

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
Held on MONDAY 7th December 2009
At
Thrybergh Comprehensive School

Present

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| Cllr Paul Lakin (Chair) | - | Valley Ward Member |
| J W Fielding (Co-chair) | - | Resident |
| A Newberry (Co-chair) | - | Resident |
| Mandy Ardron (Minutes) | - | Wentworth South Area Assembly |
| V Bryan | - | Wentworth South Area Assembly |
| Cllr A Russell | - | Silverwood Ward Member |
| Cllr P Russell | - | Silverwood Ward Member |
| Cllr D Pickering | - | Valley Ward Member |
| Cllr S Currie | - | Valley Ward Member |
| R Jackson | - | Streetpride |
| D Burton | - | RMBC Streetpride |
| R Kearney | - | SYP |
| S Tattershall | - | SYP |
| J Stockdale | - | SYP |
| G Palmer | - | SYPT |
| A Evens | - | Groundwork Dearne Valley |
| S Doeherty | - | Thrybergh Parish Council |
| A Scholes | - | Ravenfield Parish Council |
| V Twigg | - | Friends of Valley Park |
| C Shaw | - | Friends of Valley Park |
| J Rowe | - | Friends of Valley Park |
| J Gladwin | - | Rawmarsh Community School |
| T Aitchison | - | Rawmarsh Community School |
| P Hobson | - | Rawmarsh Community School |
| S Parkin | - | Rawmarsh Community School |
| B Sargeson | - | Rawmarsh Community School |
| M Finn | - | RMBC Community Protection |
| J Simmons | - | YPS |
| B Richardson | - | YPS |
| T Andrews | - | YPS |
| S Burrows | - | Resident |
| S Jones | - | Resident |
| C Cosgrove | - | Resident |
| J Dixon | - | Resident |
| J Malik | - | Resident |
| S Mbayiwa | - | Resident |
| C Podmore | - | Resident |
| G Sparks | - | Resident |
| L Gurner | - | Resident |
| K Makin | - | Resident |
| K Whitehead | - | Resident |
| D Smith | - | Resident |
| G Whitehead | - | Resident |
| P Shaw | - | Resident |
| E Shaw | - | Resident |
| J Darby | - | Resident |

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| N Brayshaw | - | Resident |
| L Ashurst | - | Resident |
| K Reeder | - | Resident |
| N Wright | - | Resident |
| J Dearden | - | Resident |
| R Copley | - | Resident |
| B Littlewood | - | Resident |
| S Parkin | - | Resident |
| P Cahill | - | Resident |
| D Waudby | - | Resident |
| G Dennison | - | Resident |

203. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Lakin introduced two local young people; John Wayne Fielding and Andrew Newberry and explained that they would be co-chairing the meeting with him.

204. Presentations from Local young people

Using a number of mediums including DVDs, CDs and photographs, young people aged between 11 and 17 presented and shared information about the positive projects they've been working on within the Wentworth South area. John and Andrew introduced the following;

The Studio Project – This project is funded by 'quids in' and based at Herringthorpe Young Peoples Centre. The music studio provides sessions for young people to take part in music lessons where they learn to play instruments sing and record songs. They explained that the most rewarding part was meeting new people, gaining confidence and helping with stress. They played their latest music CD and are now working on a follow up album.

Thrybergh Young peoples Centre Senior Volunteer Group – The group's young members have been training to support youth work staff with the planning of sessions at the centre.

Young Women's project – This project was set up by young women for young women, the sessions help improve confidence and self esteem as well as exploring being a parent through baby simulator projects.

Carnegie project – Andrew Newberry explained that the Carnegie project was a weight management camp that was funded by NHS Rotherham. He had attended in the summer and explained that in his experience the camp was not just about losing weight, it was more about meeting new people, having fun and being encouraged to get involved. Andrew not only lost 2 stone in 6 weeks he gained lots of confidence and was given the chance to try many new activities.

RCSV kids – the V Project, received funding from the Area Assemblies Devolved budget and was set up by young people to tackle environmental issues in the Rawmarsh area with support from Ground work Dearne Valley and the Valley Young Women's Project, a peer mentor and support group. They were working towards an ASDAN accreditation.

Wentworth South Challenge Club – The Wentworth South Challenge Group is made up of young people attending Dalton Young Peoples Centre who came together to explore the issue of anti-fascism. Each member secured individual funding to enable them to travel to Auschwitz and Krakow to learn more, they showed a film compiled of photographs depicting their emotional experience.

Cllr Lakin thanked the groups for all their hard work and contribution to the meeting and handed the chair over to John and Andrew.

205. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Cllr Wright, Cllr Stone, Cllr Whelbourn, Cllr Hamilton, S Pilley, J Colley, A Hutson, Mr and Mrs Broadhead, G Trickett , M Gazur, C Booth, W Billup, K Brisland C Williams, V Trimmer, D Rowley.

206. Minutes from the Area Assembly meeting held on the 28th September 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

207. Matters arising

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A request for something to be done regarding the noise made from Heavy goods vehicles travelling over Speed Humps on Hooton Road.

Ms Dearden had received a response form EDS regarding this matter, who reported that the speed of traffic had been reduced in this area.

Mrs Dearden still felt that this road would benefit from a weight restriction to reduce the noise made by heavy good vehicles, similar to other areas. She was advised to take this matter to the Silverwood Ward members.

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Broom Avenue Traffic Calming request – It was reported that the resident had not received a response from Matthew Lowe – planning and Transportation.

Action - Richard Jackson to chase this action and feedback response.

Response from Marc Hill – Traffic Liaison Officer – RMBC

I have spoken to Mr Shaw this morning by telephone (16/12/09). I have explained the situation with regard his request for traffic calming on Broom Avenue and also explained the criteria that we are required to use in order to justify funding such a scheme.

Whilst recent speed surveys do show that vehicles are generally travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit, the injury/accident database for the last 3 years only shows a single record. Therefore Broom Avenue would not be a priority for traffic calming at the present time.

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Ms Deardon reiterated her concerns of the lack of provision of flood defences and future planning for erosion of the riverbanks. She felt that sand bags should be stored locally in Kilnhurst for residents to access them easily in an emergency. The sandbags are currently being stored at Greasborough and Bramley depot which would be difficult to get if the roads were flooded.

David Burton – Director of Streetpride explained that sandbags had to be stored in a safe and dry place and although arrangements were currently in place he would contact Graham Kaye who could answer some of the technical questions regarding the possibility of sandbags being stored in Kilnhurst.

Action – David Burton to follow this up with Graham and contact Ms Deardon to discuss the possibility of the storage of Sandbags in Kilnhurst.

Response

Youth Shelter at Valley Park – The Friends of Valley Park thanked Cllr Currie for his letter of support for Valley Park published in the Rotherham Advertiser. They also reported that a bin had now been installed.

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Frequency of buses at Ravenfield – It was reported that from 25th October First Bus Company changed the bus time table to 1 bus every half hour, which is a much more suitable service for residents.

Hedges on Longfield Drive – Residents thanked Streetpride for their prompt action in cutting back the hedges within 10 days of it being reported.

The request for dog bins and fence repairs on Hollings Lane – Ravenfield Parish Council reported they have paid for the dog bin, which has now been installed at the site. They have spoken to Ogden's who have accepted responsibility for the gate and fence and will make the necessary repairs.

Pavements on Gerard Avenue opposite March Flats – Update from Richard Jackson, Streetpride (15/12/09) – 'I have taken a look at the area described by Cllr Russell and can confirm an area of defective footway was identified. The patch repair will be carried out as soon as practicably possible.

208. Questions from the public

1. A resident from the Brecks Lane area asked if hardcore could be put in the holes at the side of the road on Brecks Lane, and if the hedges that encroach onto the highway on the bend could be cut back.

Action - Richard Jackson to look into this.

Response

Richard Jackson - Streetpride Area Manager

'I have visited Brecks Lane with Amy Hutson and can confirm we will put road plainings into the pot holed area to provide a solid foundation and area for passing vehicles.

We did not identify any vegetation that requires attention.

2. A resident expressed her concerns regarding a number of elderly people who were not coping with the new alternative arrangements for the laundry services. The provider is costing residents more and the service is limited to only offering 1 wash per week at a price of £16.95. She wanted to let people know that the elderly are suffering due to the changes.

3. It was raised that Rotherham Hospice was facing financial hardship due to the Laundry Service Closure and would be in crisis if funding is not found. It was asked, 'Can RMBC give a donation to help with funding and will they provide future funding to cover the additional costs incurred?

Action - Vanessa Bryan will contact Shona McFarlane and John Doyle for a response.

Response

4. A member of the Friends of Valley Park thanked the Area Assembly team for their support of the Christmas Service in Valley Park. The event was very well attended.

5. It was asked if a dog bin could be provided for the entrance to the old Colliery site off Hollings Lane, it was stated that although this was privately owned land the bin would be welcomed by dog walkers.

Action – Richard Jackson to look at the site.

Response

Richard Jackson – Streetpride Area Manager

'I have visited the site with Amy Hutson and we agree that a dog waste bin at the entrance to the open space off Hollings Lane is a good idea. We will include this suggestion in the WSAA – Streetpride Devolved Budget for consideration in the new year.

6. It was reported that at around 3pm at the same area (Former Silverwood Colliery site) a white van was arriving containing around 10 dogs, the driver was letting them all out to roam around, this was causing an issue and it was asked if anything could be done.

Matthew Finn explained, the land was privately owned and that if permission had been given from the land owner then little could be done, although fixed penalties may be issued.

Action – Matthew Finn to get someone from his team to look into this.

Response

7. A question was raised regarding Blue Bags, it was stated that they often blow away when empty and in particular in some areas the people collecting them are throwing them back once empty which adds to the problem.

David Burton - Director of Streetpride explained that Streetpride was aware of these issue and that an officer was currently looking into an alternative to blue bags and changing the way they are collected. A review was underway and from April next year RMBC will be providing the service which. It was agreed that an officer would contact the resident to discuss her specific issues.

209. Agencies Reports

Rotherham Wardens – Craig Cornwall submitted the following report,

During 1st October to 1st December the Rotherham Wardens dealt with over 150 reports in the Area Assembly.

Anti-Social Behaviour complaints included:

Off-road motorbike or vehicle related nuisance on Doncaster Road, Thrybergh (isolated incident)

Damage and graffiti on Rosehill Park Hall

Damage to buildings x 8

Hooliganism/Loutish Behaviour and ASB (Alcohol related) on Thorogate and Bridleway

Missiles/Objects thrown on West Avenue and The Green

Games in inappropriate places on Longfellow Drive

General

1x Fixed Penalty Notice for litter

25 x Fly-tipping reports, with repeat incidents of tyres dumped on Herringthorpe Valley Road

Numerous dog fouling stings resulting in 3x Responsible Dog Owners Vouchers Issued

10x Graffiti reports removed

21x defective streetlights reported and fixed

General information

Wardens are currently recruiting for a special Junior Wardens scheme to be run from Rosehill Park Hall

A young offenders litter-pick took place at Hollings Lane with over a dozen bags of waste removed from the area

210. Partners and communities together and Crime Report

Inspector Tattershall gave the following update;
Wentworth South PACT update

CRIME DETAILS

Compared to this time last year we are seeing an 14% reduction in overall crime (300 less crimes)

Burglary dwellings have reduced by 40% (50 less crimes)

Burglary others have reduced by 25% (44 crimes)

Vehicle Crime reduced by 6% (16 crimes)

Drugs Possessions reduced by 23% (11 crimes)

Violent Crime reduced by 23% (85 crimes)

Criminal Damage reduced by 20% (110 crimes)

1842 crimes have been committed the police have detected around 30% (500)

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Compared to this time last year ASB incidents have fallen 7% (200 incidents)

Rowdy/Nuisance behaviour fallen by 10% (180 incidents)

News Stories

Following some binge, drinking two Parkgate youths were caught breaking into a car on Morley Street. They had also set fire to several wheely bins and more seriously lent through an open window and set fire to an OAP's curtains. Thankfully, nobody was hurt. One of the youths is remanded in custody and the other is in the care of social services. 2010 have terminated the tenancy.

One-night five dwellings were broken into at Dalton. The common theme was that they were all empty properties which are either ready for demolition or being refurbished. Two local men were captured in one of the premises and have been remanded in custody for burglary. The SNT are working with RMBC/2010 with regards security and empty properties. In future, properties will be alarmed and smart watered.

We have suffered a series of house burglaries in East Herringthorpe and Herringthorpe. Two brothers have been arrested. One of these as admitted 30 burglaries. He is remanded in prison.

Following a spate of vehicle offences, the police did a proactive operation around Sunnyside/Woodlaithes Village. A Sheffield youth was apprehended near the Woodman pub. Several vehicles had been attacked. The youth was charged with one offence and admitted a further seven offences.

Following extensive surveillance work, several warrants were executed simultaneously in the East Herringthorpe area. Drugs and large amounts of cash were recovered. Five people were arrested. The three main players are in prison awaiting sentencing.

Following a tip off we executed shop premises in Kilnhurst. 696 cannabis plants were recovered from these premises. They are value at around £200k. Two oriental males were arrested and are in prison awaiting sentence.

The SNT have completed an ANPR operation at Parkgate. Four arrests were made. Eight vehicles seized for no insurance. Three seized for not being taxed. We issued 12 endorsable fixed penalty notices. 5 non endorsable fixed penalty tickets. 2 notices for carrying waste with no licence

The SNT completed a Rogue Trader operation and checked 30 males with regard to their work and credibility. Some were local criminals and 5 were outside South Yorkshire. 3 were reported by Trading Standards for improper work practice. Over half have been referred to the Department of Works and Pensions suspected of claiming benefits.

The SNT have completed two motorbike operations since the last meeting. They have issued nine notices and seized three bikes. They have also recovered two stolen bikes.

Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh including Park Grove and Schoolfield Drive, set 27/10/09

We asked: **What issues concerned you most in your area?**

You said: **Nuisance Youths, Underage Drinking, Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental Damage and Criminal Damage between 1800 and 2200hrs.**

Date of priority: 27 Oct 2009

Approximate times of offence: 1800 - 2200 hrs

We did:

- Nuisance Patrols between 1800 - 2200hrs
- Lock and Load Event - 30/10/09 (See News Articles for More Info)
- 31/10/09 - 15 Units of alcohol seized from youths in the park with 3 letters being sent to parents of youths.
- 31/10/09 - 7 non functioning street lights reported in the park to Streetpride
- 31/10/09 - Tickets for Big Bang Event given free to local youths as a diversionary activity.
- 02/11/09 - Male arrested from park for possession of a bladed article.
- Following an SNT walkabout several environmental changes submitted to Wentworth South Area Assembly.
- Following liaison with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, seating to be removed from bus shelters on Thorogate.
- Youth forums being arranged through Rawmarsh Comprehensive regarding Issues around Rosehill Park.
- Saturday workshops to be arranged and delivered by SNT regarding binge drinking.
- Junior Wardens to be carrying out environmental work / cleanups in the park.
- 03/11/09 - Male arrested for Taking Vehicle Without Consent, No Insurance and No License
- 03/11/09 - 2 x Males arrested Dale Road for Public Order Offences.
- 04/11/09 - 5 units of alcohol seized from local youths. Letters to be sent to parents.
- 04/11/09 - Test purchase completed at all off-licenses in Rawmarsh & Parkgate. One failure, £80 fixed penalty ticket issued and referred to Trading Standards.
- 12/11/09 - Operation Rogue Trader in area
- 13/11 Male arrested wanted on warrant for failing to appear at court
- 5/11/09 - Male arrested for theft
- 16/11/09 - 3 Males identified kicking bins in park, to be dealt with by SNT, ABC's to be issued
- 17/11/09 - Male issued with £80 fine for public order offence at Thorogate Shops

- 20/11/09 - Lantern Walk with Local schools, SNT and Rotherham Green Spaces
- 20/11/09 - Vehicles and persons searched for drugs and alcohol although no drugs found. Several units of alcohol seized from youths
- Funding secured to fit the MUGA in the park out with lighting so it can be used in darker nights.
- £80 Fixed Penalty Notice Issued for supplying alcohol to under 18's
- £50 Fixed Penalty Notice Issued to a person under 18 for purchasing alcohol.
- 30/11 Male arrested for being drunk and disorderly
- 1/12/09 - Following a spate of graffiti offences in the park and surrounding area. One youth identified who will be the subject of a Restorative Justice Programme
- 1/12/09 - A female was arrested and charged with several shoplifting offences at garage and other local stores.

Meadow Close, Dalton - Set on 28/09/09 and re-set 27/10/2009

We asked: What issues concerned you most in your area?

You said: Environmental Issues, Housing and Neighbour issues on Meadow Close, Dalton

Date of priority:

28 Sep 2009

Approximate times of offence: All Times

We did:

- patrols made in the area on a regular basis
- 28/09/09 - Groundwork Dearne Valley working with local youths addressing environmental issues on footpaths and walkways.
- 30/09/09 -1 local male arrested FTA Warrant Doncaster / non-payment fine
- 01/10/09 - 2 residents arrested for non-payment of fines
- 15/10/09 - Male arrested for Assault on School Pupil
- 15/10/09 - Operation Rogue Trader within the area
- 16/10/09 - Operation Staysafe within the area
- 17/10/09 - Male arrested for Assault
- 18/10/09 - Male arrested following Domestic Incident
- 18/10/09 - Motorbike Operation carried out in the area

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- Patrols conducted in the area
- 31/10/09 - 4 Units of alcohol seized from a local youth and letter sent to parents.
- 03/11/09 - 3 Residents arrested for Possession With Intent to Supply Class A Drugs
- 04/11/09 - Warrant executed Meadow Close. Nothing found.
- 10/11/09 - 3 Males arrested for criminal damage
- 12/11/09 - Operation Rogue Trader conducted in area
- 27/11/09 male arrested for breach of bail conditions
- A male arrested on 3//11 failed to answer his police bail. He was arrested again on 4/12 where he was found in possession of further drugs. He is now charged and remanded in prison.

Shopping Precinct Chaucer / Browning Road, Herringthorpe - Set on 28/09/09

We asked: What issues concerned you most in your area

You said: Nuisance Youths, Youths Gathering, Environmental Damage including litter, around the shops on Chaucer Road / Browning Road, Herringthorpe

Date of priority: 28 Sep 2009

Approximate times of offence: 1800 - 2200hrs

We did:

- Nuisance patrols between 1800 and 2200hrs
- 28/09/09 - 02/10/09 -Seven litter tickets issued at Chaucer Road Shops.
- 28/09/09 - 02/10/09 Neighbourhood Wardens conducted environmental talks ("TOXIC") in assemblies in local Junior and Senior Schools
- Streetpride conducting environmental improvements to rear of Chaucer road shops with £2500 investment.
- 29/09/2009 - Uninsured vehicle removed under Operation Takeaway
- 29/09/2009 - Male arrested for Domestic Assault
- 01/10/2009 - Male arrested for Domestic Assault
- 01/10/2009 - Female arrested for Warrant
- 04/10/2009 - Male arrested for Drunk & Disorderly
- 07/10/2009 - "Grot Spot" clean up carried out around the shops. The environmental work to the rear of the shops has now been completed which was funded by Wentworth South Area Assembly
- 08/10/2009 - Male arrested in stolen vehicle
- 10/10/2009 - Male arrested for Damage
- 13/10/2009 - Local resident arrested for Fail to Appear Warrant at Doncaster Magistrates Court and Possession of a Controlled Drug

- 13/10/2009 - Female arrested for Assault
- 13/10/2009 - Male arrested for Drunk Driving
- Various Test Purchase Operations carried out in the area
- 15/10/09 - Operation Rogue Trader within the area
- 16/10/09 - Operation Staysafe within the area
- 18/10/09 - Motorbike Operation within the area
- 21/10/09 - Male arrested for Drunk Driving
- 23/10/09 - Local male arrested for Drunk & Disorderly and Assault PC
- 24/10/09 - Local male arrested for Criminal Damage to Vehicles
- 24/10/09 - Male arrested for Drunk Driving

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- Directed patrols in the area
- 02/11/09 - Male arrested and charged for Assault PC
- Following a series Drug Warrants executed on East Herringthorpe a local tenant has been charged and remanded for Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs.
- 3 Metal bars bent by local youths into a dangerous position reported to Streetpride for removal.
- 29/10/09 Youth arrested for arson after pushing lighted paper through a letter box. He will be subjected to the Restorative Justice Programme.
- 31/10/09 Local male issued with reprimand for Section 5 Public Order

- 12/11 Female arrested for a public order offence. She will be the subject of Restorative Justice.
- 14/11/09 - Male arrested for assault
- 17/11/09 - 2 Male youths processed for criminal damage to vehicles
- 17/11/09 - 1 Male and 1 Female youth processed for Arson at youth club.
- 22/11 Male arrested wanted on warrant for failing to appear at court
- 25/11/09 - 2 young people arrested following a fight. Both were reprimanded
- 28/11/09 - Male arrested for a public order offence after being abusive to the police

The new PACT Areas were set as
Chaucer Road,
Woodlathes,
Rosehill Park/Thorogate Shops.

It was suggested that Thorogate shops or Woodlathes Shops could be considered as the next Grot Spot clean up area.

Date of next PACT meeting is 6.30pm. on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at Thrybergh Parish Hall

Cllr Lakin wished every one a merry Christmas and a Happy New year, the next Area Assembly meeting will take place on

Monday 8th February at 6pm at the Bailey Suite, Rotherham