

Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 28 February 2019

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Furber (HF) – Chair • PC Stephen Harding (SH) and PCSO Robert Cole (RC) • Liz Radford (LR) and Steve Smith (SS) – Councillors • Members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Geoff Gollop (GG)

1		<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>HF welcomed everyone, gave GG’s apology and explained the proposed format for the evening.</p>																						
2		<p><u>Police update</u></p>																						
	a	<p>Welcome: SH was welcomed to his first Henleaze Forum. He confirmed that he has taken on the role of Beat Manager for Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze.</p>																						
	b	<p>Statistics: SH went through the Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze crime statistics for the three months leading up to the Forum (see attached). By way of additional information, he compared the statistics with activity in the previous quarter. The changes were as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Offence</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Change compared to last quarter</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Violence against the person</td><td>-2</td></tr> <tr><td>Vehicle offences</td><td>-20</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft</td><td>-9</td></tr> <tr><td>Arson and criminal damage</td><td>-4</td></tr> <tr><td>Burglary</td><td>-17</td></tr> <tr><td>Public order offences</td><td>-2</td></tr> <tr><td>Sexual offences</td><td>+3</td></tr> <tr><td>Miscellaneous crimes against society</td><td>+2</td></tr> <tr><td>Robbery</td><td>+1</td></tr> <tr><td>Drug offences</td><td>+1</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Offence	Change compared to last quarter	Violence against the person	-2	Vehicle offences	-20	Theft	-9	Arson and criminal damage	-4	Burglary	-17	Public order offences	-2	Sexual offences	+3	Miscellaneous crimes against society	+2	Robbery	+1	Drug offences	+1
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	c	<p>Internet Security: Following a request at the September 2018 Forum, Avon & Somerset Police's Cyber Protect Officer is able to offer a presentation/ interactive surgery about internet security. The event (subject to finding a suitable venue) is likely to be held in April/May. If you would like to attend this event (probably about one hour) please send an email to henleazeforum@hotmail.com.</p>																						
	d	<p>Cold calling at properties: RC previously advised that the Police have a Trigger Plan which they operate when it is known that cold callers (“Nottingham Knockers”) are in an area. Success is dependent upon the public letting the Police know about cold callers on a timely basis (call 999 if they are menacing/ still in your street).</p>																						
	e	<p>Southmead Police Station: The anticipated opening date for the new Station is mid-2019.</p>																						
	f	<p>Vehicles without MOTs: To check if a vehicle is taxed, members of the public can use the DVLA website – see www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax</p>																						
	g	<p>Attempted Burglary: A resident thanked the Police for responding within three minutes of a 999 call being made.</p>																						

h	<p>Car accident in Cardigan Road: On 21 January a man and a woman suffered minor injuries and another woman was more seriously hurt when a motorist trying to park mounted the pavement. The Police were asked if an update was available. SH said he had no further information and suggested contacting the Avon & Somerset Police Press Office for information.</p>
i	<p>Beat Surgeries: Will be advertised by RC.</p>
3	<p><u>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/ Section 106</u></p>
	<p>As part of the planning process, a developer often has to give money to Bristol City Council (BCC) to pay for improvements in the area that they are developing in. This is usually through a planning charge called CIL but is sometimes through a planning obligation called a Section 106 agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% of CIL funds and some S106 funds are made available for local decision making by Ward Councillors. • Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze is one of six Wards in Area Committee One. Priorities are decided by the Councillors once a year. The immediate deadline for suggesting how funds may be spent is 15 March. • After 15 March, all applications will be considered by the Councillors at a public meeting (details to follow). A maximum of three applications per Ward will be taken forward to the next stage – i.e. for further information to be included/ further cost information etc. • Detailed guidance notes which include information on the type of projects that can be funded by CIL/106 funds are available at www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects
4	<p><u>Buses</u></p>
a	<p>MYFIRSTMILE: The trial period of the project ceased on 21 December as no further funding had been secured. Outcomes of this trial and others that have been conducted under the Innovate UK project were due to be presented on 4 February at the Transport Systems Catapult in Milton Keynes. No feedback has been sent to the Henleaze Forum or the Councillors.</p>
b	<p>First Bus Services 1 and 2: First Bus were planning to hold a consultation in January 2019. The consultation has been delayed with a view to implementing and changes at the end of September this year.</p> <p>Simon Ford, First Bus' Commercial Manager and a colleague have agreed to attend the next Henleaze Forum to listen to and discuss concerns/ possible changes with local residents and traders.</p> <p>However, Simon has advised that First Bus will be making some minor changes to Services 1 and 2 from the end of April 2019. These are operational changes to improve the reliability and punctuality of the services. There are no changes to the routes or to the frequency of buses.</p> <p>In order to use the time at the June Forum as effectively as possible, please send any questions/ issues to henleazeforum@hotmail.com in advance of the Forum.</p>

c	<p>Real time information: Several concerns were raised about inaccurate information at bus stops. This is an issue where the Council are responsible for the displays and bus operators for the information. It was agreed that, prior to the next Forum, HF would contact the Council and First Bus so that the matter can be discussed at the next Forum rather than the First Bus representatives advising that they will have to refer the matter back to the Council.</p>
4	<p><u>A4018 Consultation</u></p> <p>A discussion on the likely effects for Henleaze and Westbury Park of the proposals within the Consultation (which closed on 17 March) was a feature of the Forum. The majority of local residents were not amongst the 4,600 who received BCC's proposals by post.</p> <p>A major concern is having additional traffic along Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and North View and in/out of the side roads. More commuters are also highly likely to park in Henleaze and Westbury Park throughout the day. The additional traffic and parking could have a severe effect on our local traders.</p> <p>It is understood that approximately 700 (nearly all negative) responses were submitted during the first week of the Consultation.</p> <p>Once the Consultation responses have been collated, they will be publicly available. A link will be sent to all who are on the Henleaze Forum database.</p>
5	<p><u>Library Engagement</u></p> <p>Following previous Consultations, BCC is 'engaging' until 30 April to look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What each local community needs. • The facilities each local community already has. <p>Public engagement meetings regarding Henleaze and other Libraries were scheduled for February and March so that the ideas generated could be considered for each Library.</p> <p>According to BCC's website, after the meetings: "We'll work with the community to take forward ideas and suggestions as pilot projects. This could involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with local organisations. • Working with local businesses. • Individuals in the community leading an initiative."
6	<p><u>Public Conveniences</u></p> <p>Following the closure of public conveniences throughout the city, BCC has promoted a Community Toilet Scheme. It is for businesses and organisations who are happy to allow members of the public to use their toilet facilities. Locally Tesco at Golden Hill and Waitrose are part of the Scheme.</p> <p>Many of our local businesses are reluctant to participate in the scheme – reasons include the cost and toilets already being well used by customers.</p>

7	<u>Fix My Street</u>
a	<p>Overall: Whilst BCC has a helpful (easy to use if you have computer access) website at www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/report-a-street-issue to let you report a range of street issues ranging from fly tipping to removing dead animals, a number of concerns have been raised at – and between – Forums about automated responses being received quickly but physical actions taking too long.</p> <p>LR has spent time with BCC raising issues about the time it takes to resolve issues. It appears that there are technology issues (as well as human resource) issues that are being dealt with. We will review the position at the next Forum so, if you have any comments, please provide them in advance or raise them during the Forum.</p>
b	<p>Bins: At the last Forum, concern was raised about various locations where bins/ black boxes etc are left on the street on a permanent basis. In addition to safety issues for pedestrians, the smell from overflowing bins (in part through passers by using the bins) was cited. BCC treats bins left on the streets permanently as fly tipping and invite members of the public to report issues to them.</p> <p>The main instance reported at the last Forum remains unresolved, notwithstanding ongoing communication with BCC. It was agreed that HF would ask the complainant if her contact details could be provided to a Councillor to help.</p>
c	<p>Pot holes: There are ongoing issues in Lawrence Grove. Issues include marking up one or more pot holes for repair whilst ignoring others on the grounds that they have not been reported.</p>
d	<p>Frontage outside Tesco Express, Henleaze Road: Following ongoing support from the Councillors, it is understood that repairs to the pavement will be first on the list for the next financial year (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020).</p>
e	<p>Paint in Carmarthen Road: Paint spillage was reported to BCC but, despite an automated reply to the contrary, it appears that no action has been taken.</p>
8	<u>CIL/ S106</u>
a	<p>Overview: Following introductory comments at the start of the meeting (see 3 above), some possible grant funding projects were discussed.</p>
b	<p>Crossing by junction of Henleaze Road with Cavendish Road: At the September 2018 Forum two issues were raised about the crossing – safety and pot holes. Prior to the November 2018 Forum, the pot holes were repaired.</p> <p>At the February Forum, it was suggested that a grant could be used. A central reservation had been discussed but, after a discussion, the possibility of applying for the purchase and installation of high-viz LED Halos at the crossing was raised.</p>
c	<p>Zebra crossing on Henleaze Road by Henleaze Park Drive: At the November 2018 Forum, a resident expressed her concern – on account of vehicles travelling too fast - about the dangers encountered in using this crossing. It was suggested that suggested that a grant could also be applied for the purchase and installation of high-viz LED Halos at this crossing.</p>

	d	Bollards in Harbury Road: In 2018 (and previously) grant funding had been requested towards the installation of bollards in Harbury Road. The issue was that cars were driving on to a grass verge and this represented a safety issue for pedestrians. At the Forum, a Harbury Road resident discounted the need for grant funding as 'large stones' are now in place which act as a deterrent.
	e	Trees: Four trees were identified in advance of the Forum as potentially being appropriate for S116 (or CIL) funding. The trees are in Old Quarry Park, Cavendish Road and Owen Grove (2).
	f	Pollution: During the discussion about the A4018 Consultation, various comments were made about increased traffic leading to more pollution in the area. This led to some solutions being discussed which included electric charging points for cars and air pollution monitoring stations. It was agreed that these could be the subjects of grant funding applications.
9		<u>Bristol City Council Consultations</u>
	a	20 mph: The Consultation closed on 31 August. The results had been anticipated prior to the Forum but the results were still outstanding.
	b	Open Consultations: They are available at https://bristol.citizenspace.com/ . (set the status option to open or you will also see all closed Consultations)
10		<u>Next Forum</u> 7pm to 9pm on Thursday 6 June 2019 at Henleaze Library.

Privacy/ Contacts

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APPENDIX – Contact Details/ Further information

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Henleaze Character Appraisal	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/0/Henleaze+character+assessment/1719a373-1617-4f53-bb97-eccbce1c5b89
The Henleaze Society	Email: ths.newsletter@gmail.com
Westbury Park Character Appraisal	https://westburyparkcommunityassociation.weebly.com/uploads/2/9/5/4/29540263/wpca_character-assessment_(1).pdf
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Bristol City Council & Cabinet Meeting	Full Council and Cabinet meetings are available via live and recorded webcasts. https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bc_r=1
Bins and recycling	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/bins-recycling
Street issues	Examples include street lighting, drains, graffiti and damaged roads/footpaths. https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/report-a-street-issue
West of England Combined Authority	https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/