

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
 AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
 HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2009
 AT
 RAWMARSH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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 D Pickering	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr A Russell	-	Silverwood Ward Member
Cllr P Russell	-	Silverwood Ward Member
Cllr S Wright	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Cllr N Hamilton	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
T Kelsey	-	Bramley Parish Council
B Bentley	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
A Scholes	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
D Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
J Rowe	-	Friends of Valley Park
C Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
Brian Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
Valerie Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
J Rowe	-	Friends of Valley Park
N Brayshaw	-	Resident
N Wright	-	Resident
K Reeder	-	Resident
J Dearden	-	Resident
D Swallow	-	Resident
J Billips	-	Resident
W Billups	-	Resident
P Mason	-	Resident
H Cahill	-	Resident
P Cahill	-	Resident
R Copley	-	Resident
C Hitchens	-	Resident
T Williams	-	Resident
T Broomhead	-	Resident
J Broomhead	-	Resident
C A McCormick	-	Resident
T Buttle	-	Resident
J Wilson	-	Resident
A Gent	-	Resident
M Wooding	-	Resident
T Wooding	-	Resident
D Brown	-	Resident
C Williams	-	2010 Ltd

J Millea	-	RIDO
S Tattershall	-	South Yorkshire Police
R Kearney	-	South Yorkshire Police
M Finn	-	Community Protection
C Williams	-	2010 Ltd
A Fawdry	-	Streetpride
R Fletcher-Brown	-	NHS Rotherham
P Spencer	-	NHS Rotherham
M Bhurtun	-	NHS Rotherham
K Al-Alawy	-	NHS Rotherham

175. Welcome and introductions

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

176. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Stone, Cllr S Currie, Jeff Broadhead, Yvonne Broadhead, Lynn Hamshaw, Andy Wright, John Healey MP, Glen Trickett, Shaun Pilley, Jackie Abrams, Colin Booth, Caroline Langston, Barbara Littlewood, Amy Hutson, Gillian Palmer, Pam Horner and Sandra Docherty.

178. Minutes from 6th May 2009, matters arising and action table

Minutes were passed as a true record with the following changes 'erosion of the car park' and not 'erosion of the land' on page 3.

Matters arising from the minutes and Action table

1. Birch Wood – Julie Colley explained that a site visit had been arranged for the 19th June, the people due to attend were Cllr Wright, Mr Campbell, Paul Spivey, Ian Kennedy, and Area assembly Staff.

2. Banking at Hollings Lane – Julie Colley explained that a multi agency meeting had taken place, and the following actions were agreed; to look into the possibility of installing a mobile CCTV camera opposite the entrance of the allotment to monitor who was entering and leaving the site. Streetpride to remove the tyres and fridges, the allotment society to call a meeting of its members to remind them of their responsibilities and to inform them that they were jointly liable to pay for the clearing of the site.

3. Meals on Wheels and Laundry Service

The following response was given by Shona McFarlane to questions raised at the last Area Assembly meeting;

Where can we send our washing?

Everyone will receive an assessment of their needs at which their laundry needs will be discussed.

Who are the providers that are suggested in the letter and can we have a list of all these suppliers?"

There are some launderettes and other local services. People will be informed during their assessment if there is a local provider. This will only be suitable for a small number of people and consequently solutions will be looked at on an individual basis.

What is the consultation process on the laundry service; when will it be undertaken and when can we find out the results?"

Consultation is currently underway through the assessment process. A report will go to Cabinet member in July of final decision.

4. Dangerous Dogs - Mathew Finn explained that public consultation was currently underway and he would keep the Area Assembly informed on further progress.

6. Junction at Green Lane – Vanessa Bryan explained that an officer was looking into this and she would report back at the next meeting.

7. Alison Hall sent the following update,

The NHS Centre – The building is safeguarded against flooding to a 1 in 100 year protection standard, however the car park is not and by building the car park it has disturbed part of the canal wall. This is an issue that the developer (owner of the building) is aware of, and discussions are being had with British Waterways and the building's insurers as to who is responsible for carrying out the works and paying for the damage to be put right.

The site wasn't affected in the flood events (2007) nevertheless the building is built on a raised platform to achieve the 1 in 100 standard.

Life Span of new buildings - project officers have fed back that the new buildings have a life expectancy of 50- 60 years.

9. Amy has included the replacement of the bins at Thrybergh in the Streetpride Devolved budget. There is a public meeting on Friday 3rd July at Dalton Parish Hall at 10am to look at the Devolved Budget.

10. An update from Amy will be given at the next meeting on Chaucer Road Shops.

11. The gaps in the Trees at Herringthorpe have been reported to the trees and woodlands department.

12. An order has been placed for the cleansing of the bins on Vale Road, once this has been carried out bin liners will be provided in the bins.

179. Presentation by Ruth Fletcher-Brown, Public Health Specialist NHS Rotherham

Health Specialists from NHS Rotherham gave a presentation title 'How can we work in partnership to improve the health and well-being of people in Wentworth South Area Assembly'

The presentation included information on Health trainers, breastfeeding and Tobacco Control.

Residents were asked the following questions regarding Health trainers in Wentworth South;

- What venues would people use?
- Where is it easy for people to get to, using public transport?
- How can we advertise Health Trainers in this area?

Anyone who would like to express their views on the above questions can do so by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 336772.

The following advice was given regarding Swine Flu

- Hand Hygiene- **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**
- Identify flu buddies
- If you are ill **do not go out**- ring your GP or NHS Direct 0845 4647
- Your Flu Buddy will be able to collect anti viral medication if you need it
- Do not try and collect the medication yourself, you will be turned away
- Make sure you have supplies of paracetamol/cold remedies at home

180. Agencies Reports

2010 Ltd - Colette Williams

Colette gave an overview of her report which included information on Tenancy verifications at Rawmarsh, Dalton, Thrybergh and Ravenfield.

Colette gave the following information on the 2010 Rotherham Ltd Garden Competition 2009

Show off your gardening skills and win up to £150

2010 Rotherham is launching Rotherham's first Garden Competition for council tenants and leaseholders.

The Garden Competition aims to reward those tenants and leaseholders who make a real difference to their areas by taking pride in their gardens.

Hopefully it will encourage others to do the same.

A competition will be held in each Area Assembly of Rotherham with 3 categories:

- best entrant aged under 25 years
- best entrant aged 25 – 65
- best entrant aged 65 and over

The winner of each category will receive a prize of £50 and will then be entered into the borough-wide *Best of Show* category with the overall winner receiving an additional prize of £100.

All entries must be received by **Wednesday 1st July 2009**.

Judging will take place after this date and **winners will be informed after 10th August 2009**.

How to enter:-

- Pick up an entry form from your local Neighbourhood Office
- Enter on line at www.2010rotherham.org
- Contact Safer Estates Team on 01709 / 334347

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of holding a gardening competition for none 2010 Tenants. It was suggested that elected members could be approached to give a small amount of their leadership money as a prize and the competition could be lead by the Area Assembly. Due to the seasonal nature of the competition this could be looked at as a potential project for next year.

181. Questions from the Public

1. A question was raised regarding concerns with the length of the grass in Thrybergh Cemetery, a lengthy discussion took place with regard to this issue and is understood that the Probation Service will be dealing with it, also a multi-agency meeting is to be set up to discuss the ongoing issues surrounding the cemetery

2. A resident raised concerns regarding safety of residents at Moorfield Close and Morefield Drive at Ravenfield. He explained that the roads mentioned were very narrow and that when residents parked their cars outside their houses there was not enough room to allow the Refuge and Recycling Lorries to pass. The Lorries were therefore mounting the pavements and grass verges. He felt that a solution to this would be to create off Road parking, which he had discussed with 2010 and RMBC staff previously but nothing further had been done.

There was some discrepancy over which Area Assembly the site was in and it was agreed that the resident would be contacted the next day with clarification. Mark Ryhalls from 2010 Ltd would also be contacted to find out if there had been any recommendations for off Road parking included in his environmental improvement plan. Also a site visit would be arranged and the residents would be kept informed.

3. A question was raised regarding the former Leisure Centre site at Barbers Avenue, the resident requested information on when the site would be completed.

The resident was advised to take this matter to the Rawmarsh Councillors surgery.

4. A question was raised regarding the wooden stakes that had been put in at the bottom of green lane, which were preventing people from parking outside their houses.

It was explained that Streetpride had been informed and the stakes were going to be re positioned.

5. The following question was raised, regarding the eligibility of Rotherham residents to free swimming in Doncaster, The Area Assembly team will get clarification on this and update at the next meeting.

6. A resident of Kilnhurst raise her concerns over a number of issues; these included noise nuisance from dogs and Peacocks and from Lorries passing due to the Speed bumps.

She also reported that since the floods in 2007 the riverbank had still not been cleaned and there were still a large amount of litter/rubbish still in the trees. She asked what measures had been put in place to prevent a repeat of the flooding. Due to a large amount of rain the river was high and the ground very wet, which were very similar conditions to that of 2007.

Matthew Finn said he would speak to the resident after the meeting and look into the noise nuisance, the cleansing of the river bank/trees etc and the speed bumps.

The Silverwood Ward Members are aware of these issues and are looking into the matter.

7. It was raised that the road outside Silverwood Pit, Hollings lane to Woodlaithes suffered from flooding during heavy rain, and it would benefit from Channelling.

182. PACT and South Yorkshire Police update.

Inspector Tattershall provided the following report;

All reported crime within our area still follows a downward trend.

We are currently seeing a 9% reduction in all crime compared to this time last year.

Burglary dwellings have reduced by 34%

Criminal Damage offences reduced by 15%

Vehicle Crime by 28%

DETECTIONS

The Police Authority set us a target to detect 22% of all crime. Thus far we are detecting 30% of all reported crimes.

NEWS STORIES

A burglary occurred at a Dalton Public House. The burglar wore latex gloves. Unfortunately for him the fingertips fell from the gloves and were left behind at the scene. They contained his DNA. He has been arrested and charged with the burglary. He is remanded in prison.

Over that past few months we have worked with other council staff with regards a problem family. This family from East Herringthorpe have been involved in criminal acts and anti social behaviour over a long period. They have been pursued through the courts and later this month will be evicted.

We have experienced a significant number of burglaries at business premises. We suspected a pair of brothers recently out of prison. They have been arrested after being caught on CCTV committing a burglary. They have been charged and recalled to prison. Since their arrest there has been a reduction of these types of offence.

We have executed a drugs warrant at an address in East Herringthorpe.

A quantity of drugs were recovered and the female occupant arrested. Tenancy Enforcement has followed. She is now on a demoted tenancy. If she continues with drugs activity then her eviction would be a formality.

In May the SNT completed a multi-agency motor cycle operation. Six motor cyclists were stopped. 4 cycles were seized primarily in the Dalton/Thrybergh area.

Since the last Area Assembly meeting we have seized 9 bikes and issued 18 warning notices.

The police attended a father and son domestic at a house on Kilnhurst Rd. The officers could smell cannabis and conducted a search of the house. They found a small amount of cannabis and over £2000 worth of what is believed to be heroin. The 2 occupants are on bail.

We executed a warrant at Rawmarsh and recovered a large quantity of amphetamine and a small amount of heroin. A man has been arrested and is currently remanded in prison.

The new PACT priorities were set as
Claypit Lane – Rawmarsh
Olddate Lane – Thrybergh – keep on for another Month
Chaucer Road Shops – Herringthorpe

LDF Workshop

Julie Colley reminded everyone of the invitation to attend the Local Development Framework, workshop on Thursday 26th June at 6pm at the Highstreet Centre at Rawmarsh.

How your borough works.

Vanessa Bryan promoted a free six week course that was been delivered by Voluntary Action Rotherham, which was titled How your borough works and making it work for you, which starts on the 24th September. To find out more about this course a taster session will be held on 9th July at Voluntary Action Rotherham 10am to 12pm, for further information contact Nikky Wilson on 01709 834446.

183. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting

Monday 27th July 2009
6pm
Kilnhurst Resource Centre

WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY: OUTSTANDING ACTION TABLE

Update Table for Wentworth South Area Assembly meeting from 16th June 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.	<p>Meeting took place the following actions were agreed,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Barriers to be replaced with kissing gates, subject to budget approval. • Boulders at Old Warren Vale to be adjusted to allow pushchair access • Arrange for removal of brash from vicinity of Viking Bridge to allow free flow of stream • Gabions to wooden bridge are broken and need refilling – Request inspection from Structural Engineer • Viking Bridge – concern that recent rain has caused damage – Request inspection from Structural Engineer • Hague Avenue access – consultation to be carried out with local residents regarding request to remove barriers to allow pushchair access • Haugh Green – wooden access barrier – request Green Spaces to remove. • 		

2	<p>Banking at Hollings Lane – Reported issues with regards to fly tipping and littering near to the allotments on Hollings Lane.</p>	<p>The following actions were agreed at the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look into the possibility of installing a mobile CCTV camera opposite the entrance to the site • Streetpride to remove the tries/fridges • Allotment society to meet to discuss their liability for the cost of clearing the site. <p>Updates will be provided to Area Assembly.</p>	Julie Colley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV Camera – Mathew Finn has made recommendation that a CCTV camera at this site would not be appropriate and he is proposing to take enforcement action against the allotment society.
3	<p>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 Herrington playing fields.</p>	<p>Public consultation is currently underway and the Area Assembly will be kept informed of further progress.</p>	Mathew Finn	
4	<p>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.</p>	<p>Officers have been informed and are looking into this an update will be provide at the next meeting.</p>	Vanessa Bryan	
5	<p>The roads and streets around Chaucer Road shops have lots of litter; can streetpride provide a litter picker? The owners of the shops are filling the bin which means the bins are overflowing with litter.</p>	<p>Amy has looked into this and will give and update for the next meeting.</p>	Amy Hutson	
6	<p>Moorefield Close/Moorefield Drive at Ravenfield It was requested that off road parking be provided on the above roads to provide safe</p>	<p>Area Assembly office to look into this and contact the residents concerned. Mark Ryalls to be contacted regarding</p>	Area Assembly	

	access for large vehicles entering and exiting the site.	the possibility of this area been included in his environmental improvements plan. A site visit to be arranged.		
7	Are residents of Rotherham eligible to take up the free swimming for over 60's scheme in Doncaster	Update to be provided by area Assembly.	Area Assembly	Yes, Local Authorities that have chosen to offer free swimming may not limit the offer to their residents only, according to the terms of Government communications authorities. We want people to swim for free wherever they are in England, provided that they're the right age and that the authority they're in at the time is offering free swimming. Response given by Steve Hallsworth – Leisure Services Manager.
8	A resident of Kilnhurst raise her concerns over a number of issues; these included noise nuisance from dogs and Peacocks and from Lorries passing due to the Speed bumps. She also reported that since the floods in 2007 the riverbank had still not been cleaned and there were still a large amount of litter/rubbish still in the trees. She asked what measures had been put in place to prevent a repeat of the flooding.	Mathew Finn to liaise with the resident regarding noise nuisance, cleansing of the riverbank/trees. Julie Colley to contact Allan Mathews to find out further information.	Mathew Finn	
9	The road outside Silverwood Pit, Hollings lane to Woodlathes suffered from flooding during heavy rain, and it would benefit from Channelling.	This will be passed onto the relevant department and any feed back will be sent back to the Area Assembly.		