

CROSSPOOL FORUM - AGM & OPEN MEETING Thurs 26th Oct 2017. Bullet Points

26 plus, 7 Forum Committee members and guest speakers attended.

Steve Reynolds welcomed everyone and gave Ian Hague's apologies before reading out Ian's 14th Chairman's Report, which among other things referred to, "meeting the needs of the neighbourhood since 2003, thanking Bickerton Skoda, Spar, other donors and the committee for their support this year".

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Angela Southward (standing down as treasurer) said the Forum is "really short on volunteers" so put out a plea for help. This year's income and expenditure balanced nicely leaving a healthy balance for next year. One large donation went to funding a community defibrillator, located on an external wall at St Columba's, and two other donations for Hagg Copse benches. The Festival made £1000 to go to the Lord Mayor's charities & the Fayre made £588 for general use in the community.

COMMITTEE; There were no resignations this year but there are still 2 vacancies, the floor was asked if they would continue to support the Committee in running the Forum; there was a unanimous show of hands.

CROSSPOOL PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Thanks to Robert and staff at Crosspool Pet Supplies collating & counting votes for eight nominations. Sheila Lomas was pronounced winner (for her work over the years at Tapton Congregational Church). Angela presented Sheila with her award. Having send her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, Lord Mayor Anne Murphy had extended an invitation for Sheila and a Forum delegation to attend the Town Hall in December - to officially present Sheila with the Award and to accept a cheque, raised from Crosspool Festival, for the Lord Mayor's charities.

PCSOs REPORT

Angela read out a brief emailed report: 27th July to 25th Oct there were 8 burglaries (sheds & garages), increase in theft of push bikes (some very valuable), 12 car crimes (theft of & from), and 12 cases of antisocial behaviour, in this area. (It was noted the Tapton teachers are now monitoring the bus stops at school-leaving times & lunch breaks).

AMEY STREETS AHEAD REPORT.

As the main work in this area has been completed, Claire Tideswell has now moved on, so maintenance Issues, such as the collapsing stones round the verge embankment outside the Crosspool Tavern now need to go to another team. Using the website 'Fix My Street' was suggested.

Two recent traffic/highways issues were raised – vehicle speed on Selborne Rd, latest car crash early October. Vehicles ignoring speed restrictions on Back Lane. This little lane, which has now become a major road between Hillsboro/Crookes and Crosspool, urgently needs an upgrade. It was agreed to pass these concerns on to Highways.

BENTY LANE - 36th Scout troop

Clare Fowler gave a presentation about the building work to allow easier access - disabled toilets & better storage at a cost of £55k, The Hall is used for an after-school club, baby sensory classes, contact sports, physical exercise classes, parties etc. Grants, donations and help to raise funds are needed to complete this essential work. Contact: clare.fowler74@gmail.com

VEOLIA WASTE MANAGEMENT

Nichola Baker spoke about the six different materials that are recycled at the moment in Sheffield - glass & plastic bottles, jars, tin cans, paper & card. The two blue bins supplied to each household must be used correctly, with the waste kept separately for collection by the 'Twin Pack' Lorries. The card & paper is sorted at Beighton in Veolia's own "materials recovering facility", and glass & plastic waste taken to a 'transfer station' at Tinsley for shipping to Derbyshire, where high tech lasers & magnets sort the rest for recycling. All black bin waste is taken care of in a huge incinerator - heating either 150 buildings in the city centre or driving steam turbines for electricity - after which the residue is again sorted. Answering questions, Nichola said, only the pump action spray bottle caps on plastic bottles need removing and black-binning. Yogurt & margarine tubs need specialist sorting which Veolia has not been asked to do - this is not going to change. They take student behaviour, with regard to wrong bin use, "incredibly seriously" with leaflet drops & visits. Do look at the Veolia website for up-to-date information

EVENTS;

- 1/ 2018 Crosspool Calendar is now on sale, at Cocker & Carr, Charisma, GT News, Enhance, Crosspool Pet Supplies & Nest.
- 2/ Festival team meeting - Nov 8th (8pm) at the ember inn - - please come along & join in!
- 3/ Forum's children's Christmas party, 10th Dec., 3-5pm, St Columba's church hall, tickets available at Crosspool pet supplies.
- 4/ Chairobics, Tuesdays 10:45 am, Benty Lane scout hut - not just for elderlies – can help with post-baby tummies too!
- 5/ Christmas trees - these will go up as usual early December.
- 6/ Hagg Copse - new benches, thanks to a couple of donations. Pictures sort of where a bench that used to stand on the Dransfield Rd/Watt Lane triangle? – We're hoping to replace the bench.
- 7/ Defibrillator - thanks to a large donation from a local resident, coupled with a council grant - installed on an exterior wall at St. Columba's by the Forum, is now active.

AOB:

- 1/ Attendees expressed Great disappointment at the lack of attendance of ANY councillors at the meeting.
- 2/ any news on the Crookes cemetery Chapel - was a Friends group started?
- 3/ Grating/gulley - in need of clearing out on road in Cemetery, near to Mulehouse Rd, next to the allotments.
- 4/ Proposed closure of RHH Minor injuries & Walk-in Centre - how do we object & for how long?
- 5/ Replacement hardware shop needed in Crosspool, not another Café!
- 6/ Reporting of treacherous pavements (e.g. Tapton Park Rd) - pine needles & leaves, this must be done through the Council

Next Open Meeting: Thursday 25th January 2018.