

Agenda

Hednesford Community Forum

Time and Date

Monday 19 November, 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Venue

The Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford.

You are invited to attend this meeting to consider the matters listed below.



S.G. Brown
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

To declare any personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
3. **Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 10 September, 2012 (Enclosed).
4. **Consultation on Stadium Site**

Tony McGovern, Corporate Director will give a presentation on the consultation.
5. **Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services**

There were no questions received.
6. **Questions for Staffordshire Police – submitted in advance**

Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe will be in attendance to answer questions in relation to local policing matters that have been submitted in advance.
7. **Questions received from Sue Lynskey, Local Resident**

Q1. Is speeding from Rose Hill Island to Pye Green Road into Brindley Road being addressed

A Police representative will provide a response.

Q2. Crossroad at Broadhurst Green – improvement please

A representative from Staffordshire County Council will provide a response.

8. Questions received from Mrs. B.M. Thompson, Local Resident

Q1. Could anything be done about the inconsiderate parking at the junction of Essex Drive with Stafford Lane (hairdressers and corner shop)

ANSWER:

“It is confirmed that there is no Traffic Regulation Order in force”.

A representative from Staffordshire County Council and the Police will provide a further response

Q2. What can be done about people who park all day on the Co-op car park, Hednesford when using the trains to Walsall or Birmingham.

ANSWER:

“There is no enforcement that currently exists on the car park although this was a matter that was discussed between the Council and the Town Council in the past. In order for enforcement action to be undertaken, a parking order must be in existence on the car park; such as those on pay and display car parks. We are aware a number of the vehicles that use the car park in question are as a result of an overflow from the nearby free railway car park and that a number of Hednesford workers also use the car park for all day parking.

There will be further positive changes to car parking in Hednesford as there are currently in excess of 300 spaces available on car parks around the town and this will soon increase with the opening of the Tesco store and car park”.

Q3. There are taxis parked along Anglesey Street whilst waiting to join the taxi rank, this combined with the amount of disabled parking outside the Co-op, makes leaving the car park very difficult.

ANSWER:

“The situation has already been brought to the Council’s attention and will continue to be monitored by the Licensing department to see if there are any options to address the problems raised. However, there are no parking restrictions at the point where the taxis wait. Should any vehicles be causing an obstruction this can be reported to the Police”.

9. Question received from Mr. and Mrs. Parkes, Local Residents (Similar question to Item 8)

Can anything be done regarding the parking on the corner of Stafford Lane and Essex Drive. Customers at the hairdressers have total disregard for pedestrians and other motorists i.e., parking on pavements, both sides of the narrow road and on the junction, making it extremely dangerous for exiting Essex Drive

A representative from Staffordshire County Council will provide a response.

10. Question received from Ann Round, Local Resident

Why has parking in Hednesford been limited to 20 minutes? You can't go shopping in this time it should be at least an hour. People will not go to shop in Hednesford if they can't park. Having visited the hairdressers the other day at 9.30 a.m. I couldn't get on to the main car park because of all the people parking and using the trains. The car park behind B & M has been made drastically smaller. The council should be encouraging people to shop in Hednesford not putting them off.

ANSWER:

"The parking bays referred to in Market Street have been restricted to 20 minutes ever since Market Street was made a one way system in the 1990's. The Council have been enforcing these regulations since 2009, prior to this the Police carried out parking enforcement. The spaces would have been restricted to 20 minute waiting to allow customers who only have to make quick visits to one or two shops or the Banks etc to park for short periods of time. This is of benefit to the shopkeepers as this frees up space outside their particular shop thus encouraging trade. There are other locations around the Town where unrestricted on-street parking is available such as parts of Eskrett Street and Anglesey Street. With regard to the comments about the car parks, there are in excess of 300 spaces available on car parks around the town which will soon increase with the opening of the new Tesco store and car park. At this moment in time there are additional vehicles on the car parks with employees working on the new development site but this will ease at the end of the month. On the issue of Train Commuters parking, these residents of the local area are entitled to park on the public car parks just the same as any other shopper or employee who visits or works in the town

There was a positive response from traders in the town who are keen on the Council enforcing the 20 minute wait to free up the space for other users. This feedback has come via the parking officers and the Joint Parking Committee".

11. Question received from Councillor B. Todd

What is the County Council doing regarding the poor state of the roads? View Street is a prime example.

A representative from Staffordshire County Council will provide a response.

12. Speeding Traffic – Keys Park Road, Hednesford

Item requested by Councillor G. Ball.

A representative from Staffordshire County Council will provide a response.

13. Update on Hednesford Town Centre Regeneration

Item requested by Councillor G. Ball.

Glenn Watson, Planning and Economic Development Services Manager will provide a response.

14. Update on Hednesford Park

Item requested by Councillor G. Ball.

Tony McGovern, Corporate Director will provide a response.

15. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the next Agenda for the Forum which is scheduled for 4 March, 2013. Any questions from members of the public should be submitted on the form supplied.

16. Dates of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is:-

4 March, 2013

To: Councillors

Adamson, G. (Chairman)
Pearson, A. (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, G.D. Grice, Mrs. D.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. Todd, R.
Gamble, B.

County Councillor J. Bernard (Hednesford Division)
County Councillor P. Jones (Hednesford Division)
Mrs. T. Williams, Clerk to Brindley Heath Parish Council
Miss. N. Somani, Clerk to Cannock Wood Parish Council
Mr. P. Harrison, Clerk to Hednesford Town Council
Mr. M. Bell, Chief Executive, Staffordshire County Council
Mr. K. Parson, Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Mr. G. Griffiths, South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust
Chase Chamber of Commerce
Inspector C. Ellerton, Staffordshire Police (Cannock Division)
Chief Insp C. Ratcliffe, Staffordshire Police (Chase Division)
Ms. M. Stakes, Chairperson, Circle of Residents Association
Ms. L. Littlewood, Chairperson, Towers Residents Association
Ms. A. Ames, Chairperson, Rumer Hill Residents Association
Ms. M. Skerman, Chairperson, Cornish Houses Residents Association
Mr. A. Burley, Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
Mrs. L. Hembrough, Staffordshire County Council
Mr. N. Pedersen, Prevention Manager, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. K. Staples, Prevention Officer, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. T. Hunt and Mr. C. Wright, Residents Champions, Chase CVS
Ms. G. Asbury, Cannock CAB
Ms. V. Singleton, Chase Watch, Staffordshire Police
Mr. K. Faulkner, Friends of Hednesford Park
Mr. S. Orme, Chairman, Hednesford Traders Association 2011

Appropriate Officers from Cannock Chase Council/Staffordshire County Council will be attending the Forum.

Note: The person to contact concerning the agenda and documents for this meeting is
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Date despatched: Thursday 8 November, 2012.