

**Crosspool Forum AGM–Open Meeting Bullet points**  
**Thursday 31st October 2019**  
**St Columba's Church 7pm**

Twenty Crosspool residents and eight members of the Forum Management Committee attended with five guest speakers.

Ian Hague (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting in St Columba's Church.

There were no resignations or nominations received - more committee members would be very welcome.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Ian Hague thanked Steve Reynolds (Vice Chair) for his "tremendous support" this year during his wife's spell in hospital and convalescence after her accident, and said the Forum's objectives are as strong as ever.

We continue to run easy exercise and Tai Chi classes at the Scout Hall, Benty Lane, organize the Summer Fayre & support the Festival Week team, erect the Christmas trees etc., and after many financial constraints & technical difficulties are ploughing ahead with plans for a precinct CCTV .

Ian thanked all the committee members for their help assistance and effort, and for the support of local shops, businesses and advertisers.

(A gent. in the audience wished to express his thanks to Ian and Steve for all the work they had done in the past twelve months and previous years - a "marvellous job" - we "do appreciate it" - there was a round of applause.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

John Drinkwater gave his first report after a full year and said there was a creditable balance in the bank. The Forum recognizes that it might be faced with considerable expenses in future years - the CCTV system being one such. He thanked the local shops and businesses for their support this year.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

WENDY BRADLEY (Sheffield NHS Trust governor) whizzed through a corporate slide show on the work of the Trust - a "really unimaginably big" trust with a yearly budget of £1 billion! The Care Quality Commission recently gave it overall a "good" rating — with some departments getting "excellent". She encouraged as many people as possible to sign up to vote at the AGM, for the election of governors - who are "the backstop" for the service. Everyone, who signs up, receives regular magazines about the Trust's work. She also suggested anyone using the service should ensure they completed a feedback (Friend & Family) form which should be available in each department; any comments on these are looked at seriously.

ANDY METCALF (Fleet Asset Co-ordinator, introduced his replacement Paul Else to the meeting.

Andy now deals with the national fleet, and said that everyone knows that in August Thomas Cook collapsed & stranded holiday-makers overseas, but might not have been aware that the Wright Bus company (Ireland) also went into administration early this year. They are the main supplier of First Bus vehicles, with some 85% of S York's buses made by them; this meant since May new vehicles have been waiting in Ireland to come over, and the parts supply chain collapsed, with excellent technicians who visited various depots made instantly redundant!

This has meant that some of the problems First Bus has been facing were definitely not their fault!

The Wright bus company has now been bought (Relatives of the JCB Company) and the original staff is being re-employed, so they hope to start supplying parts again very soon. As many buses have been sitting in depots round the country waiting for bits this has been a major headache).

Paul said he knows the problems the 51 service faces, with hospital parking queues, the university Q park etc. Suggestions have been made to planners as to how to alleviate things and he was very ready to take any feedback away with him.

Questions from the floor pointed out the chaos SYPTTE had caused in leaving the 51 times up on the display at what is now only a 52 stop (opposite the Cathedral) and the Newbold Lane/Whitham Road stop display shows info for the 52 as well as 51. This is confusing as the 52 has never stopped there and new-term students arriving have been queuing at the wrong stop!

Severe bunching of buses coming down from the Redmires Road turn-around once more – most mornings 3 at once!

Cllr's Anne Murphy & Mohammed Mahroof said there is about to be an important meeting with Regional Mayor Dan Jarvis about Sheffield bus services, at which he will be told there needs to be "a major overhaul" of the whole system.

## COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

1. Litter pick - next one in Crosspool is 2nd Nov (then monthly) - there has been a definite improvement in the look of the area. (Anne).
2. Local gulley cleaning; these have been asked to be cleared out properly - leaf-blocked. (Cllr. Mohammed)
3. Swampy conditions on the 'cemetery field'- blocked gulleys? This land is apparently "unregistered" and not under Council control, but will be looked into (Cllr. Anne Murphy).
4. Ward Pot applications for money must be in before the end of December - or the money allocated to this area will be lost.

## POLICE REPORT

Steve Reynolds: read out PCSO Pam Thompson's report; since the 27th July 2019, there have been 14 local burglaries, 35 thefts from vehicles (possibly by unlocking them remotely – do secure modern keys in a thin metal box, sheet of metal foil, or Faraday bag to prevent the signal being activated from outside your house), and two stolen vehicles.

Note there is an important Crosspool Crime Prevention Meeting on 14th Nov (7pm-9pm) - St Columba's, at which senior police officers will be available for questioning at length.

## EVENTS & AOB

1. Calendar for 2020 now on sale at Charisma, Enhance, GT News, Nest & the Pet Shop - still £4.00. Please think about taking photo shots of Crosspool ' throughout the year ready to send in for next year's edition!
  2. Children's' Christmas party - 8th Dec (2-4pm); St Columba's Church Hall, tickets soon to be available from the Pet Shop.
  3. Christmas trees -erection from 10am 1st December, any help putting lights onto the trees welcome, (taking down & shredding Sunday 4th January). More shops have asked for brackets to take part in this annual display.
  4. Hagg Copse tidy up 2nd November (11 am). Work to be done on the Forum owned apple Orchard, on CDYST. A small team to take this on is being sought - please contact Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds for further details.
  5. Planters - winter planting done by King Edwards' School Yr. 7 pupils on 22nd October and a litter pick.
  6. Street poppy' shapes - some are already up, more to go! Individual commemorations can be written on these if wanted.
  7. Hallam Cricket Club is proposing a 15m high net round its site to stop balls coming over. This might have a visual impact on the area and certainly mean some trees will need attention.
  8. Crosspool memorial; this has been delayed; the stonework is still at the stonemason.
- Next Open Meeting 7pm Thursday 30th January 2020.