

## **ACTION NOTES**

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Denham and Gerrards Cross Area Forum</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>4 October 2017 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Denham Parish Council Office, Village Road, Denham Village.</b>

<b>Present:</b>	Chris Brown (Gerrards Cross Town Council), Santokh Chhokar (South Bucks District Council), Barbara Gibbs (Bucks County Council), Marilyn Heath (Denham Parish Council), Guy Hollis (South Bucks District Council), Sue Moffat (Gerrards Cross Town Council), Roger Reed (Bucks County Council) and Duncan Smith (South Bucks District Council)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Jacqueline Austin-Lavery, Rebecca Carley, Teresa Covey, Wayne Fabian, Roy Hill, Paul Hodson, Sarah Puksis, Michael Saxby and Rosie Taylor
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dev Dhillon

<b>Item</b>	<b>ISSUES RAISED</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN &amp; VICE CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p>Mr R Reed was confirmed as the Chairman for the Denham And Gerrards Cross LAF and Mr S Chhokar was appointed as Vice Chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the appointments had been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health and confirmation of LAF Chairman had been discussed at the County Council meeting in May 2017. The Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health, Mr N Brown, could be contacted at County Hall should LAF members wish to discuss the procedure.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Mr D Dhillon.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p>Mr P Hodson gave an overview of the terms of reference provided in the agenda pack.</p> <p>The forum noted the terms of reference.</p> <p>The Gerrard's Cross Town Council representative raised the point that it was felt there was no need for the forum to be taking place. There was some discussion around the need for the Denham &amp; Gerrard's Cross forum; the Chairman invited the Members that still had issues with the forum to take these up with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health.</p> <p>The representative for Gerrard's Cross Town Council left the meeting.</p>

<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b></p> <p>A member asked why Gerrard's Cross felt there was no need for the LAF to be taking place. The Chairman invited the member to take this up with the Gerrard's Cross representative directly as he was not aware of the answer.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT FOR BUCKS UPDATE</b></p> <p>Ms R Taylor introduced herself and Mr W Fabian to the forum; she gave an overview of the report provided in the agenda pack. The following points were raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman gave an updated list as to road resurfacing works that were due to be jet patched in the area due to additional funding from County Councillors including the Chairman of the LAF and the Leader of the council Mr M Tett. The programme of works was yet to be put together as the jet patching was weather dependant. TfB were hoping to have completed works prior to December, failing this it was advised completion date would be February 2018. It was noted as soon as TfB had a date they would further advise the forum. The list included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alderbourne Lane, Fulmer</li> <li>○ Fulmer Lane, Fulmer</li> <li>○ Red Hill, Denham</li> <li>○ Slade Oak Lane, Denham</li> <li>○ Tile House lane, Denham</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It was asked if the old fashioned, tar and chip systems were still used, where the full surface was removed and then replaced. It was confirmed this was still used; although there was an updated practice but all works were done in a very similar way. It was just a much faster process now.</li> <li>• A typo of page 27 of the report was pointed out. The report should have read that Eco Driving would make an improvement to MPG rather than a reduction in MPG</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Ms R Taylor for the update.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>THAMES VALLEY POLICE UPDATE</b></p> <p>PC Teresa Covey introduced herself to the forum, Statistics were passed out to the forum and a copy have been attached to the minutes for information. During discussion key points were highlighted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently down to 2 police officers to cover the vast area.</li> <li>• Travellers; this has been a countywide issue. There were a lot of encampments in the Denham area, TVP had started to record each encampment. The Gypsy and traveller officer within the County Council was doing all that was possible to resolve the issue, it was noted there was more of a consistency issue than anything else, this was an ongoing issue that is being looked into further.</li> <li>• Old Mill, prior Meadow, complaints from residents- it was noted that rubbish still remained left by the previous traveller encampment. This land was actually owned by the County Council, therefore a formal report would need to be made through the County Council</li> </ul>

	<p>website, <a href="http://www.buckscc.gov.uk">www.buckscc.gov.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travellers were parking on the footpath by the roundabout, which residents found very intimidating to walk past. The only solution to this was for complaints to be made to the police although it was noted that there was never going to be a quick and easy solution to this.</li> <li>• There was no mention of Gypsy and Traveller issues in the recent crime and commissioner’s report, although TVP were aware that there were other serious issues that have taken priority. Although it was noted that this was a serious uninsured issue that needed police investigation as it had quite a high level of impact on society.</li> <li>• Were there specific officers that carry firearms and are they ever used? It was advised only in certain areas by a specific team.</li> <li>• Police stations were closing down; it was queried whether any discussions about where residents could go locally to report these issues had been had as there were less stations. A resident had tried to report a fence being knocked down, but had been unable to report it over the telephone and were advised they had to go to Amersham to report it. This was not very convenient for residents and would have a negative impact on residents reporting incidents. TVP agreed that this comment would be raised and an update would be provided at the next Forum meeting.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION: PC T Covey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that any incidents other than a traffic accident could be recorded online or over the telephone.</li> </ul> <p>It was confirmed that there were areas on BCC website to report travellers and fly tipping.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked PC Covey for the update.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>LOCAL AREA BUDGET &amp; PRIORITIES</b></p> <p>Mr P Hodson gave an overview of the report provided; the following points were raised in discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was established that clarification was needed around the match funding for the CCTV proposal.</li> <li>• The forum agreed the proposal in principle once further investigation and clarification had been advised.</li> <li>• A member of the forum raised the issue with Denham bus stop drainage and the issues being faced. The forum agreed the proposal in principle, subject to further discussion and agreement on match funding.</li> <li>• The forum held a discussion on match funding and whether the Forum could agree a presumption of an amount of match funding that would need to be reached to allow projects to go ahead.</li> <li>• A future application would be submitted from Gerrards Cross around car parking, the proposal to be put forward would be for a feasibility study to be completed to find a solution for the on-going car parking issues. It was requested that some of the budget be ring fenced for the project. It was advised in regard to this year’s funding that the funds had already been spent, although there may be more room to manoeuvre for next year’s budget, a proposal would need to be put in to be considered.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Hodson for the update.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>PREVENTION MATTERS</b></p>

	<p>Ms J Austin- Lavery gave an overview of Prevention Matters projects in the area:</p> <p>Written report attached for information.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Ms Austin-Lavery for the update.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>BCC UPDATE</b></p> <p>The forum noted the report.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>AOB/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venue for future meetings- clerk to investigate. Suggestions or volunteers from the forum would be appreciated.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION: Miss C Beevers</b></p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 January 2018, Hedgerley Village Hall</li> <li>• 04 July 2018- venue to be confirmed</li> <li>• 05 September 2018- venue to be confirmed</li> </ul>

## Denham & Gerrards Cross Local Area Forum Briefing Note: Prevention Matters

<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>From:</b>	Jacqueline Austin-Lavery, Community Links Officer, Southern Bucks Locality

### Current Projects:

- **Denham** – As the area is made up of several distinct areas it is not easy to find venues for activities for lonely and isolated adults to meet and socialise. There are already some social groups and lunch clubs in the area but I am looking forward to working with the parish council to re-establish some of the groups that fell by the wayside when the Red Cross hall closed down.

With this in mind I am pleased to be discussing with the council members future plans of the development and improvement of the scout hall, ensuring that the accessibility is good for all residents and the facilities suitable for a variety of activities.

I have been also been working closely with the parish council over the last year to establish a Good Neighbour scheme which will be focussing on Befriending in the Denham Green area, an area identified as an area including many isolated and vulnerable older residents. Several volunteers have put their names forward and after a many hiccups the group is looking to create the required committee to enable them to start the scheme within the next month or so.
- **Gerrards Cross** - Gerrards Cross is well served by its town council providing both exercise groups, including Movers & Shakers which restarted this September after its previous co-ordinator left, and social groups.

Gerrards Cross library have an information session organised for this month which will also promote Prevention Matters and hopefully spread the word of what services are available to all residents of the town and area.
- **Fulmer** – whilst this is a small village they try to keep fit with their pilates sessions and the Riding School for the Disabled works hard to promote activities taking youngsters out of their day to day routines.

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Denham	Lunch Club - Denham	3rd Friday 11:00-13:00
Denham	Social group for women- coffee & chat	
Denham	Simply Walks - Denham	1st Sunday 10:45-12:15
Denham	Luncheon Club - Denham 1	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Denham	Yoga - Denham 2	Monday 14:30-15:30
Denham	Yoga - Denham 1	Friday 11:00-15:00
Denham	Bucks Vision - Denham	
Denham	Tea, Cakes & Chat - Denham	2nd Monday 14:00-16:00
Fulmer	Pilates - Fulmer	Monday 16:00-17:00
Fulmer	S.Bucks Riding for the disabled	Daily
Gerrards Cross	Friendship Lunches - Gerrards Cross 1	1st Monday & 3rd Thursday 12:45-14:30
Gerrards Cross	Chess Club - Gerrards Cross	Wednesday 19:30
Gerrards Cross	Chalfonts Friendship Club	2nd Wednesday
Gerrards Cross	Bridge Play (Senior )	
Gerrards Cross	Singalong - Gerrards Cross	Thursday 19:00-20:30
Gerrards Cross	Movers & Shakers - Gerrards Cross	Wednesday 10:30-13:00
Gerrards Cross	Carers@StJames	3rd Friday 14:00-15:30
Gerrards Cross	Simply Walks - Gerrards Cross	Tuesday 10:30
Gerrards Cross	Friday Fun Club for >18	1st Friday 14:00-16:00
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Gerrards Cross	Tea & Cakes - Gerrards Cross	2nd Monday 14:00-16:00