

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

6th November 2007

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

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

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

**County Council Representatives**

Councillor Bambrick.

D. Tysoe (County Secretary) and A. Bond (Democratic Services Officer).

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant A. Wright.

**Members of the Public**

D. Abella, P. Bambrick, J. Byrne, L. Carter, M. Dunn, A. Farrell, R. Farrell, S. Garland, G. Hall, J. Hart, L. Hart, R. House, R. Hughes, G. Lawrence, C. Maddock, S. Matthews, S. Merriman, M. Mulgrew, K. Parker, W. Parker, K. Potts, M. Richards, G. Sigston, E. Tunnicliff, J. Wilkins and B. Woods.

**Representatives of newhallcommunity.org.uk**

T. Poyner, C. Dolman and C. Wedgeworth.

NA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Mrs. Farrington was appointed as Chairman at a Council Meeting held on 28th June 2007.

NA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Aldren, P. Foy, M. Mulgrew, Mrs. Perry, S. Smith and Mrs. Tagg.

NA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Mead be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Newhall Area Meeting for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2007/08.**

NA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 22nd January 2007 were noted.

NA/5. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

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

With regard to rubbish being dumped near Bisons it was reported that the bank had been extended, however no further action had been taken.

**It was agreed that a further representation be made to UK Coal to request that all rubbish be removed and this site tidied up.**

NA/6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sergeant Andy Wright advised the Meeting of the date of the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. He encouraged residents to attend this Meeting, as there would be Police Officers present who had knowledge of local issues.

A number of residents attended the Meeting to raise awareness and gain assistance with the problem of antisocial behaviour around the area of Meadow Lane and Almond Grove. They reported that many youths were congregating in this area and their behaviour was becoming more antisocial. Many local residents were becoming increasingly scared and concerned. A diary log had been kept of this behaviour, a video had been taken and also a petition requesting action from the police was brought to the Meeting.

Councillor Richards responded that he was amazed that elected Members were not aware of this problem of antisocial behaviour, and pointed out that South Derbyshire District Council was part of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership. He believed that Members should have been made aware of an issue that was of such importance to local residents. Councillor Dunn added his concern to these comments. Sergeant Wright responded that the Police were currently dealing with many issues of antisocial behaviour in the area. However it had been recognised that there had been an increase in calls from this location over the last two to four weeks. He was aware that it had been raised as a priority issue for the Police and agreed to contact the residents outside the Meeting, and report back to them when further information was known. The Director of Corporate Services added that she was not aware of this issue. She understood it's seriousness, and agreed to investigate it the following day, involving Members and keeping them advised where necessary.

**Sergeant Wright agreed to contact residents directly to discuss this issue further.**

**The Director of Corporate Services agreed to raise awareness of this issue within the District Council and to ensure that Members were kept informed.**

Mr. Woods asked why local streets were so badly littered in Newhall. He added that he had reported this to the Clean Team, however he had been told that the area was visited once a month, which was considered sufficient.

**The Director of Corporate Services agreed to look into this issue and to provide a response to the next Meeting.**

The Chairman introduced Tracey Poyner who advised the Meeting of a newly developed website [www.newhall.community.org.uk](http://www.newhall.community.org.uk). She added that this site provided a service to residents, business' and organisations within the area of Newhall and Stanton. Residents were invited to look at this site. She added that they could offer a sub-domain to small local organisations.

Councillor Murray passed on his congratulations, as he had viewed this site and considered the information it held was excellent.

Mr. Tunnicliff reported two areas where litter was becoming a problem. The first was at the bottom of Sunnyside behind the iron railing, the second on Bretby Road, where he added that gorse was growing through the fence and rubbish was gathering.

**The Director of Corporate Services agreed to look into this issue and would report back to the next Meeting.**

It was reported that free papers were being dumped at the bottom of Oversetts Road, and it was requested that these be cleared away. It was also pointed out that the Burton Trader should be advised of this as they had paid for these to be distributed.

**The Director of Corporate Services agreed to report this issue to the Clean Team.**

A resident expressed concern following reports within the national press regarding the possibility of refuse collection being charged for by weight. It was pointed out that there were pilot schemes throughout the country. The Chairman responded that there were currently no plans to implement this scheme within South Derbyshire.

A question was asked with regards to the proposed new waste disposal sites within the local area. Councillor Bambrick confirmed that the County Council were consulting with regard to the future siting of waste disposal sites. A response to the consultation would be submitted by the District Council. Councillor Richards added that there were already problems with larger vehicles, and he felt that it was totally unacceptable to consider the proposal within the local area.

The current situation was queried with regards to the British Coal land on William Nadin's Way.

**The Director of Corporate Services responded that she understood negotiations were continuing, and would provide a further response for the next Meeting.**

A resident asked why planning applications were not publicised in the Burton Mail.

**The Chairman offered to investigate this and a further response would be given at the next Meeting.**

Mr. Tunnicliff asked what was the current position with regard to the rumours that William Allitt School was being re-located. Councillor Bambrick responded that consultation was currently taking place to look at

suitable areas for new schools. Councillor Richards added that South Derbyshire was a fast growing area and new schools were needed for the future. He welcomed more education facilities within the urban core.

**The County Secretary agreed to look into this issue further and report back to the next Meeting.**

Councillor Richards reported that there was a great deal of support for the provision of a public right of way through the site of the former Horse and Jockey public house. He added that the issue would be considered by the Cabinet at Derbyshire County Council in January. He asked that they considered this request favourably and authorised the creation of a public right of way.

**It was agreed that the County Secretary report back on the outcome at the next Meeting.**

NA/7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

NA/8. **REVIEW OF AREA MEETING STRUCTURE**

The Chairman advised the Meeting that the District Council was currently undergoing a review of it's Area Meeting structure. She advised the Meeting that maps were available to show the proposed new boundaries, which meant that if the proposals were accepted there would be seven Area Meetings rather than the current six. Councillor Wilkins advised the Meeting that the Newhall Area Meeting arrangements should remain as existed, and urged residents to lobby the District Council to maintain the status quo. Councillor Dunn and Councillor Richards both gave their support to this view. It was asked that those present indicate their support for keeping the boundary in Newhall as existed. This was the majority view of the Meeting. It was pointed out that this was a straw-pull only, however their views would be taken into account.

G. FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.