

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2009
AT THE TOWN HALL

Present

Cllr Paul Lakin (Chair)	-	Valley Ward Member
M Ardron (Minutes)	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
V Bryan	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
J Colley	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
Cllr S Currie	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr D Pickering	-	Valley Ward Member
C Booth	-	Resident
R Cross	-	Resident
B Bentley	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
I Sanderson	-	Resident
L Sanderson	-	Resident
N Brayshaw	-	Resident
G Trickett	-	Community Representative
L R Bostock	-	Resident
J Rowe	-	Friends of Valley Park
A Hutson	-	Streetpride
A Scholes	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
D Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
N Wright	-	Resident (TARA)
K Reeder	-	Resident
J Campbell	-	Resident
M R Cadman	-	Resident
J Paine	-	Resident
L Ashurst	-	Resident
W Ashurst	-	Resident
S Doeherty	-	Resident
G Hall	-	Resident
J Dearden	-	Resident
D Swallow	-	Resident
J Billips	-	Resident
S Tattershall	-	South Yorkshire Police
C Williams	-	2010 Ltd
S Philly	-	South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

167. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Lakin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Assembly Team

168. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Stone, Cllr P Russell, Cllr A Russell, Cllr N Hamilton, Cllr S Wright, Cllr G Whelbourn (all on other Council business) R Copley, M Gazur, R Fletcher-Brown, H Cahill, Mr Darby, K Brisland, V Twigg, C Shaw and L Hampshaw.

169. Minutes from 31st March 2009, matters arising and action table
Minutes were passed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes

Junction at Green Lane near Rawmarsh Police station – a question was raised to whether any further information was available regarding possible road safety measures to address the dangers faced at this junction. Parked cars are causing obstructions and vehicles mounting the curb when turning left are making it dangerous to pedestrians.

It was stated that transport officers were aware of the issues at this particular junction and were exploring possible schemes to address them. It was agreed to leave this issue on the minutes and the Area Assembly Team would contact the relevant officers for an update.

Birch wood – Mr Campbell questioned why we were still awaiting a response. Cllr Lakin explained that as soon as we did receive a response the Area Assembly team would contact Mr Campbell with an update.

Action – Ask Richard Petts how many complaints have been received by people unable to access the footpaths due to the motorbike barriers.
Action – A site visit to be arranged with Richard Petts, Paul Spivey, The Area Assembly Team, Elected members and Mr Campbell to look at issues raised.

Meals on wheels and the laundry service

A number of questions and concerns were raised by members of the public regarding the loss of the laundry service.

Vanessa Bryan agreed to go back to Shona Mcfarlane for clarity regarding these concerns but expressed that she needed to be clear in what questions she was asking, it was agreed that the following questions be raised,

- Where can we send our washing?
- Who are the providers that are suggested in the letter and can we have a list of all these suppliers?
- What is the consultation process on the laundry service, when will it be undertaken and when can we find out the results?

Matters arising and update from the action table.

Banking at Hollings Lane – Julie Colley has spoken to Richard Jones, the Enviro-crime officer and they have decided to organise a multi agency meeting including a representative from the allotment society to look at possible ways of addressing issues with fly-tipping and littering.

Bi-law regarding dangerous dogs – this was reported in October, Julie Colley will contact Richard Bramall for an update on progress.

Motorbikes on Herringthorpe Playing fields – Richard Kearney, PCSO Supervisor has visited the resident to gather evidence and this has been passed on to the relevant SNT officer, Rupert Chang from Rotherham South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

It was reported that the Motorcycle nuisance hot line seems to have been discontinued.

Action – Hotline numbers for agencies be distributed at the next Area Assembly meeting.

The grave yard at Thrybergh Cemetery – Julie Colley has spoken to Mr Bentley who is going to take this issue to Theybergh Parish Council to be discussed.

170. Rotherham Renaissance Presentation

Alison Hall, the Renaissance Marketing Officer from Town centre Management gave a presentation on the Rotherham Renaissance development plans and answered a number of questions from members of the public.

She agreed to gain information and send feedback to the Area Assembly on the following points;

- The new Health Centre in Rotherham has been built on the Riverside. What measures have been put in place to prevent the car park suffering from flooding and from possible erosion of the land by the water?
- Some buildings in Rotherham are being demolished which have only been built in the last 30 to 40 years, taking this into consideration, how long are the new buildings going to last?

(A copy of Alison's presentation is available from the Area Assembly Office)

171. Agencies Reports

2010 Ltd

Colette Williams reported the following; Neighbourhood Champions and Neighbourhood housing Officers from the Wentworth South Neighbourhood Team have continued to deliver Estate Action Days.

The purpose of the Estate Action days is

- To carry out tenancy verification
- To ensure that tenants are abiding by their Tenancy Agreements
- To address estate management and Anti social behaviour issues by identifying areas that may not necessarily be living up to the safer, cleaner, greener agenda and then through positive partnership working take actions.

In the last 3 months Estate Action Days have taken place in the following areas,

- **Rawmarsh & Parkgate** – Albert Rd, Hollybush St, Bradbury Close, Netherfield Lane, Spalton Rd and Marsheall Close

- **Herringthorpe** – Swinburne Place, Durham Place, Chaucer Rd, middle Lane South, Wickersley Rd.
- **Thrybergh Area** – St Leonards, Gerrard Avenue and Staple green

Programmes for Estate Walkabouts for each of the Neighbourhood Champions patches area available and anyone is welcome to be involved. All enquiries please contact 01709 336588

Intensive Estate Management Pilot Chesterhill

In April 2009, as part of 2010's commitment to the Intensive Estate Management Pilot, the Neighbourhood Champions co-ordinated an Impact Week with the Neighbourhood Pride Team and other partner agencies.

Activities included

- Tenancy verifications
- 2 community skips, funded by housing Market Renewal
- Litter picks on Wootton court, supported by RMBC Neighbourhood Wardens
- An evening walkabout attended by 2010 and South Yorkshire Police.

A big thank you to all community reps and partners for their participation during Impact Week.

Local Community Surgeries

- Each of the Neighbourhood Champions have now organised a programme of regular community surgeries on their patches.
- These are informal drop-in sessions open to everyone.
- Their purpose is to bring 2010 out into your community with an aim of providing you the opportunity to tell us how you feel about your neighbourhood, as well as finding out how to get involved with 2010.

Action – a copy of the dates of the surgeries to be circulated with the minutes.

Other ways to get involved with 2010 are Area Housing Panels, Key Player Initiative and Walkabouts; further information on all these can be obtained from the Rawmarsh Neighbourhood Office or at any other of their customer access points throughout the borough.

Streetpride

Amy Huston explained that the Streetpride Devolved budget proposals were almost complete and she would be updating the Area Assembly on this in the near future.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Shaun Pilley reported that ASB fire had gone up from last year but this could be due to the school holidays

He explained that Arson cycle teams were being used to identify hotspots and potential areas of concern.

Empty properties that had been left and not sufficiently boarded up were a main area of concern.

Shaun explained that the general figures showed that fires were not up on last years figures.

South Yorkshire Police

Inspector Steve Tattershall gave the following report

	<u>Crime Details</u>		
	Year Ending April 2009		Year to date
All Crime	3625 offences	-14.5%	-90 offences
Burglary Dwelling	200	-5.7%	-1
Criminal damage	156	- 7.8%	-43
Drugs Possession	83	-38.1%	-6
Drugs trafficking	37	-7.5%	
Vehicle Crime	417	-27.1%	-2

Following a knifepoint robbery at a Rawmarsh Shop we arrested 2 people whom had recently moved into the area from Liverpool. They are both in prison on remand.

A Rawmarsh man recently released from prison went on the run after committing a series of burglaries in the Rawmarsh area. He was arrested committing a burglary in Derbyshire. He has admitted a number of offences and is currently back in prison.

We have executed a warrant on Marlowe Road. The occupant was processed for the cultivation of 10 cannabis plants.

An East Herringthorpe youth was arrested and admitted breaking into 10 vehicles in the Herringthorpe and East Dene areas.

2 local youths were captured with stolen property from a burglary on Pingles Crescent. They are currently on bail.

During a joint visit with 2010 we discovered cannabis being cultivated at an address on St Leonards Ave at Thrybergh. The occupant was arrested and is currently on bail.

We executed a warrant at the Brecks. Although we only found a small amount of cannabis the occupant was clearly dealing. We seized £3000 from him. He is currently on bail.

A Dalton man who has targeted number of local shops to fund his drugs habit was eventually arrested on Meadow Close, Dalton. He admitted 11 thefts over a 2-week period. He was charged and is in prison.

A Dalton male committed a local burglary. DNA was left on the television at the premises. He has been charged and is currently in prison awaiting sentence.

Business premises in Parkgate/Barbot Hall have been the subject of a series of thefts and burglaries. On separate occasions we have arrested 2 men from Barnsley, 2 men from Swinton, a Rawmarsh man and a Parkgate man. With the exception of the Parkgate man they have all been charged with criminal offences.

172. Questions from the public

Q A number of badly damaged concrete bins have now been removed in Thrybergh but not replaced, can these be put on the Streetpride Devolved Budget.

Action - Amy Hutson to include on the Streetpride Devolved Budget recommendation list.

Q. The roads and streets around Chaucer Road shops have lots of litter, can streetpride provide a litter picker?

Action – it was reported that this is carried out twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday but it may be a timing issue, if it is done after School closes it may be more effective as lots of litter seems to be dropped after school.

Amy to pass these recommendations on to Streetpride.

Q. There are a number of gaps in the trees on Herringthorpe Valley Road would it be possible to have these replanted?

Action – Amy Hutson to report this to the appropriate officer.

Q. There are 4 bins on Vale road that do not get bin liners put in them, they often overflow and are very unhygienic, can anything be done?

Action – Amy Hutson to report this to streetpride and feed back at the next meeting.

Q. Issues where raised by residents concerned about the dangerous Traffic outside schools in particular Rawmarsh Rosehill Junior School, Kilnhurst Road. Issues with irresponsible parking during drop off and pick up times and cars parked on the Yellow Lines.

A scrutiny review is currently underway regarding these issues and Cllr Currie encouraged people to write down their concerns in a letter and send them in to show support for the review.

Make It Safe – the School run DVD is a new pilot scheme that has been developed by the Wentworth South Area Assembly, Wentworth South Safer Neighbourhood Team and RMBC Road Safety team.

The Pilot will be delivered in all 21 primary schools in the Wentworth South Area. A DVD and information booklet has been produced that will be show in School to pupils who will each get a copy to take home (around 4,000 pupils)

The project was developed as a possible solution to concerns regarding dangerous and irresponsible parking outside schools.

The aim is to get Children to influence the habits of their parents and their own habits, and not only outline the dangers of irresponsible parking but to highlight healthy alternatives to getting to school.

Rawmarsh City Learning Centre (CLC) and Wentworth South Devolved budget have jointly funded the project. Local pupils were involved in acting, filming, animation, writing the music, playing & singing the song and 20 local young people have gained a level 2 qualification in Interactive Media (equivalent to GCSE grade B)

Q. A resident requested that a speed camera be sited on Middle Lane South on the stretch of Road from Herringthorpe leisure centre to the Park Hotel. He said there were a large number of cars speeding and they were overtaking dangerously.

Action – this will be referred to the appropriate officers and feed back will be provided at the Area Assembly.

173. PACT – Inspector Steve Tattershall

The 3 New priority areas set for this month's PACT are

- Brecks - Listerdale Shops
- Rawmarsh - Rockingham Road, Rockingham House
- Thrybergh - Oldgate Lane and the roads off Oldgate Lane.

Inspector Tattershall suggested that Bellscroft was left for a month and revisited to see if there were still ongoing issues in this area.

174. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 16th June 2009
6pm
Rawmarsh Comprehensive School – (Sports Hall)

WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY: OUTSTANDING ACTION TABLE

Update Table for Wentworth South Area Assembly meeting from 6th May 2009.

	Issue	Action	Lead Person	Progress
1	Birch Wood - concerns regarding the barriers that have been put in at each entrance to stop motorbikes. These are preventing access to wheelchairs and pushchairs and questions were raised to whether they were still needed.	Area Assembly team to chase up a response from Richard Petts and find out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many complaints have been received by people unable to access the footpaths due to the motorbike barriers • Arrange a site visit with Richard, Paul Spivey, Area Assembly, Elected members and Mr Campbell. 	Area Assembly team	Julie arranging a site visit for 17 th or 19 th June 09
2	Banking at Hollings Lane – Reported issues with regards to fly tipping and littering near to the allotments on Hollings Lane.	A multi agency meeting to be arranged, to include a representative from the allotments society to look at preventative ways of reducing the amount of fly tipping incidents.	Area Assembly Team	Meeting is arranged for 11 th June at 10am , an update will be given at the Area Assembly meeting.
3	Meals on wheels and the Laundry service What is the alternative to the Laundry service that currently collects and cleans infected laundry and is due to close in May 2009? What are the families that use this valuable service going to do? What is going to happen to the Laundry building and equipment?	Vanessa Bryan to go back to Shona McFarlane and ask the following questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where can we send our washing? • Who are the providers that are suggested in the letter and can we have a list of all these suppliers? • What is the consultation process on the laundry service, when will it be undertaken and when can we find 	Vanessa Bryan	

		out the results?		
4	Can the Area Assembly give an update on the bi-law regarding dangerous dogs? There is still issues of dangerous dogs not been kept on a lead on Herrignthorpe playing fields.	Julie Colley to contact Richard Bramall for an update.	Julie Colley	Julie has emailed Mathew Finn for an update
5	A list of hotline numbers for agencies to be given out at the next Area Assembly	Area Assembly team to compile a list of emergency numbers	Area Assembly team	Circulated with minutes
6	Junction at Green Lane near Rawmarsh Police station – a question was raised to whether any further information was available regarding possible road safety measures to address the dangers faced at this junction. Parked cars are causing obstructions and vehicles mounting the curb when turning left are making it dangerous to pedestrians.	It was stated that transport officers were aware of the issues at this particular junction and were exploring possible schemes to address them. The Area Assembly Team would contact the relevant officers for an update.	Vanessa Bryan	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Health Centre in Rotherham has been built on the Riverside. What measures have been put in place to prevent the car park suffering from flooding and from possible erosion of the land by the water? Some buildings in Rotherham are being demolished which have only been built in the last 30 to 40 years, taking this into consideration, how long are the new buildings going to last? 	Alison Hall to gain information and send feedback to the Area Assembly on the two questions raised.	Alison Hall	Information will be given out at the next Area Assembly meeting
8	2010 Community Surgeries Each of the Neighbourhood Champions have now organised a programme of regular community surgeries on their patches.	Collette Williams to provide the Area assembly with a copy of the surgery dates to be circulated with the minutes	Colette Williams	Circulated with the minutes

9	A number of badly damaged concrete bins have now been removed in Thrybergh but not replaced, can these be put on the Streetpride Devolved Budget.	Amy Hutson to include on the Streetpride Devolved Budget recommendation list.	Amy Hutson	
10	The roads and streets around Chaucer Road shops have lots of litter; can streetpride provide a litter picker?	It was reported that this is carried out twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday but it may be a timing issue, if it is done after School closes it may be more effective as lots of litter seems to be dropped after school. Amy to pass these recommendations on to Streepride.	Amy Hutson	
11	There are a number of gaps in the trees on Herringthorpe Valley Road would it be possible to have these replanted?	Amy Hutson to report this to the appropriate officer.	Amy Hutson	
12	There are 4 bins on Vale road that do not get bin liners put in them, they often overflow and are very unhygienic, can anything be done?	Amy Hutson to report this to streetpride and feed back at the next meeting.	Amy Hutson	
13	A resident requested that a speed camera be sited on Middle Lane South on the stretch of Road from Herringthorpe leisure centre to the Park Hotel. He said there were a large number of cars speeding and they were overtaking dangerously.	This will be referred to the appropriate officers and feed back will be provided at the Area Assembly.	Area Assembly Team	"The current rules for the use of safety cameras are contained in the <i>Handbook of Rules and Guidance for the National Safety Camera Programme for England and Wales 2006/07</i> . Rule 7 in the handbook sets out the 6 criteria for proposed sites, all of which have to be satisfied for a safety camera to be installed. This site fails on rule 4 which relates to the number of killed and serious injury collisions. To justify a safety camera a fixed site needs to have at least three fatal or serious injury collisions in a three year

			<p>period and a mobile site needs at least one fatal or serious injury collisions in a 1km length in a three year period. Our accident database shows that on Middle Lane South there have only been nine slight injury accidents in the previous three years. Regrettable though it may be, this site does not meet the criteria for the installation of a safety camera."</p> <p>Response from Matthew Lowe Traffic Management RMBC</p>
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