 2 hours.

PRESENTATION of cheques after Crosspool Festival Week; Rev Eccleston was photographed handing an outsized cheque for £500 to the PACT Vice chair, Robin Jeeps, & the same to Helen Rawlinson (CDYST trustee). Mr Jeeps briefly talked about the house owned by PACT (Children's Hospital) for residential use by families with children attending oncology units. Gillian Drinkwater (CDYST trustee) then outlined the Playground Refurbishment scheme the trust has planned for the next couple of years – for which grants will be needed & any donations gratefully received. There will be a freepost envelope in each Clarion in August for used computer cartridges for the recycling scheme.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Ian Hague wished to thank everyone for their help & support during the Festival Week & at the Summer Fayre – in particular Sandra Cox for the planters, Mark Shipman for shinning up ladders to put up the 'Yorkshire' etc flags, & Steve Reynolds for his 'right hand man' work in helping Ian with all the organization.

PLANNING ISSUES; Moor View Farm – the farmhouse is being renovated. There have been concerns about the drives to the intended houses at the back, the underground springs & coal workings; Cllr Geoff Smith has voiced these to the Planning Dept. The status of the very old barn was queried.

- **Jet petrol station & Mace store:** the owners are keen to sell, & have had several enquiries about the site. Nothing will be known until Sep now; it was suggested if the application goes through it must include a public toilet.
- **Former coffee shop,** now private house – Lydgate Lane corner – the planning application has been withdrawn.

AMEY 'Streets Ahead' Nick Hetherington (network manager) said the Zone B local roads in Crosspool are being done at the moment - tree work on 92 trees to take place & pavement tactile dropped crossings. Then in Oct the new streetlights are due, and finally the footpaths in Jan to April 2014..He was thanked for making paths no longer a trip hazard (Marsh Lane) but there were concerns about the roots of large trees. Grass-cutters knocking down young tree support stakes, streetlights out, gulley's not cleaned, & road gritting.

Amey will undertake the gritting if this is requested by the Council. Cllr Murphy said there was a consultation ongoing about which streets had to be gritted for safety. Once a final decision is reached Cllr Jack Scott (Cabinet Minister) could be asked to report to the community on this.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Gary Hizam said more 'no cold calling' zones are being created (Stephen Drive, Selborne Rd, & Watt Lane); speeding down Sandygate Rd is a concern & will be looked at – possibly a 'smiley face' erected (records speed of vehicle passing). There have been incidents of washing stolen from lines on Headland, Forres, Lydgate Lane & Tipton Bank! The police HQ is moving from Hammerton Rd to Hayes House (City Centre) & in a couple of years to a new purpose-built building. There were residents objections to the White's coach parked on Manchester Rd – Adam (Firstbus) suggested a parking space could be made available at their Olive Grove Depot.

FIRST BUS REPORT John Eardley introduced the new performance manager Andy Metcalf, & said the new double-deckers for the 51 route will arrive on 1st Sep. They will ask for volunteers to be part of a dedicated 51-route-only driver's unit, & employ a route manager. They have had some driver issues in June & July. Adam Timewell thanked everyone for "the only nice feedback" he has had which was "most appreciated"! A new timetable starts on 31st Aug, & they will focus on improving the reliability of the 51 service, especially at key times of the day. They are talking to SYPT & other companies about re-routing the 51, possibly not always going through town. He wants to "reinvest" in the S10 corridor as it has "market potential" – some corridors could be downsized and possibly the S10 re-invested in. He acknowledged the issues of no direct bus to the RHH, or to the train station, the 'hell' of Mappin St at the moment, & the clogging-up of downstairs seats by young people (who could easily go upstairs).

ACTIVITY SHEFFIELD – “Walk Boost in Sheffield” Todd Micklethwaite has organized guided & often themed walks in Crookes, Hillsborough, Burngreave & Darnall - now looking at Crosspool. These 2-3mile local strolls aim to get people, moving out of their cars, using local shops & businesses. A loyalty card for local shops is available –use this 8 times & get a sticker each time, then get a £10 voucher back!
Contact Todd via www.sheffield.gov.uk/travel/walking.html or. Activity Sheffield Tele: 2734266.

TREASURER’s REPORT Angela Southward said the Forum had a reasonable financial year & so able to continue supporting the provision of precinct flags, Christmas trees, planters, hanging baskets, Tai chi classes, Well dressing, Summer Festival/ Fayre, Hagg Copse, other amenities & event.

EVENTS;

- Family Coach Trip to Chester Zoo – school holidays; pack a picnic evening meal provided.
 - Car Boot Sale, Tavern Car Park Saturday 6th Sep.
 - Pie & Pea Supper 60s Night, Hallam Football Club Saturday 27th Sep.
 - Ceilidh Night - Stephen Hill Church Hall 11th Oct contact: Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds.
- 2015 Crosspool Calendar - competition to select 12 photos – new or historical –calendar expected to be on sale this autumn. Calendar page sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.
Phil Kewley is also willing to run a free daytime or evening Camera Session I to teach people how to get the best out of their cameras – possibly in Sep.

Next Open Meeting & AGM: Thursday 30th October 2014.