Special Parish Forum Meeting with Inspector Dan Eveleigh

8th September, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Hinckley Hub

Report from Cllr. Davies

I attended the special Parish Forum meeting on the 8th September with Inspector Dan Eveleigh, held in the Hinckley Hub. It was chaired by Edwina Grant of HBBC. Councillor Morrell sent his apologies, but Councillor Ould was in attendance. About half of the 13 HBBC Parishes were represented. Here is a summary of the main points from the meeting:-

- 1.Inspector Eveleigh outlined the current approach of Leics. Police to determining priorities. The Police are attempting to be lean, responsive, and focussed. They are driven by a THRIVE methodology-threat, harm, risk, vulnerability and engagement.
- 2. Neighbourhood Policing Areas (NPA's) are used to identify problems associated with ASB and crime, and produce Problem Solving Plans (PSP's) in conjunction with partners.
- 3.A couple of computer systems are used to record information ('Sentinel' and 'Kinect'), but I got the impression that interrogation of information can be difficult. There were concerns expressed about the difficulty in obtaining crime information at a Parish level.
- 4.Key priority areas for the Police are currently Barwell and Earl Shilton Town Centres, and the Bagworth traveller site.
- 5.The Police are trying to improve engagement, both on the beat and through new initiatives such as social media. We were encouraged to raise issues through neighbourhood teams and by using the 101 non emergency number (which some present said was too menu driven-apparently in Warwickshire you can speak directly to an individual). Those present raised concerns about Police failure to respond to letters and emails. Inspector Eveleigh accepted that Police communication required improvement, and said he would remind people about this.
- 6.We had a lengthy discussion about speeding which is not a priority area for the Police, as serious incidents are low. However, most Parishes regard it as an important issue locally. There are various initiatives that could be considered (e.g. community speed watch; vehicle activated speed cameras; bin stickers; speed traps) but a traffic survey might be required before any specific Police intervention takes place.
- 7.It was agreed that speeding would be retained as a specific agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Forum.