

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

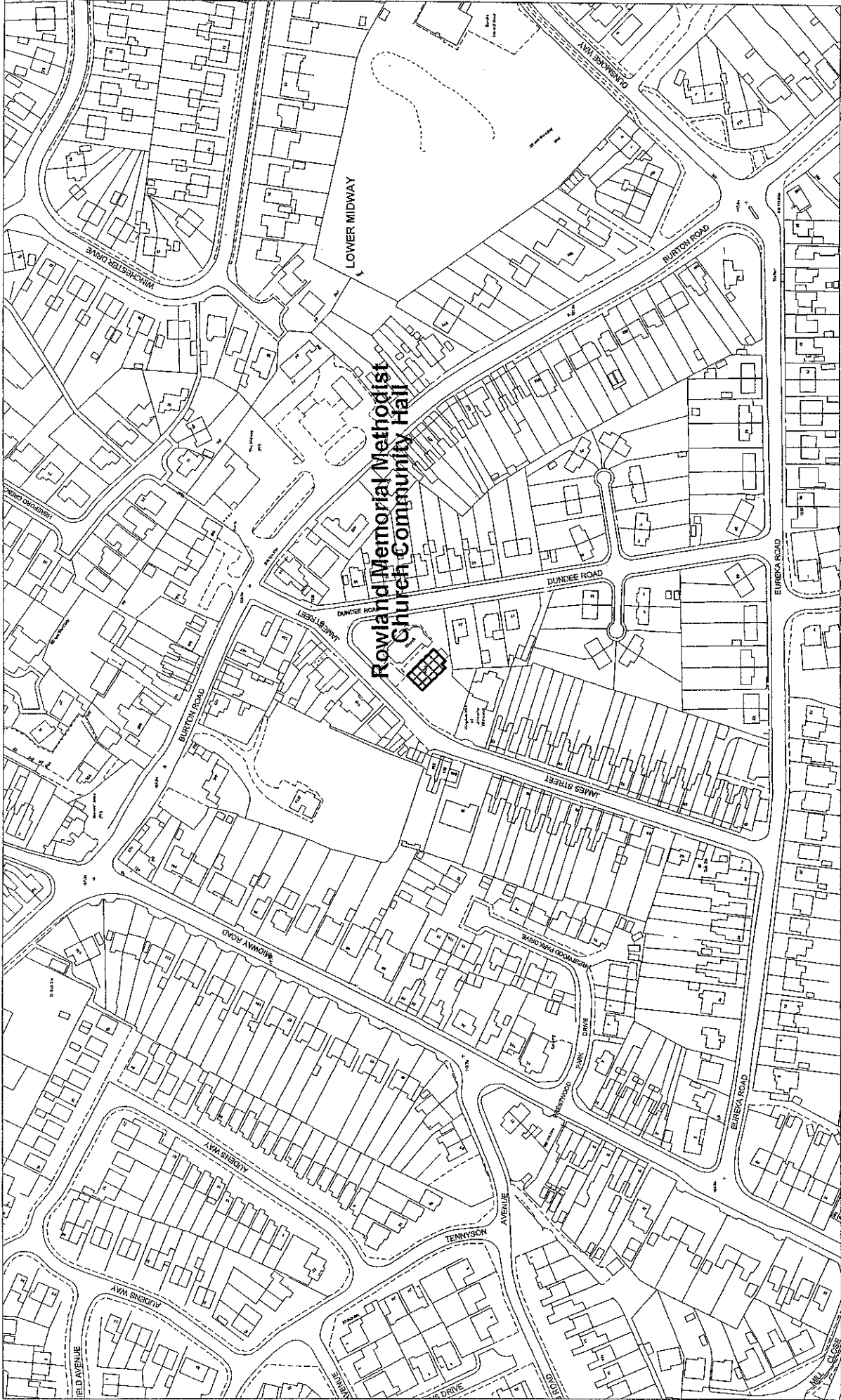
**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST 2004

**ROWLAND MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
COMMUNITY HALL
JAMES STREET
MIDWAY**

7.00 p.m.

Newhall Area Meeting Rowland Memorial Methodist Church Community Hall James Street Midway



South Derbyshire District Council

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at Rowland Memorial
Methodist Church
Community Hall
James Street
Midway
on Tuesday, 10th August 2004
at 7.00 p.m.**

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Richards (Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Mead, Mulgrew and Wilkins.

County Councillor: Councillor Routledge.



BUSINESS

Ordinary Business

1. To note the appointment of Councillor Richards as Chair at the Annual Council Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Appointment of Vice-Chair.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2004 (copy herewith).
5. Chair's Announcements (if any).
6. Report back on issues progressed since the last Meeting.
7. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
8. Date of next Meeting.

Community Items

9. Crime and Disorder update.
10. Recycling News.
11. Maintenance of grass verges and lack of gutter and litter cleansing.

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

28th April 2004

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Mead (Chair), Councillor Richards (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Bambrick.

M. Alfiat (Director of Community Services), N. Betteridge and J. Bellm (Democratic Services Officers) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representative

Councillor Routledge.

Derbyshire Constabulary

Inspector S. Fairbrother and WPC M. Fearn.

South Derbyshire CVS

R. House.

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, I. Fern, C. Gillespie, G. Hall, R. Holden, R. Hughes, B. Marsden, G. Myatt, K. Parker, W. Parker, M. Richards, E. Simpson, E. Tagg, V. Thornley and E. Tunnicliff.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Dunn, Mulgrew and Wilkins, M. Perry and B. Woods.

NA/29. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 9th February 2004 were noted.

NA/30. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair advised that leaflets were now available on the Help Desk relating to the new travel and discount 'Gold Card' for over 60s and disabled people in Derbyshire. It was noted that existing concessionary travel scheme passes would be valid until September 2004.

The Chair advised that a customer service satisfaction questionnaire had been circulated to all attendees from the District Council's Customer Services Manager. Residents were requested to complete the form and return it to the District Council in the pre-paid envelope provided.

The Chair invited County Councillor Routledge to make three presentations of cheques from his Community Leadership Fund. Accordingly, County Councillor Routledge made presentations to Richard House of the South Derbyshire Credit Union towards the purchase of a laptop computer and to District Councillor Bambrick on behalf of the Nadins Trust towards a feasibility study. County Councillor Routledge advised that he had also

made a donation to the Old Post Regeneration Association towards a street party in June.

County Councillor Routledge advised residents of forthcoming schemes to be undertaken which he had submitted for budget consideration to the County Highways Authority. A culvert was to be provided at Stanton during the summer months, a pedestrian crossing was to be provided adjacent to Newhall Post Office during autumn and a mini roundabout would be installed at the junction of Wood Lane/A511 on a trial basis.

Residents expressed their gratitude to County Councillor Routledge for his efforts on the above-mentioned issues.

NA/31. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES PROGRESSED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Meeting reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and noted the progress made in each case. With regard to the previous allegation relating to a scrap vehicle business in operation from a property in Oversetts Road, Newhall, it appeared that this activity had now ceased.

With regard to motorcycles being ridden on the former Nadins site, a lengthy discussion ensued on this matter. Residents reported that this activity was still occurring on a regular basis without permission and it was reported that motorcycles were transported to the site in vans and trailers. The activity was damaging the surface of the land and it was also stated that the land had been used for tipping purposes, necessitating clearing by the District Council's Clean Team. Inspector Fairbrother acknowledged that this activity was clearly causing a problem, which was not unique to this area. The Police were now invoking legislative provisions which enabled the motorcycles to be siezed and recently, approval had been obtained from the helicopter unit for assistance on hot-spot areas. Residents claimed that the activity was most evident during the afternoon period on weekends and Inspector Fairbrother agreed to arrange visits by Officers at these times. It was noted that a purpose built site for this activity was located nearby in Burton.

With regard to the allegation that a newsagent in Newhall had been selling alcohol to underage customers, Inspector Fairbrother advised that this matter had been reported to the Trading Standards Authority. However, no problems had been identified upon investigation and the premises had successfully passed the tests often undertaken. It appeared that the problem may relate to adults purchasing alcohol for underage drinkers.

County Councillor Routledge addressed residents regarding the future landscaping of the former Newhall tip. Councillor Routledge had a plan available for residents to view and he outlined the landscaping proposals, which included tree planting, hedgerows and a post and rail fence. WRG, the Company concerned had a good reputation for undertaking such works and topsoil was currently being transported to the site. It was noted that the Civic Amenity Site would currently remain open until 2005, following which details were still to be negotiated between the operator and the County Council.

NA/32. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Following the discussion at the previous Meeting, a resident again expressed grave concern at local school children stepping out onto the highway in front of vehicles. It was noted that a child had recently been involved in a fatal accident in Linton and County Councillor Routledge advised that the County Council understood some road safety training work. The Chair had raised this matter with the Headmaster of William Allit School who had addressed children at a morning assembly session. It was acknowledged that children needed to be taught on road safety issues from an early age.

A resident queried the proposed programme for issuing brown wheeled bins in Newhall and it was reported that parts of Newhall were due to be issued with these bins in March 2005.

Residents reported that the recycling bins within the Jacksons Supermarket were too small, claiming that the bins were often full to capacity. The District Council's Director of Community Services advised that the provision at all sites was currently under review in accordance with the Government's target to reduce waste. It was suggested that it would be useful to provide a telephone number at the sites for residents to ring if the recycling bins were full and this possibility would be pursued. A resident advised that there was no plastic recycling facility at Stanton Village Hall and this matter would also be investigated.

NA/33. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was reported that the date of the next Meeting would be circulated to residents shortly.

NA/34. **HARD SURFACE FOOTPATH FROM NEWHALL TO SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that this issue had been raised by Mr. B. Woods, who had been unable to attend this Meeting. The matter concerned the uneven and muddy condition of a pathway from Newhall to Swadlincote (Oversetts Road to William Nadins Way) and the possibility of creating a substantial pathway. The District Council's Footpaths Officer had responded to Mr. Woods and the letter was read to residents. Arrangements would be made to provide a copy of the letter to any residents interested in this issue.

NA/35. **LIBERATION DAY – 27TH MAY 2004**

Pensioners throughout the District were invited to Liberation Day, which was to be held on 27th May 2004 at the Bretby Conference Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This was an all day event organised by the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership with prize bingo, a buffet lunch, performances by youth theatre groups, a swing band, a school choir and a dog obedience demonstration amongst the attractions. The event was free of charge and many groups and organisations would be organising stalls for the day. Every effort was being made to provide transport for people who would like to attend but were not able to organise travel themselves. The day had been organised to help elderly and vulnerable people from throughout South Derbyshire learn how they could stay safe and secure in their homes.

WPC Fearn referred to the many attendees at last year's event at Gresley Old Hall and encouraged residents to attend this year. The event would advertised locally very shortly.

MRS. J. MEAD

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

Tuesday, 10th August 2004

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 28th April 2004 at William Allitt School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
1. Motorcycles being ridden on the former Nadins site.	High profile Police activity, including assistance by helicopter unit, has alleviated the problem.	Swadlincote Police (01283) 550101
2. Recycling Facilities at Jacksons and Stanton Village Hall.	Site at Jacksons is being monitored, unfortunately the litter problem seems to be caused by locals dumping rubbish rather than the centre overflowing. Plastic bottle recycling facilities are only provided at the busiest centres. Stanton Village Hall is not one of the most well used centres and therefore does not have this facility.	Recycling Officer (G. Coates)

RECYCLING NEWS

Great news !!!

South Derbyshire's residents have beaten the Council's recycling target for the Financial Year 2003/04.

During the year 40,000 tonnes of waste were collected in the district out of which 6,500 tonnes were recycled (17%). The Council's target for the year was 14% so we are well on our way of meeting the statutory target set by Government – 21% in 2005/06.

The 6,500 tonnes recycled are made up as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Tonnes</u>
Compost	3,111
Recycling Centres	1,575
Kerbside Paper	1,533
Kerbside multi-materials (12,000 households for two months only)	300
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6,519</u>

The main recycling developments during last year were as follows:

Compost

The Composting Scheme was extended to a further 6,000 households in the District taking the number of households on the scheme to over 20,000. The plan is to extend the scheme to the whole of the district over the next three years.

Kerbside Paper

Kerbside collection of paper is carried out in about 90% of the district and, up until September last year, about half the collections were carried out on a fortnightly basis with the other half being collected on a monthly basis. However, as from last September, after much discussion with the Council's contractor, all paper collections are made fortnightly thus providing a more regular and effective service for residents. Currently we are trying to make inroads into the 10% of the district where there are no kerbside paper collections.

Kerbside Multi-materials

A new scheme was launched in January this year for the kerbside collection of bottles, cans, foil and textiles as well as paper from 12,000 households in the district. The scheme is proving hugely popular with residents and is recycling about 30 tonnes of waste each week – 20% more than we forecast. We are earnestly seeking funding to expand the scheme into other parts of the district.

We ran a competition in May with the prize of a Village / Ward Clean Up by the Council's Street Cleansing team for the areas that recycled the most. Hartshorne and Woodville won the Kerbside Paper prize and Etwall and Egginton won the Compost and Multi-Materials prize.

The main purpose of the competition was to raise awareness of the importance and the value to be gained from recycling. We welcome ideas from residents about how we may keep the message alive.

South Derbyshire is still sending 34,000 tonnes of rubbish to be dumped in Landfill Sites each year so we can still improve on our worthy efforts so far.

AGENDA ITEM 11

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Neil Betteridge, Democratic Services Officer SDDC.

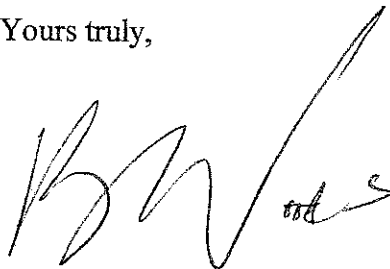
Area Committee Meeting July 2004

Dear Neil,

May I request an agenda item for the next meeting – “Maintenance of grass verges and lack of gutter and litter cleansing!”

Every week I visit rural villages – Hilton/Etwall etc, I notice the expanse of grass verge maintenance, which must be ten times the amount spent in our area. This labour intensive and high capital outlay on equipment, means a larger proportion of the council's income is spent compared to the expenditure in urban areas. I would therefore suggest the 10,000 ratepayers of Newhall are subsidising rural areas. In Newhall some of our gutters have excessive build up of spoils and litter. The maintenance we receive from SDDC for this problem is poor and I would ask them to review their priorities. Parish councils being responsible for street cleansing in my opinion is not fair and living in the urban core we have to endure potential health risks due to these problems. Our children's perception of their environment is not acceptable. They think it's the norm to drop litter and abuse their surroundings. Better education in the study of their environment is needed!

Yours truly,



PS. Would appreciate a call to say when and where the next meeting is?

