

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING

Thursday 31st January 2019.

Bullet Points

21 Crosspool residents and 7 Forum Management Committee members attended with 5 guest speakers. Due to the icy conditions 5 guest speakers sent apologies, as did a number of residents and committee members

Ian Hague welcomed everyone on "this balmy evening!" (-3°C).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Thanks to Yr.8 pupils from King Edwards School, Precinct planters now full of spring bulbs

Hagg Copse has had its autumn tidy-up.

2. Children's Christmas party went well - the highlight being Barney Baloney's badly-behaved 'Monkey' and the appearance of Father Christmas

3. Christmas trees went up in the precinct and looked good - recycling over 200 residents' trees, raised funds for the forum and bedding for cattle.

4. Following a report of fly-tipping in the private car park between the 'chippy' & Papa Ciccio, when brought to the landlord's attention, he quickly put a skip in place. The tenants are on top of when their bins should go out.

5. Water leakage: at the junction of Manchester Road and Sandygate Road, outside 'Enhance'. After several reporting's of this imminent problem, Morrison Utilities are due to start overnight repairs 4th-5th February,

6. One of the journalist students, who attended the last Open Meeting and latter interviewing Janet (Charisma), published her article in the Star. The forum committee is currently organizing the promised CCTV cameras.

7. Ward Pot grants – the Forum was pleased to have obtained funding to help continue the Easy Exercise classes.

8. Police Meetings; Cllr A Murphy had organized a meeting in the "nest" on 30th August with police and shops followed by a consultative meeting on policing in Sheffield 10, St Columba's church, 15th January,

9. Crosspool War Memorial; Rev. Suzanne Nockels hopes to get this installed on June 28th - contributions to the cost are still welcome, as is sponsorship for Suzanne to do the Sheffield Round Walk.

Note: She Would Like to Borrow Some Sort of WW1 Soldier's Artefact to Carry with Her.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John Drinkwater said he was happy with the bank balance one third of the way through the financial year.

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S

Rev Dr Alan Billings gave a talk on his role as PCC and said the police spend most of their time attending incidents (not necessarily crimes) at the Northern General Hospital - which has "the largest footfall of any in Europe". The police have become the "emergency service of the first resort", and together with 500 fewer police officers on the force since 2010 all incidents have to be triaged for the appropriate action to be taken. The police income is 70% from the government & 30% local 'precept'- (from the community charge & business rates) but he announced there would be 40 additional police officers from April 2019 in Sheffield & S Yorkshire. Knife crimes in the city has seen a fall in 12%, "acquisitive" crimes have gone down but violent & sexual crimes gone steeply up.

PCSOs REPORT

Pam Thompson & Phil Whittaker sent in a report to be read; 19 burglaries, 22 thefts from vehicles - the thief who raided the 'Charisma' till has been jailed for 18 months.

FIRST BUS

Andy Metcalfe attended for the last time, as he is changing roles. He hopes the single-deckers, often on the 51 route at busy times, could be replaced by doubles soon, with a slightly altered timetable from March. Talks are taking place

to try to alleviate the bottle-neck around Weston Park Cancer Hospital, but this will take years. The lack of toilet facilities for drivers at their terminuses was brought up - like many problems there is no easy solution.

COMMUNITY FORUM RESEARCHER - Jon Ashe wants to interview a few Forum members and residents with a view to exploring how to engage local people to serve their communities.

PETITION FOR BETTER BUSES - Roy Morris asked for support for his [Save Our South Yorks Buses](#) Petition, to take to Dan Jarvis (regional mayor). He feels it is a case of just "managing the decline" at the moment and things could be improved.

COUNCILLORSs QUESTIONS

1. Scheme to get small city business to allow access to toilets? The provision of electric car charging points, Cllr Anne Murphy was certainly keen on encouraging the move to electric vehicles, so a pilot scheme is starting in the summer. Cllr. Mahmood Mahroof is having a meeting with Highways in February (13th or 14th) to raise issues such as blocked gulleys, parking on grass verges and street lighting. Please email him with any other issues.
2. Better liaison between voluntary groups (such as RVCG) & the Council's newly-back-in-house construction & assets team? It was felt money is being wasted not making use of the volunteers ready & willing out there to do small repair jobs etc.

EVENTS;

1. Crosspool litter pick Saturday 2nd March – place and time to be advised - co-ordinator for these still sought.
2. Crosspool Festival Week - theme 'Time' (Two charities named and accepted for donations to). The usual well dressing & scarecrow competitions are expected to take place - watch this space'
- 3, Car boot sale (8thJune); Summer Fayre (6th July) plans under way; - help always needed.

Next Open Meeting Thursday 25th April 2019