

## CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING

Thursday 25th April 2019.

### **Bullet Points**

20 Crosspool residents and 10 Forum Management Committee members attended, with a guest speaker.

Ian Hague welcomed everyone, & presented apologies for absence from the councillors (preparing for the elections next week) & police.

Now Andy Metcalf (FirstBus) has changed roles his successor, who lives out of town, might not be available to attend every meeting.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. A new Indian restaurant is opening shortly in the old 'Aligarh' site, & the former Crosspool Fruit & Veg is to be a barbers.

2. As promised by Cllr Mahroof at the last meeting, he has been in contact with the Highways Dept. and has been assured that blocked gullies will be cleaned and grass verges managed.

3. Thanks to Steve Reynolds the public telephone box (corner of Selborne Rd & Manchester Rd) has now been repaired - new handset and door.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Drinkwater said there were substantively no changes since last meeting - the balance remains healthy.

He wished to take the opportunity to thank the "unsung heroes" that are the local shops and businesses. Without their support - e.g. Archers to help with Clarion printing, all the Ads for the newsletter and calendar, SPAR regular gift vouchers, Direct Travel for refreshments, electricity & allowing us to use their frontage for Christmas tree shredding etc. - the Forum could not flourish.

### **CLARION**

Mark Stewart (editor) had nothing to raise at the moment - the next edition will be out mid-May and contain a copy of the Festival Week programme.

### **KING EDWARDS SCHOOL REPORT**

Cath Jackson (assistant head teacher) said that Crosspool was "a fantastic community", in which she works closely with the Forum, a dedicated PCSO (working with them on road safety, online security, bus behaviour etc.), Duke of Edinburgh scheme, Sheffield Hallam & Sheffield University mentoring schemes, tree planting, fundraising (e.g. Sports Relief, Macmillan nurses, Sheffield Childrens' Hospital etc.) and litter picking.

The school has 51 different spoken languages, and in particular the refugee children who attend have "really thrived" and the "community has embraced them". There are 1700 pupils in total, coming from all walks of life & demographics - from Stocksbridge, Upperthorpe, Walkley, Stannington, Foxhill etc. Some are in foster care, or are carers themselves - for which there is pastoral and practical care available.

King Edwards works closely with Tapton School - though there is of course some rivalry! - and has had its "most successful ever" year on exam results. The newly opened Carterknowle School has had little effect on them.

She said she will talk to her head about dedicating a car-parking slot at the Lower School for electric car-charging - this came up as a possibility last meeting but residents did not want a precinct slot taken up.

### **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

John Drinkwater mentioned how proactive Cllr Anne Murphy has been in arranging local policing meetings - with Rev Billings, the inspector, PCSOs & businesses. From this he said he was "very very impressed" at the police admitting what they had got wrong, and that Crookes & Crosspool are known crime "hot spots" at the moment - mainly "sneak-in crime". Register your email address if you wish to be automatically informed of police matters of relevance to this area:-[www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk).

### **EVENTS**

1. Festival Week update; The Open Gardens (for many years an annual feature) will now be biannual, so none this year. The well-dressing board will be soaked and at Stephen Hill on 25th June for the 'petalling'. Come along and join in! They hope to run a Talent Night - please get in touch.

2. Street Market, 30th June; Summer Fayre, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July; all will be advertised as usual.

Books, tombola items & bric-a-brac still needed - please email: - [crosspoolforum@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolforum@gmail.com). to arrange for collection if you have any of these items.

3. Hanging baskets; the Benty Lane cub scouts will be asked to assist in planting these up.

4. Car Boot sales - hopefully these will still take place - next 6th June.
5. Easy Exercise (Tuesday) and Tai chi (Wednesday) going strong - do pop along and try them out.
6. Local community walks; Cllr. Murphy is trying to find a group leader for these.
7. CCTV; Ian Hague said the Forum had decided to fund this ourselves; quotation cost £3590 plus Vat, installation and annual maintenance. The police have accepted they need to pay closer attention to CCTV data and use it as evidence, if appropriate.

#### **AOB**

1. House development corner of Coldwell Lane and Moorbank Drive - planning permission has been refused due to close proximity of water main.
2. Defibrillator - was activated recently – now returned and made available for use once again.
3. Crosspool Conflict Memorial; no updates: the erection date might be delayed. Funding is in place for this.
4. Care in Crosspool AGM - Beacon Church 1st May (2.30pm)
5. Barn Dance; St Columba's 10th May - this is a precursor to one during the Festival Week.
6. Sheffield's Environment Weeks starting - brochures available at Broomhill Library and Crosspool Pet Supplies. The RVCG is doing a circular walk from the Holly Bush, 14th May, start 7pm.

**Next Open Meeting, St Columba's Church Hall, Thursday 25th July, 2019**