

RESIDENTS FORUM 5th October 2021
NOTES AND ISSUES RAISED.

The forum was attended by:

- Community Councillors
- Residents
- Local Police
- Neighbourhood Warden
- FCDCC Police Liaison Representative

The forum was an informal meeting where residents could raise any issues with the council and partners.

The following items were discussed during the evening:

Promoting the forum

A resident said it was disappointing not to see more people at the forum and a discussion was held about how to promote the meeting in future.

The forum had been promoted via social media, the website, the council newsletter and parent mail (sent out via local schools) and a poster at Delapre Abbey.

It was suggested that for future forums the following should also be used:

- Local noticeboards
- Increase prominence on website
- Down your way column – Chronicle and Echo
- Notices in shops and post offices

Note – following the meeting the clerk has contacted Radio Northampton and The Chronicle asking for support promoting future activities.

Neighbourhood Warden

The warden told everyone that she had issued S46 notices around Far Cotton. These notices explain how and when your waste should be presented. This had been done ahead of students returning. Once the S46 notice is issued it was easier to take action if people put rubbish out incorrectly.

HIMOs and fly tipping are areas of concern often raised by residents.

Local Police and Police Liaison Rep

There had been an increase in vehicle crime, and everyone was reminded not to have valuables on display.

Note- the full crime report can be found on the councils website

<https://www.farcottonanddelapre-cc.gov.uk/uploads/september-2021-crime-stats-report.pdf>

VOI Scooters / Electric Scooters

Complaints around VOI scooters continued.

The police said they were going to be running an initiative around the safe and legal use of e-scooters.

The police could seize scooters if they were be ridden illegally

It was agreed that an article on use of scooters and how to contact VOI would be good for the next newsletter.

Speeding / Road Safety

Speeding in various areas was discussed particularly in Rothersthorpe Road and around Delapre Primary School.

Various suggestions included, speed humps, 20mph zones, use of mobile speed camera, improving children's safety by installing additional railings outside Delapre Primary School, taking part in community speedwatch, installation of a zebra crossing near the Coop and post office.

Note – the clerk has contacted the community speedwatch team at Northants Police and asked for information on taking part.

Note – the clerk is arranging a site meeting with the Highways Liaison officer from WNC to walk through the issues raised.

Alleyway clearance

A resident had raised concerns about an overgrown alleyway near his property. It was felt that this could be something the council could support with WNC through organising a community clean-up. But that the council couldn't clear the alleyways for residents. (The alleyways are private property)

Home and resident safety

If any residents are concerned that their home may not be safe in case of a fire, they can contact Northants Fire Service who can arrange a home safety check:

Fire Home Safety Checks-

<https://www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/home-safety-checks/>

If any residents are concerned that their home may not be safe or that they lack the mobility aids they need or require adaptations to their home, they can arrange an assessment through the occupational health team. Residents can self-refer to this service.

Occupational Health

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/adult-social-care/living-at-home/Pages/equipment.aspx>

The meeting then broke for refreshments and informal discussions with councillors and residents.