

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

Thursday 23 August 2018
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,
Rochdale

MINUTES

Present F. Hamer, M. Hamer, B. Frost, D. Frost, K. Huggett, K. Khan, R. Coles, J. Coles, J. Welby, L. Stansfield and S. Bardsley

Councillors: Pat Sullivan

Officers: Rochdale Borough Council: S. Hay (Townships)

Apologies: Councillor Jane Howard, Councillor Angela Smith, Councillor Jim Gartside, Bruce Goodwin, Dan Hall, Diane Lodwig, Beryl Hudson, PC Michelle Farmer and PCSO Sana Haider

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 31 May 2018 were agreed and the following updates were given.

Fly tipping

Public Realm Inspector, Diane Lodwig, has continued to remove all reported fly tipping from around the Holborn Street area and to address the issue of bins being left permanently on the street.

Cotton Lane water problem

Cotton Lane has been cleaned up and further dumped rubbish removed. The Council's Rights of Way Officer is assessing the location for resurfacing to prevent it from going under water when it rains.

Roch Valley Way speed survey

The Roch Valley Way speed survey has been concluded. The results were made available to all with a breakdown of volume and speed of vehicles by the hour at each of the two locations. Highways completed a review of the survey results with conclusions and options which was also made available to all.

The survey took place between 8 and 15 March 2018. The average speed of the 91,201 vehicles recorded in the week at location number one, outside 59 Roch Valley Way, in both directions was 25.2mph, however out of those, 1,722 were recorded travelling over 35mph. The average speed of the 82,990 vehicles recorded at location number two, Lighting Column Number 25, North West of Roch Mills Crescent, in both directions was 32mph, however out of those a massive 25,142 vehicles

were recorded travelling in excess of 35mph. As Roch Valley Way is part of the Strategic Network, physical measures such as speed humps cannot be considered but to add to the existing calming features, the interactive sign will be repaired and mature obstructive trees trimmed back. Provision of a central traffic island at the 30 to 40 speed limit to create a gateway and pinch point and the lining along the length of the 30mph limit be renewed. Some of this work will require funding to be approved. Highways will be asked to consider installing the central traffic island referred to, on safety grounds given the results, to create a gateway and pinch point to slow traffic down.

Blocked drains

The blocked drains on old Manchester Road in Sudden Village were all investigated and cleared, except the one outside the bookmakers for which a further request will be made to have it cleared.

Manchester Road carriageway condition

Highways inspected the reported sinking carriageway on the main Manchester Road at Sudden on the Rochdale bound carriageway just past the bus stop and pedestrian crossing and report that no work is necessary.

Sudden Village entrance road markings and Bramley Road/Greenvale junction Give Way

The worn away road markings at both the entrance into and exit out of Sudden Village were reported with a request to reline them as were the junction markings of Bramley Road and Greenvale.

Recycling bin

The blue recycling bin that had been requested on numerous occasions was delivered to the resident in question the following day.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PC Michelle Farmer is the Bamford Neighbourhood Policing Team Officer and she is responsible for the three large geographical areas of Bamford, Castleton and Norden. PCSO Colin Taylor has moved on and he has been replaced by PCSO Sana Haider who has already been very active around the area including reassurance visits to victims of burglary and particularly in one nasty case.

The recent crime statistics for the area were provided. In June 2018 there were two burglaries, one of which was commercial, one theft of a motor vehicle and four thefts from motor vehicles. In July 2018 there were five burglaries, no thefts of motor vehicles and five thefts from motor vehicles and to date this month, one burglary and no vehicle crime at all. Access or attempted access, in most of the burglaries, was by smashing or forcing rear patio doors. Two habitual burglars were arrested as a result of the community reporting them acting suspiciously and they have been remanded in custody with further enquiries ongoing. The offenders are from different areas including Salford. All were urged to report anything they consider suspicious.

Inspector MacGregor has confirmed GMP is no longer holding face to face PACT meetings. PACT meetings will be run online and the next meeting will take place between 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday 28 August 2018 and information about the meeting will be advertised. Burglary and vehicle crime remain the PACT Priorities.

Work is ongoing to permanently secure fencing leading on to Roch Valley as the damaged gap is being used by off road vehicles to access the Valley.

PC Farmer has organised a Safe Plate initiative between 3pm and 5pm on Thursday 30 August 2018 at Bamford Precinct which will be advertised. All are welcome to attend.

One resident raised questions over criminality, with some specifics only the Police can answer, and also questioned the Graded Response system and speeding along Bury Road. He volunteered to participate in the upcoming Community Speed Watch initiative PC Farmer is organising in

conjunction with Councillor Sullivan. Homewatch was discussed. PC Farmer will be asked to contact the resident direct.

5. OPEN FORUM

Manchester Road and Law Street junction parking restrictions

Concerns expressed about the parking restrictions at the junction of Manchester Road and Law Street being persistently contravened throughout the day with vehicles obstructing sight lines exiting the junction and making it dangerous. Parking Services will be requested to conduct enforcement visits.

Manchester Road planters

Residents welcomed the new planters that have been installed on Manchester Road to enhance the area.

Ward Councillors contact details are available on the Council's website:

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6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22 November 2018 at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church