

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held 21 June 2010

We would like to thank The Forge Church for the hour spent litter picking in the village on the evening of 26 May. They concentrated on the area around the Leisure Centre and School and top of Gracechurch Street and several black bags were filled with litter. As regular users of the Leisure Centre, The Forge were keen to put something back into the community and we thank them very much for that.

PC Andy Pursehouse attended the meeting to advise on concerns raised by parishioners regarding traffic and parking issues and late night anti-social behaviour. Parking concerns relate mainly to the area around the Primary School at drop-off and pick-up times, e.g. double parking, parking on double yellow lines, driving through prohibited areas (Chancery Lane) and in Gracechurch Street, parking on both sides of the road outside Old Bakery Row – this is creating considerable hold ups at certain times of the day making it impossible for traffic to pass through. Local Police Officers will be looking at all areas, speaking to the Primary School and individual motorists and they have stated it may be necessary to enforce parking restrictions if improvements cannot be made.

Regarding late night anti-social behaviour – this has occurred recently on Friday/Saturday evenings and some damage to property and belongings reported. PC Pursehouse has assured us of increased police foot patrols during these times and warned that action will be taken against individuals causing problems or damage to private property.

The Council is supporting the setting up of a Debenham Allotment Association. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 July 2010 at Dove Cottage at 7.30pm when the speaker Karen Kenny, Eastern Region Representative of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners for the protection, promotion and preservation of allotments, will advise on the procedure to set up the scheme. Existing allotment holders, those already on the waiting list and any other interested parishioners are very welcome to attend the meeting.

A new flush mechanism has been fitted in the gents public WC and we wish to thank Mr Peter Beckett for his time in fitting the new part.

Date of next meetings: Monday 12 July (Planning & Finance), Monday 19 July (Ordinary).