



**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

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RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

- To note the updates from the last forums
- To note the latest meeting schedule and advise the AC in its updating
- To note the brief update regarding the Stoke Lodge consultation process and to receive a verbal report on the extraordinary meeting held on this issue on 23rd November
- To note the update on the Youth Links contracts that will cover this NP area. To receive brief feedback from AC on meeting held on 27th November
- To note the brief update regarding GBBN issue
- To note the update regarding the Parks Capital Stimulus projects

1. Updates from Forums

Three successful Forums were held in September and November. The outline issues discussed are set out below.

The notes below are a brief overview of topics discussed. For the more detailed meeting notes and other information, visit the NP website:

<http://www.activenp.co.uk>

Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Forum

Wednesday 7th November 2012

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present:

Officers: Farhan Ahmed, Gary Brentnall, Cheryl Hudson, Andrew McGrath

Ward Representatives: David Mayer (meeting Chairman), Sue Boyd

Police: PC Paula Donnelly, PCSO Paula Perry

Guest Speaker: Simon Tomlinson, Tony Hoare

Plus approximately 30 members of the public

Apologies: Geoff Gollop (represented by Bernice Gollop), Alastair Watson, Alan Aburrow

Simon Tomlinson discussed his ideas for working with young people in the NP area. This could range from a dedicated working group to providing useful information.

There are still several 'live' issues from previous meetings, including pavement grabbing, Canford Cemetery, and the Stoke Lane notice board

The police answered questions relating to obstructive parking on Stoke Grove.

Sue Boyd updated the meeting on local issues including W-o-T village winning Bristol in Bloom. Volunteers are sorely needed for the various community events that take place in WoT. A promotional day will be held on Saturday 15th December – stalls, activities and a window display competition. WoT Business Association has recently formed a Town Team to promote the ideas in the Portas report.

David and Tony Hoare updated the meeting on local planning issues.

Paula Donnelly provided the police feedback on local issues. Crime is low in the area, be vigilant in the run-up to Christmas. Paula promoted the Speed Watch programme. A recent speed watch on Canford Lane showed just 12 out of 525 cars recorded were exceeding 36 mph. They will be written to.

The issues raised at the forum are being followed up by officers:

	Issue/Priority
1	Parking on pavements on Stoke Grove. Residents have been written to by Insp. Runacres. The Police will continue to monitor the situation.
2	Fly tipping at rear of shops on Stoke Lane. The initial problem had been cleared by BCC but it has persisted. There is a possibility that it isn't fly tipping but waste from the shops awaiting removal. Gary Brentnall to investigate
3	Who is responsible for overhanging foliage at the start of the service lane to

	the community gardens? Gary to investigate.
4	Who is responsible for managing the trees and foliage on the private road approaching the gardens? Probably the owners. Gary to investigate.
5	An on-going problem of parking at Westbury Academy at the beginning and end of school day. There are various options for tackling this including naming and shaming, letters placed on offending cars etc. Officer from Parking services to be invited to the next Forum to discuss options

Stoke Bishop Forum Wednesday 24th October 2012

Present:

Councillors: John Goulandris and Councillor Peter Abraham.

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Gary Brentnall, PC Paul White.

Ward Representatives: Tony Hoare (Chairman), Gay Huggins, Alan Preece and Wendy Hull,

and approximately 40 members of the public

Apologies: Cheryl Hudson

Thanks were given to Stephanie French for successfully securing the TPOs on the remaining unprotected trees on Stoke Lodge.

Roger Gamlin, co-convenor of the Stoke Bishop Residents' Planning Group, discussed the four major developments in the area:- Hiatt Baker Hall, Dairy Crest site, Trymwood Parade, and Avon Way.

Stoke Lodge Play Park. Gary Brentnall updated the meeting with regard to possible pitch options for the site that will ensure that there will be no loss of playing area if the playground is sited in the favoured position. There will be an extraordinary NP meeting at 11am Friday 23rd November to formally agree the site of the playground. There will still be a consultation process for the playground (equipment, design etc), which will follow the BCC template.

Simon Tomlinson spoke to the meeting of his wish to undertake more work for young people in the NP area. It has proved difficult to form a young people's working group, so other ideas for helping young people are requested.

PC Paul White also gave a community policing update. There is a new PCSO for the area, Rebecca Richards. Police are working closely with students to ensure they are protected. Speed watch is an effective programme and the police would like to do more of it.

There were no issues raised

Henleaze Forum

Thursday 8th November 2012

Present:

Councillors: Glenise Morgan, Councillor Clare Champion-Smith

Resident reps: Simon Tomlinson, Joyce Fey

Officers: Gary Brentnall, PC Paula Donnelly, PCSO Paula Perry, Cheryl Hudson, Farhan Ahmed, Andrew McGrath

Gary Brentnall provided an update on the Parks' funding for Fallodon Way and Old Quarry Parks. A consultation meeting will be held at 1pm Friday 23rd November to enable residents to influence what equipment the Fallodon Way park will have.

A plea was put out by Stephanie French for a tree monitor for Henleaze. Westbury Park CA members stated that they would take the job on

A representative for Wessex Water gave a short presentation on the proposed sewage kiosks that are to be built in Ladysmith Road and Howard Road. There is considerable disquiet locally about the location, size and appearance of the proposed kiosks. The rep answered many questions and was thanked for attending.

The Police provided an update and answered questions regarding the effect the road works on Wellington Hill are having on surrounding roads. There is a lot of local anger about the danger that residents are being put in as a result of speeding cars and aggressive drivers.

Maggie Clarke was supported by the meeting to be the new co-opted rep for Henleaze ward. Maggie will be formally co-opted at the NP meeting on 3rd December.

The issues raised at the forum are set out below

1. Roads were recently dug up without residents being warned. This resulted in several cars being trapped for the day. Not sensible. Please can the contractors be urged to warn people before digging the roads up?
2. Couldn't contractors be required to do Speed Watch as part of their agreement for digging up roads?
3. When will the works on Wellington Hill be completed? Glenise replied that she hasn't been notified of any changes to the agreed schedule so we can assume December. Will check to confirm.
4. Could Henley Grove become a one-way street?
5. The Drive, near St Peter's Church, and other, local roads is very poorly lit.
6. The trees in Fallodon Park are in poor condition. Can they be checked?
7. Isn't there an agreement that recycling vehicles shouldn't be near schools during dropping off time? This happens at Henleaze Junior School. Andrew to request that a May Gurney Rep attend the next Forum

8. Traffic calming measures on Southcroft would be good. Traffic speeds along there

9. When will the No 20 bus be re-diverted?
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2. Future meeting dates

The AC would like to set the NP meeting and Forum meeting dates for the remainder of the municipal year. The NP is requested to consider the following dates and advise the AC on their acceptability.

The NP is especially asked to advise the AC on which day(s) of the week it would prefer to hold its meetings. Is Monday still the preference, or would a different day be preferred?

	Cycle 2 (2012/13)	Cycle 3 (2012/13)	Cycle 4 (2013/14) All provisional
NP	Monday 3 rd Dec Henleaze Junior School 7.00pm	Monday 4 th March Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 17 th June Venue tbc 7.00pm
NP Pre meeting	Monday 26 th Nov WoT Library 5.30pm	Monday 25 th Feb Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 10 th June Venue tbc 5.30pm
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Henleaze Forum	Monday 8 th November Henleaze Library 7.00pm	Thursday 24 th Jan Henleaze Library 7.00pm	Thursday 16 th May Henleaze Library 7.00pm
WoT Forum	Wednesday 7 th November Venue 35 7.00pm	Tuesday 29 th Jan Venue 35 7.00pm	Tuesday 21 st May Venue 35 7.00pm
SB Forum	Wednesday 24 th October Stoke Bishop Primary School 7.00pm	Wednesday 23 rd Jan Stoke Bishop Primary School 7.00pm	Wednesday 15 th May Stoke Bishop Primary School 7.00pm
Well Being Fund	Tuesday 6 th Nov Henleaze Library 5.30pm	Wednesday 6 th February Venue tbc 5.30pm	Wednesday 8 th May Venue tbc 5.30pm
Comms Working Group	Tuesday 16 th October Henleaze Library 5.30pm	? ? ?	
Transport Working Group	Monday 8 th October WoT Primary School 6.30pm	Tuesday 15 th January WoT Primary School 6.30pm	
Environment Working Group	Thursday 18 th October Coombe Dingle 2.00pm	Thursday 17 th January Venue tbc 2pm	
Working Group for Older People	Wednesday 24 th October		
	Thursday 13 th December AGM Waterford Room URC Henleaze 12.30pm		

3. Stoke Lodge Playground

An extraordinary NP Committee meeting took place on Friday 23rd November (after this report was published) at which the NP councillors were asked to endorse the siting of the proposed playground at the preferred spot on Stoke Lodge (to the left of Stoke Lodge House, adjacent to the car park). The Chair of the NP will provide a verbal update to the NP.

A consultation process has been worked up for the playground. The Area Environment Officer will lead this.

4. Youth Links update

An announcement was made on Tuesday 25th September regarding the Youth Links commissioning process. This is the process that will commission the majority of youth services to be delivered in the city in coming years. It is a considerable change from the previous 'in-house' provision. This NP is in the North area cluster. The cluster's youth and play services will be provided by a consortium of providers made up of Learning Partnership West, 1625 Independent People, Barnardo's, Rehab Jobfit, and TBG Learning. The North area includes Kingsweston and Avonmouth NP and the Henbury/Brentry and Southmead NP

It is intended that the contract arrangements will be in place by the end of January 2013. Discussions have begun to plan and implement the transition to new arrangements, particularly in relation to staff transfers and premises.

Members of the NP and youth providers in the NP area were invited to a meeting with the new providers to enable them to influence its work and ensure that this part of the city has some say over where and how the work will be delivered.

This meeting took place on Tuesday 27th November, after the papers for this meeting were published. If the NP wishes, the AC will provide a brief verbal feedback on this meeting.

5. GBBN works – White Tree Roundabout

Following the considerable degree of animosity towards the alterations to the Westbury Road approach to the White Tree roundabout, the subsequent reduction to the bus lane and introduction of appropriate signage took effect from the 20th October. The GBBN Team has been unable to undertake a full review yet, owing to the ongoing general disruption in the area. However as of 10th November, officers had received just 9 emails from motorists, a considerable reduction in email traffic from the summer months. Of these 9 emails, most were along the lines of 'about damn time too....' with one stating that there has been a considerable improvement. Officers are not quite celebrating yet, and will await the end of the disruptions before properly assessing the effect of the changes.

6. Capital Stimulus Funding for Parks.

As the NP knows, the NP was successful in gaining funding from this fund. The following amounts were awarded to the NP:

- Canford Park replace fencing **£60,000**
- Canford Park CPG £50,000 **£50,000**
- Fallodon Way CPG **£75,000** (+ £15,000 from NP's S106 money)
- Old Quarry Park "makeover" **£50,000**

Officers have begun to arrange the bespoke consultations. The Fallodon Way Park scheme held a consultation meeting at the local scout hut at 1pm Friday 23rd November. This is merely the first of several consultation opportunities.

The Canford Park playground consultation has begun with meetings with local activists. Officers are currently awaiting provisional plans for the play area before beginning the wider consultation. The fencing at Canford Park will not need the same level of consultation as the playgrounds. Discussions have begun.

The consultation on the makeover for Old Quarry Park is waiting on some provisional designs. Meetings have been held with councillors. The next stage of consultation will take place with local groups (e.g. Henleaze Society) and residents in the new year.