



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Town Clerk: **BRIAN HOGAN**



12th March 2015

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 19th March 2015

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton **on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.00pm.**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Please note that there will be an Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council starting at 6.30pm prior to the commencement of the CES meeting

Yours sincerely,

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence. (Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in Advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2015 as a correct.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.



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4. Outstanding Actions

CES/41/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Committee support the notion of introducing a crossing immediately outside the High School.
2. Request the provision of this facility via "Safer Route to School" and Strategic Highways.

CES/42/1415 RESOLVED that the proposal by Cheshire East Council to undertake an initial assessment of need in the area be approved, but, it should be emphasised that such assessments should be extensive and undertaken at appropriate times.

5. Cheshire Police

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

6. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 27th January 2015

7. Floral Arrangement Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 9th January and 5th February 2015

8. Cheshire Police Constabulary (Enclosed)

To receive and consider correspondence from Cheshire Police and their budget and a report from the Police and Crime Commissioner

9. Parish Footpath Report (Enclosed)

To receive and consider a response from CEC on remedial work being carried out on footpaths

10. Parking Outside Schools (Enclosed)

To receive and consider correspondence from Congleton Education Community Partnership concerning parking outside schools

11. Dropped Curbs (Enclosed)

To consider response from Cheshire East in respect of suspend ticketing when disabled drivers park adjacent to the dropped curb at Swan Bank.

12. Tesco Express

To consider a response from Tesco concerning the issue of lorry parking at Tesco Express

13. Travellers on Stonehouse Green Car Park

To consider correspondence from an anonymous resident concerning travellers on Travellers on Stonehouse Green Car Park

To	Members of the Community and Environment Committee
	Appointed Member, Hon Burgess Mrs M M Williamson
ccs.	Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (4) for Information; Press (3)

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group Tuesday 27th January 2015

Minutes of the Meeting

Present

Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
Mrs D Allen
P Bates
Mrs A Martin
J Saville Crowther
G Williams
PCSO Carol Holmes
PCSO Amie Spurrier

1. Drug and alcohol abuse

The area around the Market and Princess Street has been subjected to the highest number of complaints in the Eastern Police Division and youths are being moved on when a complaint is made, maybe an issue of intolerance in respect of this situation.

Cheshire East youth workers with help from Bromley Farm, are trying to attract teenagers away from the Market.

Parnell Square is also an issue with youths hanging around and other problems taking place.

The Park entrance around Willow Street and Brook Street is another area where dealing in a variety of substances appears to be taking place

2. Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted that Congleton Park is regularly patrolled by the police for ASB issues, primarily related to alcohol particularly on a Friday and Saturday evening

Top of Park Woods there are some problems with drinking.

3. CCTV

Consider investing in some Go-pro CCTV cameras which could be strategically located to gain a true picture of some of the reported ASB problems. BH to identify cost of the units and make a request to F&P to finance them

The CCTV van could be located in various hot spots to deter ASB

4. A.O.B

Amie agreed to circulate an updated version of the Neighbourhood Policing team in Congleton

BH to contact Homechoice and invite them to the next meeting

5. Date of next Meeting

10.30am Monday 23rd March 2015

Mrs S A Holland
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

9am Friday 9th January 2015

Present

B Edwards (Chairman)
G Williams
D Parker
E Clarke
Peter Holsworth
P Pinto
B Hogan
J MacArthur
R Bothey

1. Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance)

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Brown and N Price

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Notes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2014 were approved as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest

4. Preparation for 2015

- Feedback from John Wheatley
 - Mountbatten Way and floral displays in the Town need to flow and be coordinated – DB/PP/RB
 - Roundabouts could have a different theme
 - Waggon and Horses roundabout needs new grasses - RB
- Community Pride Award
 - Include Heath View and New Life Church on map for judges - JM
- NWIB Neighbourhood Awards
 - Write a letter on behalf of DB and suggest that the Queens Head, Railway, New Life Church, Daneside Theatre Trust and Church House enter NWIB – BH/DB



- Install planting at the Paddling Poll and Leisure Centre - RB
- A new 14 inch hanging basket with a deeper water reservoir was approved, order 250. The hanging baskets will be provided by ANSA, the other planting from Four Oaks - RB
- Price for hanging baskets to be provided for Buglawton - RB
- Efforts to be made to get Hightown involved in CIB, also ask Mossley – GW/All
- New shrubs are to be planted in the Park and some of the bed layouts revised. The aviary will be turned into an allotment. Need to install signs to say keep off the grass. Plaque to be based on rugby theme - RB
- Theme for NWIB is turning grey areas green and colourful - All
- Get the Chronicle to run some articles shaming some of the businesses particularly the national for not getting involved in CIB –JM/BH
- Carryout a survey of the state of shop frontages - RB
- Instead of running a front garden competition operate a nominate your neighbor for having an excellent front garden. A record can then be kept of the best to show the judges. Entrants to receive a certificate or something similar – PP/JM
- The Back to Back gardens will be replaced with a Space and Planets theme. But, the groups involved will have a wider scope than schools - PP

5. Thank You Day

To be organized on 4th February 6.30pm to 7.30pm include display boards from various groups within CIB as a thank you to those organizations and volunteers who assist with CIB - JM

6. Tatton

An invitation to display at Tatton flower show has been received, but, CIB will not be entering

7. International in Bloom

It was noted that there is no merit in becoming involved with this organization

8. Date of Next meeting

9am 6th February 2015



MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

9am Friday 5th February 2015

Present

D Brown (Chairman)
B Edwards
P Pinto
B Hogan
J MacArthur
R Bothey

1. Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance)

Apologies were received from Cllrs and N Price, D Parker, G Williams and E Clarke

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Notes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest

4. Preparation for 2015

- The Awards Evening went well with over 70 in attendance
 - Displays well received
 - Consider locating display elsewhere, library, High Schools etc.
- Roundabout plan new grasses, discuss with John Wheatley - RB
- Heath View and New Life Church need feedback sheets from judges
 - Heath View needs assistance in the garden
- NWIB Neighbourhood Awards
 - Write a letter on behalf of DB and suggest that the Queens Head, Railway, New Life Church, Daneside Theatre Trust and Church House enter NWIB – BH/DB
- Instead of running a front garden competition, operate a nominate your neighbour for having an excellent front garden. A record can then be kept

of the best to show the judges. Entrants to receive a certificate or something similar – PP/JM

- Involve businesses, Weatherspoon's the Banks, get their employees involved in the community
- Sponsorship from Siemens and other businesses, tubs, baskets roundabouts
- The Back to Back gardens will be replaced with a Space and Planets theme. But, the groups involved will have a wider scope than schools – PP
- Robbie Brightwell to organise a community walk on judging day

5. Date of Next meeting

9am 9th March 2015



9th March 2015



Police & Crime
Commissioner
for Cheshire

BREAKING NEWS

6 February 2015

BUCKING THE NATIONAL TREND IN SETTING A POLICE BUDGET FOR INVESTMENT

John Dwyer, Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire has today set the police budget which sees investment in policing and will lead to an increase in police officers on the streets of Cheshire.

John Dwyer explains: "An important part of my role as your Police & Crime Commissioner is to set the budget for policing in Cheshire. This is a decision that I do not take lightly. I need to fund the police to prevent and reduce crime, place victims at the centre of the services that the police deliver and protect the front line. This has been a challenging budget to set following the announcement by Government about future police funding. I have had to find £8 million savings to make sure that there is sufficient money to balance the books and achieve the aims in my Police & Crime Plan to create a truly victim centred service.

The root and branch review of the Constabulary that I instigated after my election, has allowed me to buck the trend this year as significant non-pay savings have been found. Work has been undertaken to make savings by changing the way contracts are negotiated, how frontline staff are supported by back office functions and in the way that the Constabulary is structured. These savings will help me meet the ongoing financial challenges set by the Government. When I speak to the public, they say that they want to see more officers on the beat and I have been working with the Chief Constable to shape policing for the future.

My aim is to achieve a visible, agile and well equipped service to meet the increased challenges of policing Cheshire such as the increased threats of child sexual exploitation and cybercrime.

Chief Constable, Simon Byrne said, "I am grateful to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the people of Cheshire for supporting the budget which will enable me to implement my plans to change the way the Constabulary works to improve neighbourhood policing. The development of a flexible and visible local police service, backed by a professional support function which is centralised and efficient, will result in a greater focus on those things that matter most to the public and support victims of crime".

The highlights of the planned improvements are:

- Stronger, more visible local beat patrols.
- More resources into local response and crime investigation, upskilling more police officers in investigative techniques.
- A stronger focus and greater resilience on key issues of concern, including child sexual exploitation, rape and domestic abuse and respond to the emerging threats of modern slavery and human trafficking.
- A growth of 53 additional police officers recruited by March 2016, and 131 extra officers aligned to neighbourhoods by the same date.
- Maintaining PCSOs to ensure that visibility and public engagement is maximised.
- Support for victims based on 'We're Here' principles – **we, the police, come to you, at a time and location to suit.**
- New technology to support mobile working and a programme of flexible software and systems to reduce the need for officers to spend time in stations is a key theme in this strategy. A wide range of methods for the public to access the police (online, local contact points, partnership working, face to face) will be maintained and further developed, to ensure accessibility.
- Importantly, capacity and flexibility will be maintained to respond to national threats of terrorism and cyber-crime. The crime recording function will be enhanced to ensure a high level of data quality.

John Dwyer added, "The budget I have set today will allow for additional investment in policing thanks to the support I have received from the public to increase the council tax for policing by £3 per year for an average Band D household.

Cheshire residents currently pay one of the lowest levels of council tax for policing in the country. The Home Secretary has given Police & Crime Commissioner's the freedom to raise council tax by up to 2%. A 1.97% increase in the police part of the Council Tax means an increase of under 6p per week. This supports an enhanced local policing service to support the new policing model and put extra officers on the streets, something that the public tell me that they want to see".

Editor's Notes

The Commissioner asked the public and business ratepayers whether they would be prepared to pay up to a 1.99% increase, £3/year for a Band D household. Consultation was launched on 5 January and ran until 16 January 2015. 1060 people completed the survey, 70% stated that they would be prepared to pay a 1.99% increase in council tax for policing. Based on number of households (439,335) this give a 95% confidence interval +/-3%

The Commissioner consulted business representatives on the 2015/16 budget and precept at a meeting on 19 January 2015. Without exception, a 1.99% increase in the policing precept approved by representatives of the business community.

For more information or to arrange an interview please call Anna Collins on 01606 364102 or e-mail anna.collins@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

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**ISSUES RAISED AND ACTIONS FROM THE
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WITH PARISH
COUNCILS & TOWN COUNCILS IN CHESHIRE
EAST, 9 DECEMBER 2014**



Police & Crime
Commissioner
for Cheshire

The Commissioner reported on a number of issues including the publication and distribution of his Annual Report 2013/14 to every household in Cheshire; the launch of the Rural Watch initiative which involved horse riding volunteers reporting suspicious behaviour within the rural community to the Police; the work of the Youth Ambassador and the work being undertaken by the Constabulary to identify savings and enable it to operate more effectively and efficiently and ensure that officers, PCSOs and Specials on the frontline were protected. The Commissioner reported that the Constabulary's performance was good with crime reducing and the crime solved rate increasing.

The following issues were raised by the Parish/Town Council representatives in attendance at the meeting:-

- (1) **Great Warford Parish Council** – *(question submitted prior to the meeting)* in light of the recently published figures regarding the number of accidents on rural roads being higher than motorways, what can be done about speeding traffic on unrestricted roads? Whilst speed controls are being applied in some villages and on 'A' roads in the area, it is the unrestricted country lanes which pose far higher risks to vulnerable road users whose numbers are increasing as government directives promote leisure and exercise.

The Commissioner had raised the matter with the Inspector of the Roads Policing Unit who had advised that unless the speed limits were being exceeded or the manner of driving was such that it was careless or dangerous in the prevailing circumstances, there was little that the Police can do to enforce any offences. Consideration could be given once consultation had taken place with the Highways Authority as to whether there was any intelligence that could be gained by using devices such as Speed Indication Devices or Speed Detection Radars which may give an indication of excess speed in the area. Should this be the case and there was no engineering solution possible, there may then be evidence to carry out enforcement action.

- (2) **Hough Parish Council** – raised concern about speeding traffic on Cobbs Lane and requested support for the introduction of traffic calming on the road, which had no footpaths and was dangerous for pedestrians. The Commissioner was handed readings from the SID which showed that 35.8% of traffic was exceeding the speed limit.

The Commissioner advised that the Parish Council should progress this issue with the Highways Authority and agreed to forward the traffic speed print outs from the SIDs to the Roads Policing Unit.

Roads Policing Unit's Inspector's response:-

I have consulted with my officers who feel that traffic calming measures may assist with the speeding issue. I would suggest, however that the Local Authority undertake some traffic speed measurements, as I do not believe that the collision data would support the introduction of traffic calming.

- (3) **Minshull Vernon Parish Council** – a Councillor reported that he had found drugs and drug paraphernalia in a local country lane and when reported to the Police, he had to wait two hours before an officer attended who then

advised him to ring the Council for them to be removed, when he questioned the officer that it may be evidence, the officer stated 'oh yes'.

Action:- *The Commissioner agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Area Commander.*

- (4) **Holmes Chapel Parish Council** – (1) expressed concern about HGVs travelling through the village following the introduction of a temporary weight restriction by Cheshire East Council. The local sergeant had advised the Parish Council that it was unlikely that they would be able to carry out any enforcement as this would involve the HGV having to be escorted to the nearest weighbridge and would take approx. 2 hours for each HGV. (2) Whilst the Parish Council were happy with the service of their PCSO, one of the conditions of the contract that they signed was that the PCSO would provide a monthly report on activities, etc, however nothing had been received since June 2012.

Action:- *The Commissioner agreed to raise (1) and (2) with the local Inspector and report back to the Parish Council.*

Local Inspector's response to (1):-

I understand that the weight restriction signs placed on the highway in Holmes Chapel cannot be enforced because there are issues with the signage and its compliance to current legislation. I understand a traffic management form was sent to Highways in November 2014 about this problem. As a result of this, there will be a joint site visit carried out on 9 February 2015 with local councillors, a police sergeant and highways.

Local Inspector's response to (2):-

Sergeant Snowden met with the majority of Holmes Chapel Parish Council on 10 January 2015 and this issue was not discussed. She will be meeting with them again on 9 February and I have asked her to raise this issue and resolve it to their satisfaction.

- (5) **Bunbury Parish Council** – expressed concern about vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit on A49 Bunbury Heath. The Roads Policing Unit were looking at carrying out some enforcement around the peak times.

The Commissioner advised that the Highways Authority should also be contacted.

- (6) **Congleton Town Council** – (1) expressed concern about traffic speeding through the town centre particularly at night; (2) enquired about whether there was any funding from the Commissioner for CCTV in the town; and (3) reported that a recent survey undertaken by Congleton Youth Council of 780 young people indicated that 97% felt safe in the day and 57% at night.

Action:- *The Commissioner agreed to raise issue (1) and (3) with the local Inspector. In relation to issue (2), the Commissioner advised that as the operation of CCTV in towns was a local authority responsibility, he was unable to fund any CCTV schemes from his Crime Prevention Fund.*

Local Inspector's response to (1):-

I have requested Sergeant Owens to make contact with the Town Council to establish the exact location of concern and then he will consider issues raised alongside the community speed management programme. To date, no reply has been received, however I will ensure that this is discussed and problem resolved.

Local Inspector's response to (3):-

A night time economy operation is planned for Congleton town centre to ensure high visibility patrolling, particularly at weekends. I will request Sergeant Owens speaks with the Youth Council to obtain further details that may assist the Police in targeting a particular area of the town in an effort to increase confidence of young people as per Congleton's Youth council's survey.

- (7) Shavington Parish Council** – advised that they were happy with their PCSOs and expressed a wish to roll on their 3 year contracts.

The Commissioner advised that the Parish Council should await clarity about the future funding of PCSOs following the outcome of a major review of the police budget in the light of the ongoing austerity measures.

The following general questions were raised:-

- (7) Was the Chief Constable's proposal to assign a dedicated Special Constable and a PCSO to every ward within the county still proceeding?**

The Commissioner confirmed that the proposal was being developed and that it would help improve links with the community including Parish Councils and agreed to ask the Chief Constable to ensure that Parish Councils were kept updated as the proposal progressed.

- (10) What is the target time to answer to 101 calls?**

Response from Force Control Centre Manager:-

101 calls come under the public non-emergency calls "banner" and as such the Constabulary's key performance indicator is to answer 80% of these calls within 30 seconds.

- (11) Are you confident that the PBB process will not impact on the current number of Police Officers and PCSOs?**

The Commissioner advised that the Chief Constable's Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) process was looking at how the whole organisation operated, with the aim of removing duplication and connecting departments and units more effectively, and where possible release savings to help meet the Government's spending cuts. The process would finish by December 2014, where a series of recommendations would be considered by the Commissioner and the Chief Constable. The Commissioner where possible, wanted to maintain the current number of officers and PCSOs and 100 police officers would be recruited by 31 March 2015.

- (12) When were the l pads to be issued to police officers?**

The Commissioner reported that funding had been allocated for the purchase of 250 Ipads, which would be a shared resource and enable police officers to load information onto force systems whilst out on patrol.

(13) When is the FOXi database to be introduced?

The Commissioner confirmed that the FOXi database was still being developed by the Constabulary.

Brian Hogan

From: POOLE, Barry <Barry.Poole@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 February 2015 09:36
To: Brian Hogan
Subject: FW: Congleton Town Council
Attachments: Congleton footpath report.pdf

Dear Mr Hogan,

Thank you for your email. The issues raised in the report are currently being investigated and or worksheets have been raised for remedial works to be carried out. Many have already been completed.

Many thanks

Barry

Barry Poole
Public Rights of Way
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From: BENNISON, Sharon
Sent: 16 February 2015 08:54
To: POOLE, Barry
Subject: FW: Congleton Town Council

From: Brian Hogan [<mailto:bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk>]
Sent: 13 February 2015 10:26
To: BENNISON, Sharon
Subject: Congleton Town Council

Congleton Town Council at its meeting of the Community, Environment and Services Committee held last week reviewed a report on the state of public footpaths in and around Congleton (enclosed)

Can you advise the Town Council when the 9 action areas identified in the report will be addressed and completed

Kind regards

Brian Hogan
Congleton town Council

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Brian Hogan

From: PEARSON-ADAMS, Steve <Steve.Pearson-Adams@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 February 2015 15:08
To: Brian Hogan
Cc: NOONAN, Carolyn
Subject: RE: Congleton Swan Bank

Dear Brian

Thank you for this information, however, I am not comfortable with this request as I will explain.

A Dropped Footway offers access onto and off of the carriageway and as such should remain unobstructed .
H Bar markings are advisory only and not a prerequisite for a dropped footway, leads to confusion long term.
Officers would be issuing to other road users and not disabled badge holders , discrimination?

I propose that until such time as Highways put in the H Bar we continue with a fair and balanced approach, issuing to all road users parked in contravention of the restriction. Carolyn could look at appeals, as set out on the reverse side of the Penalty Charge Notice, from drivers on an individual basis.

If Highways are expedient with getting the markings in ,then all this may be a mere formality.

Regards

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From: Brian Hogan [<mailto:bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk>]
Sent: 13 February 2015 12:39
To: PEARSON-ADAMS, Steve
Subject: Congleton Swan Bank

Steve,

A recent meeting of the Town Council's Community Environment and Services Committee the notion of introducing "H Bar" markings at a dropped kerb in Swan Bank in Congleton was considered. This issue has been discussed for some time as disabled drivers have unwittingly being parking next to the dropped curb to find they receive a parking ticket

CEC Highways have accepted that there is some confusion in this area and have agree to install "H Bar" markings. Whilst we await this work taking place, the Town Council is requesting that parking wardens be instructed not to ticket disabled drivers who inadvertently park in this area

We would very much appreciate your consideration in introducing this temporary change

Kind regards

Brian Hogan

From: customer.service@tesco.co.uk
Sent: 16 February 2015 10:39
To: Brian Hogan
Subject: TES6952846NI: Re your recent enquiry

Dear Brian

Thank you for your email.

I am very sorry you are disappointed with the way deliveries have been made to our Congleton express and you had witnessed delivery drivers reversing without a banksman. I am sure this is not what you expect from our store and I am sorry for the disappointment that has been caused.

To address your concerns, I have contacted the store and Andy Pimlott. He has asked me to pass on his apologies and advises me he believes that this is a very rare occurrence, as he has not dealt with a driver parking somewhere other than the correct loading bay (directly in front of the store's front doors) for well over a year. That being said he confirmed, the driver in question who delivers to us about 5 days each week, knows full well about the delivery process and has been informed again, not only by us, but by his Management Team after finding out about this incident.

With regards to reversing onto the car park or main road, Andy advised he is yet to see this happen since I have been at the store. He confirmed, whenever he is on morning shift he always make sure that he is the banksman for the deliveries. However, he will speak to the team to ensure all management do the same going forward.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this to our attention and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you could call us on 0800 505555/0330 123 4055, quoting reference number: 18326507, where my colleagues will also be more than happy to assist.

Kind regards

Sarah-Jayne Moynihan
Tesco Customer Service



..... Original Message

To: customer.service@tesco.co.uk
From: cr.enquiries@uk.tesco.com
Received: 13/02/2015

Subject: FW: Tesco Express Congleton

This is a confidential email. Tesco may monitor and record all emails. The views expressed in this email are those of the sender and not Tesco.

Tesco Stores Limited
Company Number: 519500
Registered in England

Councillor Denis Murphy, Town Mayor

Congleton Town Hall

Congleton

12th February 2015

Dear Councillor D. Murphy, Town Mayor

Re: - Travellers on Stonehouse Green Car Park.

Once again travellers arrived on the Stonehouse Green car park, it's becoming an annual event for them, easy access on to the car park, handy public toilets, play area of the market stalls for the children, and at night 7 floodlights lighting the car park for them, make as much noise as they want, no need of parking tickets, also plenty of space to dispose of rubbish what more could they wish for?

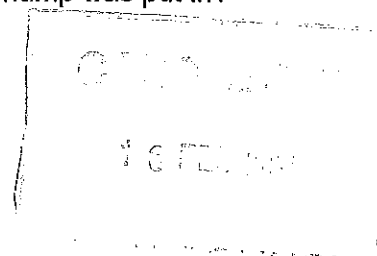
At the same time the hard working people of Congleton are left to find a parking space among the caravans and numerous cars / vans without parking tickets but they walk to the pay machine for a parking ticket to put on their car, in case the car park attendant comes round and issues them with a penalty notice!!! Then at night having to walk past the travellers and cars and caravans to their cars in the dark, not a very nice thing to do.

While this is happening there appears to be virtually no show of police or council help or support for the people of Congleton, things like closing the pay machines down so they don't have to be hassled when going to the pay machines, passing certain vehicle's without parking tickets on knowing they will not have a penalty notice issued to them, police or council patrols in the day and evening would also help

But obviously the Council worked in obtaining an eviction notice for the travellers which served its purpose as the travellers have left, unfortunately they did not bother to take their rubbish with them, this was left for the hard working street cleaners who have made an excellent job in clearing up the rubbish, including = poo, nappies, sick, discarded food, and general waste.

At first this cost is borne by the council but ultimately it is the council taxpayers of Congleton through their taxes who pick the bill up for the cleaning up, so not only are they put out by the travellers while trying to park and pay but also by having their council tax paying for the clean up after they have left, A double whammy.

The last time this happened there was talk from the Council of different ways they were looking at stopping this situation happening again, well it has happened again so nothing must have been put in place, there has been talk of barriers, but a speed hump was put in?



Could not a height barrier like other car parks have to help stop these instances happening be installed , when you add up all the hassle, lost revenue from car parking, council time, police time, street cleaners a height barrier would stop this, because I believe Stonehouse Green will be on a list for future stop offs for the travellers. It will be very interesting to see what the council decide to do.

Regards

A council taxpayer of Congleton

Cc Councillor Gordon Baxendale

Councillor John Saville Crowther

Refer to Communities committee. S