

Minutes of Residents Engagement Afternoon - 17 May 2025

Hareshill Community Centre, Millpond Avenue

1. Chairman's Speech

Cllr Simon Ambler did his presentation, where he introduced himself and other councillors of CVPC. His presentation explained parish council structure, its roles and responsibilities, some ongoing projects as well as possible future projects. Cllr Ambler also advised attendees about the plans for devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

He then invited attendees to Questions and Answers.

2. Q's & A's:

- One resident asked about local footpaths, and who should they contact in case of any broken tree branches / overgrown hedges, closed or blocked footpaths, etc. Advice was given that HCC should be the first point of contact, but our Lengthsman can also provide some immediate fixes and repairs.
- FP503 was discussed, as some residents raised concerns about it being closed. Resident asked where they can find out about all the local footpaths and was advised that HCC website is a good starting point. Consideration should be given to adding local footpaths and maps to parish council website.
- Boundaries of parish were discussed and explained.
- One resident raised concerns about the stream in the ditches between Netherhouse Moor and Hareshill, and asked who is responsible for that.
- War Memorial hall was mentioned and who is responsible for renovating it.

3. Presentation from Hart South Neighbourhood Policing Team and Hart Community Safety Team

Mark Ranola (Community Safety Officer)
PC Terry Read & PCSO Sam Page

Presentation explained the community safety partnership and who is involved in it. The policing team explained how their priorities are identified, what their current priorities are and how they are being responded to.

Part of presentation covered the known issues on the Hareshill estate, as well as what is defined as Anti-Social behaviour and how to tackle it. Community Safety team also explained community involvement and how residents can help the team. Community Safety Team invited attendees to Questions and Answers.

4. Q's & A's

- Resident asked who to report groups of people meeting and causing nuisance locally. PCSO Sam Page can be contacted directly, but 101 should be the first instance.

- Another resident asked if the Safety Team work with social housing associations. The resident also mentioned of drug use being a problem. PC Terry Read confirmed that the Safety Team is in touch with housing associations, but Police can and should be contacted in first instance as they will action any reports of such nature quicker.
- Another resident mentioned the damage to the letterboxes in one of the block of flats on the Hareshill estate and the fact that housing association is not taken any actions to address the issue. Safety Team confirmed that if the reports have been made to 101, they will patrol the area.

Unlocked entrances / doors to the flats were mentioned by one resident, and the fact they are concerned about the safety.

- Some residents enquired about how to report the flytipping. Advice was provided that Community Safety team can be alerted, as well as the local council.

Local roads traffic was discussed, as well as speeding and unlawful parking. Safety Team assured the attendees that they are aware of some these issues and they are being addressed. He encouraged everyone to report any traffic related issues to the Police but also to HCC.

The Speed Watch was mentioned, and the fact that more volunteers are needed, and anyone interested should get in touch with parish council.

5. Chairman then thank the attendees for coming.

He advised everyone about Fleet Phoenix and Scouts for young people. Lea Green Summer Project was mentioned.

Fleet Phoenix was praised for helping with reducing ASBO in the local area.

Resident asked if there is going to be a bigger park on HH to help younger people to take them off the streets.

Here for Hart is the best place to check what is there to do for kids in the local area.

Some further questions were asked by residents: Who is responsible for shop on the estate and the bus stop, Who the residents will ask about it, proximity of the play areas to the flats / houses was mentioned, and who is responsible for the ponds at Hareshill.

Cllr Simon Ambler advised that local councillors can be contacted about any of the above issues, but the developer can also be contacted.

Meeting closed at 3.08PM.

Residents were invited to partake of the refreshments and to chat to the presenters if they wished.