

Rother Valley South Area Assembly Meeting
2nd June 2008, 10:00am
Wales Village Hall, Wales

Present;

Cllr Jenny Whysall (Chair)	RMBC Elected Member
Garry Kemp	RMBC Streetpride
Carol Cockayne	Woodsetts Parish Council
Robert Woodhead	Woodsetts Parish Council
Gill Shaw	Wales Parish Council
June Thomas	South Anston Resident
David Thomas	South Anston Resident
Malcolm Hindley	Thurcroft Parish Council
Cllr Jo Burton	RMBC Elected Member
Tony Spillane	Wales Parish Council
Nigel Lee	Firbeck Parish Council
Barrie Marsh	Wales Parish Council
Rita J Alderton	Anston Parish Council
Joanne Picket	South Yorkshire Police
Shista Ashraf	RMBC Environmental Health
B Roe	Howard St. Tara Dinnington
Sgt. Craig Charlesworth	South Yorkshire Police
Ann Stewart	Active Regen
Alan Newby	Harthill with Woodall Parish Council
Gareth Dennison	Dinnington Guardian
Susan Thompson	Anston Parish Council
Margaret Marshall	Greenlands Tara
John Humphrey	Letwell Resident
Roy Mugglestone	Dinnington Town Council
Cllr Jane Havenhand	RMBC Elected Member
Marsha Rayne	Kiveton Park Primary Care Centre
Emma Smith	Kiveton Park Primary Care Centre
Pete Blanksby	Wales Parish Council
Audrey Gilbert	Wales Resident
Lynne Rowan	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Steve Richards	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Sarah Currer	RMBC Area Partnership Manager
Andrea Mason	RMBC Community Planning Officer
Helen Banerjee (minutes)	RMBC Community Support Officer

1. Apologies;

Insp. Richard Scholey, Beryl Howarth, Pauline Davies, Monica Carroll, Cllr Jacquie Falvey, Felicity Rowe.

2. Minutes of 07/04/08;

Agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising;

Steve Finley had informed the Area Assembly that the ranking for Lamb Lane was under 20 and the ranking for Walseker Lane was under 60 therefore neither of these roads meets the requirements for a full resurface at the moment. However, they will be checked regularly deterioration.

Consultation is being prepared for the suggested facilities on the Mcleans estate.

Tree preservation orders are not normally applied to Council owned trees however residents can request the orders to protect trees on their own property.

4. Feedback from the Chair

The Co-ordinating Group met on 12th May and the following issues were discussed:

- Future options for the Mobile CCTV camera project to ensure the cameras are kept within Rother Valley South. The group is looking into funding options.
- Streetpride Devolved Budget - this has been reduced by £5,000 but there is now a set amount for the next 3 years. A Task and Finish Group will be established to look at all the requests received.
- Andrea Mason provided an update on Community Involvement work which she has undertaken and an update will also be provided to the Area Assembly meeting.

Update from the Youth Shelter Project Group

- The group have met to discuss the issues surrounding the temporary youth shelter at Laughton Common which was badly vandalised. It was decided that the youth shelter would remain in Laughton Common until July as planned and it will then be moved to Greenlands Park. Funding is available for a permanent youth shelter in Greenlands Park. There will be a pilot with a temporary shelter, before any permanent fixtures are authorised.

Update from the Neighbourhood Action Group

- A clean up was organised by the group and took place in the Scarsdale/ Leicester Road area of Dinnington.

The Traffic Management Working Group took place 20th May. It is useful to have a separate meeting to discuss traffic management issues and the group is well attended. Issues discussed were as follows:

- Speed warning sign for outside Wales Primary has now been ordered
- Lay-by outside Wales Primary will be removed
- Speed warning sign in Laughton Common has been installed and there has been a positive response to this
- Carriageway resurfacing
- PCSO's are active re: parking issues
- School Safety Zones - looking at rolling out like the pilot taking place in Maltby but this will be reviewed when the pilot is completed

The speed warning sign in Laughton Common is activating at 20mph which means it is on most of the time.

A question was raised about the work at Wales Bar regarding traffic lights.

Cllr Whysall stated that there had been no definite dates given as yet and that the work was with consultants at the moment who are looking at sequencing and road markings.

The work should be completed this financial year.

Sue Thompson enquired as to whether the Highways department would look at hedges that cover road signs. The Area Assembly Team will enquire about this.

Action: Rother Valley South Area Assembly Team to enquire whether RMBC Highways would deal with hedges that obscure road signs.

5. Kath Atkinson Rotherham PCT

Kath stated that the old Health Authority used to determine how money was spent on services. Now GP's are in charge of their own budgets. Services across Rotherham are deemed to be generally good.

Consultation is currently taking place on access to services throughout Rotherham. The consultation will give patients the opportunity to voice their opinions on hospital services. It will also give the PCT the opportunity to look at how big a practice needs to be in order to meet the needs of the area it serves and to look at how surgeries listen to what the public say.

Work has been undertaken in Dinnington to improve the services available. A nurse is in place to increase access to appointments and another receptionist has been appointed. The telephone survey is being repeated however it is unlikely to reflect the recent improvements. The PCT work with the Doctor's surgeries to improve services however they do not dictate how a practice is run.

Jill Shaw stated that the first home visit by midwives is now taking place 4 to 6 weeks late. Rebecca Atchinson stated that she would investigate and feedback to the Area Assembly. Rebecca stated that there will be extra resources put into midwifery services due to an increase in the birth rate.

A Patients Survey took place recently. A representative of Anston Parish Council had not seen the survey. It was suggested that awareness should be raised around this type of consultation.

Members of the Assembly would like to know if the results of the patients survey are available publicly. Kath stated that she would check this out and if they were she would send them to the Area Assembly.

The Patients Survey was undertaken nationally, however there are no requirements for a certain number of surveys to be received from each area to make the results viable. Members of the meeting felt that the survey would be more meaningful if a set percentage were received.

Barrie Marsh stated that appointments should be available out of hours to accommodate working people.

The PCT are opening a new Health Centre in Rotherham Town Centre which will house a drop in surgery which will be open 7 days a week. Anyone will be able to use the centre and still be registered at their local GP's practice, this will help to give patients more choice about the care they receive.

Malcolm Hindley stated that there is growing dissatisfaction with the withdrawal of the Bath Nurse service.

The withdrawal of the service was a Local Authority decision and they are looking at putting arrangements into place to help those most at need.

Cllr St John stated that the issue needed to be taken up with the council.

Kath Atkinson stated that she would feed this information back to the relevant department.

Sue Thompson mentioned there are a number of problems at Dinnington Practice. For instance, the phones were out of order at the practice and one elderly resident had to travel to the surgery to make an appointment. When at the surgery the resident was then unable to make an appointment that day because of the time.

Rebecca Atchinson stated that she would take this issue to the Patient Liaison Group.

Pete Blanksby asked what service will be put into place in Wales to deal with the increase in numbers due to the new estate.

Kath Atkinson stated that there are no plans to extend in Kiveton Park but if there are issues they can be taken back to the PCT.

Audrey Gilbert stated that the practice in Kiveton Park is very good.

There are 4 Government targets that GP practices have to meet. These are;

- Patients must be able to get through on the phone to make an appointment;
- Patients should be able to see a GP within 48 hours;
- They should be able to see a health care professional within 24 hours;
- Patients can see a GP of their choice but must be prepared to wait.

Kath stated that these targets are generally met across the borough. Greenlands Tara hear continual complaints about the surgery from local residents.

Rita Alderton asked when the new reception staff would be in post. Rebecca confirmed that they were appointed at the start of April and there are 4 part time posts to cover two full time posts.

Rebecca Atchinson provided a power point presentation on pharmacy provision in Rother Valley South. Rebecca explained the application process for pharmacy's and the factors which are taken into account in the application process. This includes current provision, health requirements and population size and age.

There were 4 applications for additional pharmacies for Wales ward submitted last month.

It was asked where the pharmacy at Harthill would be situated. Rebecca stated that the location was as yet undisclosed.

Kath Atkinson stated that a licence will only be granted if a new pharmacy is deemed necessary and desirable

Pete Blanksby explained that the population of Kiveton is expanding and that there is now a wait of between 30 and 60 minutes to pick up a prescription.

Mrs Cockayne asked if pharmacies needed a special licence to deliver prescriptions. Rebecca explained that any pharmacy can provide the service and that it is down to the individual pharmacy.

Action: Rebecca Atchinson to investigate waiting times for midwife first visits

Action: Kath Atkinson to provide results of the Patients survey that has taken place to the Area Assembly

Action: Rebecca Atchinson to raise the issue of booking appointments at the surgery in Greenlands with the Patient Liaison Panel

6. Open Question Time

Pete Blanksby registered his concern about the number of take away food shops that were opening in Kiveton Park. Cllr Whysall said that she thought one had been turned down for planning permission quite recently and that she would find out more information.

Garry Kemp stated that he had carried out an inspection on the roads around Wales 2 weeks previously and that a number of defects had been rectified. Garry will continue to inspect the roads on a regular basis, following Government guidelines.

Time and Date of next meeting;

18:00- 20:00

6th October 2008

Anston Parish Hall