

Village Groups Forum meeting notes

Village Plans

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Councillor Fleming welcomed people to the event, mentioning the success of the Rugby and the forthcoming Literature festival and Christmas activities.

Village Planning

A short update on Village Planning was given. The powerpoint slides are attached.

Rugby World Cup

Representatives were invited to give a view on the impact of the Rugby World Cup and to ask any questions they may have. Cllr Fleming thanked the officers and others who had worked so hard to make the event happen, including the Police.

The closure of the A316 was touched upon; it was felt that some businesses had suffered. The general feeling was that businesses had benefitted after changes made after the first weekend. 8.00 pm kickoffs had been difficult to manage. Extra trains had meant more people had come into the town from the stadium; signage and volunteers had encouraged people to use the town facilities. A beer festival on semi final day had not succeeded as hoped, partly due to the Home nation teams being eliminated. The suggestion that pubs would be closed after matches was refuted; this message had not been relayed. Park and ride facilities had worked well. Traffic diversions had worked well and had not caused congestion on the wider network. Concern was expressed at the behaviour of some fanzone users and that this had not been checked. In response it was said that stewards had been provided in adequate numbers and most people had respected the proprieties. A small number had misbehaved and it had been difficult to prevent this among such a small number.

Seeds of Change Project

Frances Bennett, from Friends of River Crane Environment (FORCE) gave a short presentation on this project. Powerpoint slides are attached.

Royal Birthday celebrations

Cllr Fleming confirmed that the 'one stop' consent for street celebrations, used at the Jubilee, would be available in June 2016 for the Queen's 90th birthday.

West London Waste

Jim Brennan from West London Waste gave a presentation about the disposal of domestic and recycled waste, and the changes about to happen to disposal. The powerpoint and a leaflet circulated are attached.

Concern was expressed in questioning about blocks of flats and the difficulties experienced in recycling. Issues about financing of recycling and disposal were also aired.

The meeting thanked Jim for his interesting and informative presentation.

Community toilets

Andrew Bell from the Council spoke about the improved Community Toilet scheme now operating across the Borough. A fold out map and literature were distributed.

A number of points of clarification were sought and provided.

The meeting closed with an opportunity for representatives to network.