

CHESHUNT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



**BOROUGH OF
BROXBOURNE**
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**Minutes of meeting on
Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 7pm,
Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Cheshunt**



**HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

Present: County Councillor Dave Hewitt (in the Chair)

Councillors Mark Mills-Bishop, Linda Russell and Tony Siracusa. Nicola Pearce (Community Safety Manager), Stephen Billington (Head of Support Services) and Gail Berry (Group Management Accountant) (Broxbourne Council). Sergeant Jon Stewart and PC Holly White (Hertfordshire Constabulary).

R Woodward
J Liddell
B Kirby
G Hollyoak
B Ness
S Dawson
P Clark
J Couch
S Hauxhall
D Brix
D Taylor
P Downing

J Torres
D O'Neill
S Sykes
V Rowlandson
G Ness
P Miller
R White
R Hardwood
P Patel
T Sharples
D Thomas

M Liw Ang
C Stone
P Ward
I Rowlandson
S Gallop
M Georgiou
R Couch
D Hardwood
S Patel
I Chamberlain
M Wells

55 residents including the above

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman introduced members and officers of the Borough Council and the police and welcomed the attendees. Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Mike Iszatt.

2. IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL AREA

(a) Policing Priorities for the Area

The police representatives commented on the following policing priorities for the area:

- ASB and crime in the Theobalds, Davison Drive and Flamstead End areas
- off-road motorbikes
- vehicle crime, Brookfield Farm

An update was also given on recent incidents of nuisance by youths in Grundy Park during the summer. In response to this the police had instigated more regular patrols and undertaken other deterrent measures in conjunction with the Council.

In response to issues raised by residents it was noted that:

- The number of police officers available to the constabulary was increasing and numbers would increase further over the next three years.
- Following complaints of speeding vehicles in Windmill Lane, fixed speed cameras would be provided to provide data for analysis to assess if any further action was required.

(b) Cheshunt Old Pond Strategy

Further to the report to the last meeting, the Forum was updated on the implementation of the Old Pond strategy.

Following the outcome of the public consultation, the Council was not proposing to relocate the fountain and it would remain in situ as a centrepiece of an improved new public space. An indicative layout of the Old Pond Scheme was provided at the meeting and it was reported that the County Council, as the highway authority, had now indicated its broad agreement with the proposals. The Borough Council was working to gather funding for the projects contained in the strategy from developments in the area.

The final version of the strategy would be published in the New Year.

(c) Cheshunt Lakeside

An update was provided on the proposed development of the former Tesco Headquarters in Delamare Road and the adjacent areas which were granted planning permission in August 2019 to provide up to 1,725 apartments and up to 19,000m² of business space.

The proposed development included retail space around a new plaza opposite Cheshunt Railway Station, community and leisure uses and a new primary school at the site which extended from Windmill Lane to Cadmore Lane.

Demolitions were now commencing, including demolition of Old Tesco House and New Tesco House and the development was expected to commence in 2020 with the entire Cheshunt Lakeside scheme expected to take approximately ten years to complete.

3. BRIEFING ON ITEMS AND ISSUES OF LOCAL INTEREST

(a) Environmental Sustainability

It was reported that the Council had recently established a working group to address environmental sustainability. It was proposed to develop an environmental sustainability strategy which would include a focus on reducing carbon footprints, an extensive tree planting scheme and enabling the use of new technology to reduce the impact of vehicle emissions.

(b) Air Quality in Broxbourne

The Forum were provided with an update on the air quality management duties of local authorities and specifically to a Government directive received by a number of local authorities, including Broxbourne, on the need to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide primarily emitted by vehicles.

The directive covered the southern section of the A10/Great Cambridge Way and required the Council to present an outline business case, including a charging Clean Air Zone, in order to reduce nitrogen dioxide levels. The business case now prepared included an alternative highway solution to reduce emission levels, set against the benchmark Clean Air Zone with exemptions for Borough residents and other highway users.

Further modelling works were currently being undertaken to test the business case elements, including the proposed exemptions, and following the submission of a second draft outline business case the preferred option would be agreed by the Council and Hertfordshire County Council as the highway authority and the Government. A public consultation exercise would be undertaken before the final business case was agreed in late 2020. The final scheme would be funded by the Government and was not expected to be in place until 2022 at the earliest.

(c) New Council Website

The Council has launched the first phase of its new website which allowed customers to do a number of things on-line not previously available including:

- report a fly-tip and pin point the location
- requesting business advice
- search for waste and recycling collection dates
- find housing advice tailored to individual circumstances
- report a missed bin

The new website could be accessed from a mobile device or tablet as well as on a personal computer or laptop.

To compliment the new website the Council's new reception at the Borough Offices was now open which enabled the public to self-serve for those customers who do not have access to the internet at home, as well as providing assisted self-serve as required.

A new monthly e-newsletter had also been launched entitled 'Our Broxbourne' and residents can sign up for the newsletter via the following link:

www.broxbourne.gov.uk/emailalerts

By searching 'Broxbourne Council' residents could also contact the Council via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

(d) Electoral Registration

It was reported that the Council was currently preparing the new register of electors to be published in December 2019. As the register would be used for future elections, residents were reminded to ensure they were registered.

(e) Autumn/Winter Town Centre and Community Events Programme 2019

The Forum was advised of the forthcoming Town Centre and Community Events Programme to December 2019. Information on all events could be viewed on the Council's website or in Council publications.

(f) Items Raised by Residents

Reference was made to the neighbourhood recycling facility at Grundy Park and the frequent misuse through dumped items. It was also suggested that the capacity of the site may be insufficient for current recycling volumes.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.

Useful contacts

Police (non-emergency)	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Police – Safer Neighbourhood Team	01707 354192 (and ask for the name of the officer you wish to contact)
Neighbourhood Watch	01992 533835
Broxbourne Council Helpline	01992 785577
Broxbourne Council Community Safety Team	01992 785573 community.safety@broxbourne.gov.uk
Parks Patrol	07974 696931
Broxbourne Street Pastors	01992 443514 Broxbourne@streetpastors.org.uk
HCC Defective Street Lights	0300 123 4047 www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults
Free fire safety check	0800 5873347
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner	01992 556600 commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk www.hertscommissioner.org
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel	01992 785650 pcp@broxbourne.gov.uk http://www.hertspcp.org.uk