

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

15th May 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman), Murray and Wilkins.

N. Betteridge (Democratic Services Manager), D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representatives

Councillors Bambrick and Jones.

Paul Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, T. Fletcher, G. Hall, J. Hawksworth, R. Holden, R. House, R. Hughes, B. Parker, K. J. Parker, E. Tunnicliffe, P. Wilkes, J. Wilkes and B. Woods,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Richards, M. Todd MP, Sgt. A. Wright, M. Dunn, Mrs. Perry, M. Richards and Mrs. Tagg.

NA/15. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Newhall Area Meeting held on 23rd January 2008 were noted.

NA/16. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to litter problems at Sunnyside, Newhall, a resident reported that the area had still not been cleared. Councillor Wilkins responded that he understood that an area had been cleaned, however, there was some confusion on the location. It was agreed that this particular site might be nearer the Junior School.

It was requested that the District Council again look into this issue. Councillors Bambrick and Wilkins agreed to follow this up and report back to the next Meeting.

Updates were also given on plans to build a new school in Swadlincote, the fly tipping of free newspapers, a traffic light bulb in Newhall, biodegradable refuse sacks and litter at Park Road/Stanton Road.

NA/17. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A member of the public advised that he was representing a group of residents who were having problems with local youths in the vicinity of Orchard Street. Examples of anti social behaviour were given. A local member responded that the District Council was aware of this problem and had been liaising with residents. He urged residents to attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting, and also to report incidents to the police when they happened. A resident requested that a police officer attend the next Area Meeting, however, it was pointed out that Safer Neighbourhood Meetings were held specifically to deal with these issues.

It was agreed that Sergeant Wright be requested to contact the residents at Orchard Street as soon as possible.

A discussion then ensued on noise nuisance and problems that were being caused by youths riding scooters/motorbikes.

It was requested that the police submit further information to the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting on acceptable decibel levels, how they could be recorded and details on action that could be taken against this problem.

A resident asked what the Conservative Group had achieved since becoming the Controlling Group on the District Council.

The Chairman agreed to report these achievements to the next Meeting, under 'Chairman's Announcements'.

It was reported that on two footpaths adjacent to Fairmeadows School and Baslow Green, barriers existed which should stop motorbikes being able to gain access. However, it was reported that full sized motorbikes could still get through these barriers.

It was agreed that the District Council look into this matter.

It was reported that letters had been received by residents living on Field Way, near St. Catherine's Drive approximately 6 months ago, concerning parking spaces. It was requested that the Council provide further information on this issue. Councillor Wilkins responded that the Housing Department was undertaking a review of certain areas of land within the District, and this might have been one of those considered.

It was agreed that the District Council investigate this matter, and report back any update to the next Meeting.

It was requested that, as the Council currently collected brown and black bins from behind houses whose residents were disabled, that the green box also be collected under the same arrangements.

It was advised that currently this part of the service was undertaken by a private contractor and it might not be possible to incorporate this request. However, residents were advised that arrangements for collecting waste were currently under review, and it might be considered for the future.

It was requested that an update on the development of Nadin's Way golf course be provided for the next Meeting.

NA/18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue of the next Newhall Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

G. FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.40 p.m.