

**MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER, 2008
AT SILVERWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE, ROTHERHAM**

Present:-

Councillor Paul Lakin (Chair)	-	Valley Ward Member
Mandy Ardron (Minutes)	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
Darren Smithson	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
Councillor Dave Pickering	-	Valley Ward Member
Councillor Simon Currie	-	Valley Ward Member
Councillor Shaun Wright	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Councillor Neil Hamilton	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Councillor Glen Whelbourn	-	Rawmarsh ward Member
W Billups	-	Tenant Rep Rawmarsh AHP
P Woodcock	-	Resident
D Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
Ted Kelsey	-	Bramley Parish Council
Mark Ryalls	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Colette Williams	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd.
Sal Harwood	-	Rotherham Warden
Craig Flanagan	-	Rotherham Warden
Steve Kennaway	-	Rotherham Warden
J Rowe	-	Friends of Valley Park
V. Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
C. Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
Y Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
G Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
C. Booth	-	Neighbourhood Watch
Julie Sanders	-	2010
Amy Hutson	-	Streetpride
J Campbell	-	Rawmarsh Resident
Eric A Shaw	-	Resident
M Clark	-	NPT
Nathan Jarvis	-	Resident
Steve Tattershall	-	SYP
Glen Trickett	-	Community Rep
Neil Brayshaw	-	Resident
Kath Reeder	-	Resident
W J Darby	-	Rawmarsh North
Norman Wright	-	TARA
K Brisland	-	Dalton Parish Council

141. Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Lakin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

142. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Stone, Councillor Pat Russell, Councillor Ann Russell (all on other Council business), Lynne Hamshaw, B Littlewood, Pam Horner, Mike Gazur, Janet French, Gillian Palmer, Liz Booth, Caroline Langston, Ruth Fletcher-Brown, Richard Jackson.

143. Minutes and Matters Arising from Area Assembly Meeting of 13th October 2008

There were no other matters arising. Minutes were passed as a true record.

144. Action Table from 13th October 2008

Darren Smithson reported all updates from the action table. The following issues were raised;

The bridge at Birch Wood - a resident supplied 3 photographs of the bridge taken last year and stated that he felt the bridge was still not safe.

Action - It was agreed that the Area Assembly team will contact the Structures group for further discussion on the bridge and provide feedback at the next Area Assembly meeting.

Hollings Lane – A fence has fallen over near to the School

Action - Amy Hutson to look into this.

Vandalism to trees in Valley Park – A spokes person from The Friends of Valley Park informed the meeting that no further incidents had taken place since the October meeting.

Trees at Herringthorpe Arena – Amy Hutson explained the trees are scheduled to be cut next year.

144. Presentation

Darren Smithson gave a presentation on 'Climate change and the environment'

Interactive Stands

A number of information Stands were displayed around the Hall for residents to gather advice and information, these included; Rotherham Wardens, Groundworks Dearne Valley, Streetpride, Energy Efficiency, Recycling and waste management.

Presentation

Darren Smithson gave a summary presentation.

A follow up Area Assembly will be organised to discuss local action on the environment.

145. Agency Reports

Safer Neighbourhood Team Update – Inspector S Tattershall

CRIME UPDATE

Crime within our SNA is down 14% compared with this time last year. That is over 700 less victims. Vehicle crime is down 24%, Burglary other is down 17%. For the first time this year criminal damage is down. The main area that shows an increase is

burglary dwellings. Although this shows a 7% increase this only equates to 15 additional offences.

OPERATION FAWKES

Good rewards for our efforts. The emphasis is on the SNT's to provide additional patrols and arrange diversion activities. We aimed to target our hot spot locations such as Rosehill Park and Oldgate Lane. Between Oct 20th and November 8th we had

11% reduction of ASB in Wentworth South

53% reduction in Youth related ASB

2% reduction in criminal damage.

TRADING STANDARDS JOB

The team worked with Rotherham Trading Standards and executed a warrant at a Rawmarsh address. They recovered cannabis/cigarettes/dvd's and cash. 3 occupants were arrested. The cigarettes had a total value of £785k. The seizure at George Place is the largest seizure by any Trading Standards Office in the country this year.

A Rawmarsh male was arrested after being seen running from a vacant Parkgate Shop. When we returned to the shop we went on to discover a massive cannabis cultivation factory. The value of cannabis recovered is believed to be in excess of £500k. Enquiries are continuing.

Working with the PCT the team executed warrants at 2 Rawmarsh addresses and a Rotherham Gymnasium. They arrested 2 men, recovered 10k of class C drugs and 9k cash.

We dealt with a serious assault at the Rosedale Garage when a group of local youths attacked an Asian male using the garage. We have arrested 3 youths. One youth has admitted assault and damage and is due to be charged.

2 of the team were in search of a wanted person at a Rawmarsh address when they saw a male throw what turned out to be 5 wraps of heroin. After his arrest they searched the house and found 2 other males secreted in a cupboard. One was wanted on warrant and the other wanted for damage. A week later on another visit we discovered 3 cannabis plants being cultivated. The tenant was cautioned. The ASB have served notice on the tenant.

We have had issues at Woodlathes Village. We have processed 3 Sunnyside youths for an assault. Several other Sunnyside youths need processing for a Criminal Damage offence. Following a police operation we have issued several ABC's, ASBO warning letters. Wickersley Comp has been visited. We are also working with Dalton Parish Council to arrange some environmental changes

2010 Update – Colette Williams

Colette's report outlined the following,

- Local community surgeries,
- Chesterhill Avenue Intensive Estate Management,
- Area Housing Panels,
- Key Players Initiative,
- and Walkabouts.

For further information contact a customer service advisor on 01709 336588

146. Questions from the Public

Q. Can you give any further information on what is happening with Herringthorpe Leisure Centre and when it is going to be demolished?

A. The centre has been made as secure as possible, tenders have gone out for demolition and it is anticipated that it will be demolished within the next two months.

Q. A resident raised concerns that the old Doncaster gate hospital and asked if it was going to be demolished, she asked people who would like to preserve the building to make their views known.

A. The Area Assembly team will find out information on the future plans for the building and feed back at the next Area Assembly meeting.

147. Date Time and Place of Next Meeting

Monday 9th February 2009 at Ryecroft Methodist Church at 6pm