

Crosspool Forum Open Meeting Minutes – Thursday 27th April 2017

Top Table

Ian Hague (chair), Steve Reynolds (vice Chair), Angela Southward (treasurer)

Guests

Cllr Anne Murphy; Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus); plus 30 attendees

Apologies

Clair Tideswell (Amey); Andy Williams; Robin Byles; Gillian Drinkwater; Cllr. Craig Gamble Pugh; Cllr. Adam Hanrahan.

Chairs Report

- Refurbishment of the Scout Hut has begun. A small extension and disabled access ramp is being constructed with the refurbishment of the existing toilets and installation of a disabled toilet to follow.
- To avoid clashing with lunch clubs, Chairobics moved to Tuesday mornings. New members welcome.
- With a generous donation from a local resident and funding from the council, A publicly accessible defibrillator has been ordered.
- Proposed repair café, probably 5 times a year on Saturday mornings, for local people to bring certain items for repair.
- All Nominations for Crosspool Person of the Year now received. Voting slip will be in the next issue of the Clarion.
- CCTV for the shopping area will cost around £5,000. Negotiations are still ongoing.
- Amey did a good job not disturbing the daffodils during the pavement work.
- King Edwards School pupils will make up the floral displays in the precinct planters.
- Cub Scouts are to make up the precinct hanging baskets.
- The Forum has received two offers of sponsorship for benches in the Hagg Copse.
- To avoid clashing with Hallam's summer fete, the 2018 Festival will start on 29th of June with the Fayre on the 7th of July.
- The forums e-mail address has changed due to the current provider withdrawing the facility. The new address is crosspoolforum@gmail.com

Treasures Report

- The Sheffield City Council is looking into reviewing street market charges. Cllr Anne Murphy said it wouldn't be introduced this year and that she would like it to be by a reasonable amount, phased in over coming years.
- A £30 donation has been made at the meeting for flowers in the shopping centre.
- A licence for the street market, car boot sales and the summer fayre (£48) plus public liability purchased.
- Clay for the well dressing has been purchased at £220 but this will last for the next three years.
- Various other income and expenditure was reported.

Guests

Rev. Iain Lothian

- Ian Hague welcomed the new priest in charge for St. Columba's church and wished him the very best for his time in Crosspool. Rev. Lothian said that he had been made to feel most welcome and that he would be working closely with Stephen Hill Methodist Church.
Before moving to a teaching post in Bakewell, where he is currently seeing his pupils through their exam period, he taught at both Tapton and Kind Edwards schools and played cricket for Hallam CC.

Andy Metcalfe (First)

- Western Bank bridge repairs are causing reliability issues. Should be finished in June.
- Tapton School are consulting on changing their closing time making it 10 minutes time difference from King Edwards, which may result in changes to timetables to accommodate travel requirements.
- Overnight road re-surfacing on Manchester Road may require diversions or other temporary changes late May-June.
- There will be some small fare increases on 7th May, day tickets increase by 10p as well as an increase for weekly tickets. Single fares remain unaltered.
- The Western Bank stop will not be in use until the works are complete.
- A resident reported buses were running with passengers on over Selbourne Road. This is unusual and will be investigated.

Report from Police

- No local Bobbies, PCSOs shift finishes at 1800 so they can no longer attend the meeting.
- Residents advised to keep outbuildings locked.
- Discreetly note any suspicious vehicle activity and report the number plate.
- Look for locks that are 'secure by design' or provided by member of the master locksmiths.
- 'Protect your nest this summer' campaign on the SY police web site, providing information for saying safe this summer.
- Cllr. Murphy said that neighbourhood policing is going to be reintroduced across the city but teams may be shared with adjoining area. People will be invited to meetings to discuss the changes.

Report from Claire Tideswell (Amey)

- Manchester Road resurfacing will take place late May-June.
- Remaining pavements from Crosspool to Broomhill will also be done.
- Rivelin Valley Road pavement resurfacing will not happen at the moment pending decisions on the trees.
- It was asked if the post box in Crosspool could be moved as it causes the path to be narrow around the bus stop. Cllr. Murphy said It would be best to contact Royal Mail to discuss this.
- It was also reported, that rather than the Tapton sorting office staff parking their personal vehicles on the street, it was being looked into them being allow to park on a piece of unused land at the rear of sorting office.

Neighbourhood watch

- John Garret is the new neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, but could not be present at the meeting.

Save the Plough

- Peter Duff gave background into it being a year ago since the pub suddenly closed. Following a successful local campaign, the planning application by Sainsbury, to turn it into a supermarket was rejected they will not appeal the decision.
- The owner Enterprise Inns have put it on the market and as it is an asset of community value have informed the council. The council has asked the group if they want to run it as a pub.
- Some positive discussions have taken place. Enterprise Inns asked if the group was open to working with them or another pub company to which they said they were and Enterprise were going to share information.
- Unfortunately, Enterprise has not provided information and is proving difficult to deal with, a six-month period has been triggered for the group to buy the pub, after which Enterprise are under no obligation.

- Some government funding may be available to generate a business plan; a community share issue is planned
- Due to the sporting heritage associated with the pub, meetings are taking place with the sports club, FIFA and the FA for their support with the project.
- There is some interest in a partnership arrangement, Local breweries approached.
- A new web site will be set up soon.
- Cllr. Murphy also highlighted a football tournament for young people being held in the city later this summer, possibly at Bramall Lane.

Events

Counsellors Q&A

- Cllr. Anne Murphy has worked with the police to resolve an incident of stones stolen from someone's garden.
- A group with an interest in restoring the chapel in Crookes cemetery is being formed (Friends of Crookes Cemetery).
- A group is being formed for the friends of Lydgate Park, some section 106 funding is available. Seeking interest from parents.
- A member of the community asked why the traffic cameras were no longer on the council web site. This is due to the information being migrated to an upgraded website, which should be ready in the future.
- A resident complained about a van parking on the pavement at the top of Stephen Hill, advised to report it to the police.
- Investigating the possibility of installing bollards at Rygate
- A thank you was given for the introduction of the 30 mph speed limit on Manchester Road.

AOB

- There are vacancies at St. Columba's fortnightly lunch club on Tuesdays from 11:30, for a home cooked 2-course meal at 12:30. Cost £4 and finishes at around 14:00. A mini-bus is available at a small charge.