

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 26th March 2008

at 10 am

**at West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue**

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Atkinson, Barker, Clouth, R Cook, Fenwick, Fleet (Chair),
Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, Plant, Rogan, Wallace and Wright.

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, Don Davison, Irene Nelson, Mary Power,
Linda Shields (Vice-Chair), Joan Steel, Robert Steel and Maureen Waller

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2008
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

No items

7. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE QUESTION TIME

8. WARD MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- 9.1 Presentation - Dog Control Orders – *Environmental Action Manager*
- 9.2 Minor Works 2007/2008 – End of Year Report – *Director of Neighbourhood Services*
- 9.3 Presentation - Minor Works Update (key routes) - *Neighbourhood Manager*
- 9.4 Presentation – North Neighbourhood Action Plan Forums – *Neighbourhood Manager*
- 9.5 Presentation – the work of Resident Representatives – *North Area Resident Representatives*
- 9.6 Presentation – Children's Centres and Extended Services – *Integrated Support Manager*

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

No items

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum is to be held on Wednesday 9th April 2008 commencing at 2pm at Throston Grange Community Centre, Throston Grange Lane.

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is to be held on Wednesday 18th June 2008 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

12. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

30 January 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT :

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice-Chair Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillors Councillor Reuben Atkinson - Dyke House Ward
Councillor Stephen Allison - St Hilda Ward
Councillor Rob Cook - Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin - Brus Ward
Councillor John Marshall - St Hilda Ward
Councillor Edna Wright - Hart Ward

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, Don Davison, Irene Nelson, Mary Power, Joan Steel,
Robert Steel and Maureen Waller

Public: John Lynch, John Maxwell, Dave Oliver, M Thompson, Cath Torley, Liz
Torley and Alan Vale

Officers: Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
Peter McIntosh, Building Schools for the Future Manager
John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Lynda Igøe, Principal Housing Advice Officer
Pat Usher, Sport and Recreation Manager
Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Housing Hartlepool Representatives Ann-Marie Rooney

Police Representatives: Steve Cranston and Chris Stonehouse

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caroline Barker, Sandra Fenwick, Tim Fleming and Michelle Plant.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None.

51. MINUTES

The minutes of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum held on the 28th November 2007 were agreed

52. MATTERS ARISING

Anhydrite Mines – A Councillor referred to a promise made by the Mayor that the general public would be kept informed as to the current situation regarding the anhydrite mines. The Neighbourhood Manager advised those present that a report had been received from the consultants and had been returned to them as it was felt to be unsatisfactory. When there was more information the residents would be informed in writing and a report would be brought to the North Neighbourhood Forum. A resident asked that a full copy of the report be made available to all residents.

Speeding Drive/King Oswy Drive – A Councillor advised that the letter mentioned in the previous minutes on this issue had not been received by her. The Traffic Team Leader indicated that this letter had been despatched the previous week and involved consultation of the residents on the installation of yellow lines. The Councillor reported that she had received complaints from bus drivers but the Traffic Team Leader indicated that this had not been raised as a problem by the area manager.

Dolomite Beach – The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that the steps had been barred off to allow work to be carried out and to ensure public safety.

53. MINUTES

The minutes of the Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on the 5th September 2007 were received.

A resident referred to a recent article in the Hartlepool Mail on the subject of illegal parking and questioned why a Councillor was supporting a bus driver who was parking his vehicle on the street when under the terms of his licence it should be parked in a depot. Members voiced their condemnation of the Councillor's stance as reported in the Mail. Another Councillor also made reference to a recent incident whereby he had seen a car parked on a crossing and a nearby police car had taken no action. A police representative advised that parking on a crossing was an offence rather than a crime and the police in question had been on an emergency call at the time.

54 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

"Is the survey report on the Anhydrite Mine back yet and what does it say?"

"What is to happen with the land above the mine? Prior to the survey it was used as a recreation ground, will it be reinstated to its former condition and reused?" – These issues had been covered during Matters Arising

"Are we any further forward with the planning application for the old Steetley/CJC sites and the Barnshaw Bending site on Old Cemetery Road?" – The planning department were still considering the legalities of the outline

planning application for the Steetley/CJC sites. The Chair of Planning Committee commented that he disagreed with the way this issue was being handled and felt it should be forwarded to the relevant committee for consideration before being put to the Secretary of State for a final decision. He felt that the needs of birds were being put before the need for affordable housing unnecessarily and suggested a letter be sent to the Planning Department from the Forum. A suggestion was made that a representative from the planning department be invited to a future Forum to discuss this issue but members considered this would be a waste of time. It was therefore agreed that a letter would be sent from the Forum to the Planning Department outlining the Forum's concerns. A copy of the letter would be provided in the papers for the next Forum meeting.

“What is happening with the Victoria Harbour site and are we any nearer to seeing the site developed?” – The Neighbourhood Manager reported that as PD Ports owned most of the land in question the Council had very little control over timescales. The Planning Department were currently looking at the completion of the legal agreements whilst waiting for PD Ports to submit their proposals.

“What action is HBC taking to once more persuade the owners of the land between Warren Road and Skerne Road to clean it up? It is once more an eyesore with rubbish dumped regularly. IS HBC actively pursuing the fly tippers in this area?” – Notice had been previously served and Neighbourhood Services were currently looking at re-issuing a notice to the owners.

“Can the two street signs in Spearman Walk be renewed please? The one on

the property at no 19 and the one on the opposite property” – this would be looked at

“Can you please investigate dog fouling at the back of Spearman Walk/Rafton Drive?” – This would be looked at. A Councillor commented that officers had previously cleaned the area in question very quickly and tried to catch the culprits. A resident further requested more dog fouling bins on the Central Estate, particularly in those areas where the problem was most prevalent. Reference was made to the use of dog foul bins with attached waste bags in Middlesbrough. However a resident said this would be a waste of time as dog fouling was a result of the ignorance of owners. Another resident referred to a previous initiative in Spion Kop whereby schoolchildren had helped to remove dog foul and erected posters requesting owners to take more care. This had some effect and it was suggested this could be done again. A resident asked whether the dog wardens patrolled King Oswy Drive. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that they had an enforcement officer but also relied on information from the public.

Advertising of Forums – A Resident asked if the Neighbourhood Forums could be better advertised as he had previously been unaware that they took place. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that advertisements regarding the forums were displayed in community centres, housing offices, libraries and council offices. Local residents groups and previous attendees were also advised.

West View Community Centre loop system – A resident complained at the lack of an adequate loop system within West View Community Centre. The Assistant Director for Community Services advised that a bid for lottery monies to fund these works had been

unsuccessful. Improvements to facilities were under consideration, including lighting and improved access. Proposals would be brought back to the Forum in due course.

Former Brus Arms site – A resident asked how long the development of this site was expected to take. The Chair of Planning Committee advised that a planning application had been approved and it was just a matter of time.

Chester Road/Raby Road – During the previous week a light at this junction had been damaged by high winds. A resident had reported this to Council officers but nothing had been done. The Traffic Team Leader would chase this up and advise the resident when repairs were completed.

Illegal parking – Following the comments referred to previously during minute no 53 the Councillor in question advised those present that they should not believe everything they read in the Hartlepool Mail. He had been trying to raise awareness of the parking problems within the town and agreed that the bus driver in question should park his vehicle at the depot. However if he did not park his bus on the pavement then the roads would be blocked to emergency vehicles. Another Councillor commented that parking on the pavement caused an obstruction to pedestrians. A number of areas where parking was an ongoing problem were mentioned as follows:

- Barnard Grove Primary School – parking on yellow lines was still an issue
- Warren Road – this should remain a one-way street as parked cars tended to block the traffic
- Merry-Go-Round Public House roundabout – cars had to make a

u-turn to get onto Jesmond Road from this roundabout. The Traffic Team Leader advised that money had been put aside in the Local Transport Plan for work on this in 2010. The accident record could be checked to see if there was any justification for the work being carried out sooner

- West View Road – provision of a bus lay-by was requested. This scheme had been put forward for approval following cost analysis.

A Councillor asked that a report on parking enforcement be brought to the next meeting of the Forum.

55 RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

Sandwell Gate – A Resident Representative asked if this could be made a one-way system. The Traffic Team Leader advised that a general traffic study was being conducted in the Headland and any necessary enforcement would be taken up.

Merlin Way – A Resident Representative raised the issue of speeding traffic on Merlin Way. There had been reports of the possible closure of Falcon Road at Throston Grange Lane. Should this happen the traffic would only be able to use Merlin Way. The Traffic Team Leader confirmed this closure had been approved by the Portfolio Holder and a traffic calming scheme was to be put in place at Merlin Way. The Resident Representative requested that a traffic review be carried out on Merlin Way and highlighted the fact that there seemed to be a time delay in informing residents of decisions, asking that these issues be looked at. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed that this was an important point and might need to be reviewed. A resident suggested that in future

developers be required to include traffic calming measures.

56 WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES

A Councillor commented that consultation by the Council was a joke and had been for some time.

Derelict buildings – request by a Councillor for feedback on the possibility of adding the Headland Gate Public House to the current list of derelict buildings. The Town Care Manager advised that this building was not derelict just closed. This limited any actions which the Local Authority could take. Further reference was made to detailed discussions between the Councillor and the Assistant Director for Planning and Economic Development on the subject of derelict buildings

Headland Paddling Pool – redevelopment had begun on this a year ago but had recently been put on hold for another year. A Councillor referred to this and a number of failed initiatives in the North area (bridge across Brinkburn Road. Fish restaurant, boxing at the Borough Hall) as proof that the North was constantly being put on the 'back burner' in favour of the town centre. Another Councillor supported these sentiments particularly in relation to the paddling pool issues. The Assistant Director for Community Services advised that the two paddling pools at the Headland and Seaton Carew would be operational as normal during the summer months and this was the reason for the delay in the improvement work. The Neighbourhood Manager indicated she would forward these comments to the Chief Executive.

Challoner Road - A Councillor requested that land at Challoner Road be tidied as it was becoming an eyesore. Community Programme had cleaned it previously but

had not removed the rubbish. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this had not been forgotten and the work would be carried out the following day. In response to further comments from members the Chair requested that officers be shown more respect at these meetings

A Resident Representative raised concerns that the Forum was becoming a platform for Councillors to electioneer and "try to impress the general public". A Councillor disputed this saying the item was Ward Members and Ward issues.

King Oswy Shops- A hole in the pavement had been reported by a resident but no action had so far been taken despite assurances from the Neighbourhood Services Officer. The Officer indicated that there had been a mix up as to which hole was being referred to but in the event both had been fixed.

57 BSF – PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME STAGE 1 CONSULTATION

The Building Schools for the Future Manager gave a presentation on the Primary Capital Programme. This was a Government initiative which would provide money to rebuild, remodel and refurbish Hartlepool's primary schools. The consultation process would begin very shortly and details were given of a number of forthcoming public meetings where views could be given. Further information could be viewed on the website www.hartlepool.gov.uk/pcp, including contact details. The consultation would close on 21st March 2008.

Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following:

- What is the Primary Capital Programme?
- Timescale for PCP
- How much will Hartlepool get?
- What are the objectives of PCP?
- A Strategic Approach
- What do we have to include in the Primary Strategy for Change?
- Consultation Requirements
- Extracts from DCFS guidance
- Primary School numbers in Hartlepool
- What happens next?

The Building Schools for the Future Manager also referred to the future development of the site of the former Henry Smith's school. This was being considered as the possible site for the proposed co-location of Hartlepool's two special schools. Two other sites were also being considered and technical advisors had been brought on board. If the Henry Smith site was not chosen then further decisions on the use of the site would have to be taken.

A Resident Representative indicated her support for the increased funding but felt concerned that the strategic aims would involve the closure of smaller schools. Research showed that children fared better in smaller schools and she sought some assurances that these matters would be given due consideration. The Building Schools for the Future Manager advised that PCP was about reshaping primary education and if this was a strong issue officers would take note. However he could guarantee nothing.

A Resident asked if an assessment had been carried out on the impact of children moving from a special school to a non-special school. The Building Schools for the Future Manager referred him to the Building Schools for the Future Stage 4 consultation and subsequent report to Cabinet. He confirmed that everyone

with an interest in this matter had been consulted previously.

The Chair thanked the Building Schools for the Future Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

58 PRESENTATION – CHOICE BASED LETTINGS

The Principal Housing Advice Officer gave a presentation on Choice Based Lettings. This would be a system of letting vacant properties which would offer more choice. Tenants would be banded to reflect their housing need, vacant properties advertised and people invited to express an interest in them. Those in the highest band would be awarded tenancy of the property. The scheme would be sub-regional and bring together a large pool of vacant properties although a local connection rule would apply.

Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following:

Why Introduce CBL?
 How does CBL work?
 How do applicants qualify?
 The different bands
 What else is included in the policy?
 Direct lettings
 CBL in detail
 The Technology side
 Housing Advice

Following the presentation a number of issues/questions arose:

Older people need special housing (bungalows). How would their needs be met? Would immigrants and ex-offenders be given priority? – Accommodation for the elderly would have exclusive eligibility criteria but could be bid on within those criteria like any other property. The same would apply with immigrants and ex-offenders. It

would clearly state whether eligibility rules applied to individual properties.

What about the homeless? – If you are not eligible for public funds you would not be eligible for social housing. The homeless would need to look at private sector housing, hostels, supported housing schemes or living with family or friends. People could also be suspended from the waiting list, primarily for rent arrears.

Can you bid for more than one property? Do you have a right of appeal? – Applicants could bid for three properties in one cycle. If they are unsuccessful they will be told the reasons. There would be a right of appeal against a band placing but once the band has been agreed there would be no right of appeal. If applicants were successful in their bid but consistently turned the properties down they would be asked the reasons face to face.

The Chair thanked the Principal Housing Advice Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

Chair thanked the Building Schools for the Future Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

59 INDOOR LEISURE FACILITY STRATEGY

The Sport and Recreation Manager presented the outcomes of the recently adopted Indoor Leisure Facility Strategy which incorporated future facility needs in Hartlepool. The Strategy was developed to ensure that the Council could plan effectively for sufficient open space, sport and recreation facilities and indoor sports facilities in line with current Government recommendations, Sport England planning resources and Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17) and took account of the opportunities presented by the BSF

initiative. A facility audit had been undertaken in order to gain an understanding of the location, quality and long term future of the current provisions. Central to this was swimming facility provision where too much waterspace was being provided according to planning models and most of the pools were in poor condition. There were a number of sports halls available but there was limited day time access with a number of facilities fully booked at peak times. Planning models also suggested Hartlepool had too much dry provision. Consultation, including a postal survey of residents, had taken place as to usage of and satisfaction with, Sports and Leisure facilities.

Account was taken of existing high quality facilities, including Headland Sports Hall, Brierton Sports Centre and Belle Vue Sports Centre. As a result Option 3 was felt to be the most appropriate option. This would utilise the existing or a new Borough facility (Mill House or H20) with a new pool at Brierton. Consideration would however be needed to provide for the North-West area of Hartlepool with the pool at High Tunstall possibly being refurbished. The utilisation of existing dry facilities supported by some youth centre and school sites would provide a general and good spread across the town.

The following issues then arose:

Is this a continuation of Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGSa)? The Sport and Recreation Manager confirmed this, commenting that the indoor leisure facility strategy built upon the previous work.

Headland Sports Hall is a fire risk as there are no exits – The fire regulations had been adhered to during the design process but officers would check this.

How do we maintain our existing paddling pools? Why was the Civic

Centre refurbishment a priority but the town's paddling pools were not –

Some of the learner pools were in poor condition but the officers present were unable to comment as this was not their department. There were Government parameters in relation to access. Regarding the Civic Centre refurbishment programme officers were unable to comment

Are there any guarantees as to the future provision of the proposed H2O Centre?

The delays on this were in relation to land issues. Mill House Leisure Centre would have to be replaced and it would be less expensive to build a new unit off the existing site. It was extremely likely that investors would contribute toward the proposed new build. If the H2O Centre was not built there were short term reserves in place for Mill House but the final result could be no major swimming facility in Hartlepool.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director (Community Services) and the Sport and Recreation Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

60 MINOR WORKS REPORT

The Neighbourhood Manager reported that as part of her powers of “delegated authority” the Chair had agreed to fund improvement works at St Mark’s Church Hall. A request had been made by the Residents Association of Clavering and Hart Station in December 2007 for £250 to improve the external disabled access to the hall. They had raised funding via a number of sources but had fallen short of the required amount needed to complete the improvement works. The scheme would be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder for final approval

Decision

That the report be noted.

61 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum would be held on Wednesday, 26th March 2008 commencing at 10 am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

MARY FLEET

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Wednesday, 30th January 2008

Issues Raised

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Anhydrite Mines A Councillor referred to a promise made by the Mayor that the general public would be kept informed as to the current situation regarding the anhydrite mines.</p> <p>Speeding Drive / King Oswy Drive A Councillor advised that the letter mentioned in the previous minutes on this issue had not been received by her.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised those present that a report had been received from the consultants and had been returned to them as it was felt to be unsatisfactory. When there was more information the residents would be informed in writing and a report would be brought to the North Neighbourhood Forum. A resident asked that a full copy of the report be made available to all residents.</p> <p>The Traffic Team Leader indicated that this letter had been despatched the previous week and involved consultation of the residents on the installation of yellow lines. The Councillor reported that she had received complaints from bus drivers but the Traffic Team Leader indicated that this had not been raised as a problem by the area manager.</p>	<p>Alan Coulson</p> <p>Peter Frost</p>
<p><u>Public Question Time</u></p> <p>Steetley / CJC sites and the Barnshaw Bending site on Old Cemetery Road</p> <p>Are we any further forward with the planning application for the above sites?</p>	<p>The planning department were still considering the legalities of the outline planning application for the Steetley/CJC sites.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Forum to the Planning Department outlining the</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER
<p>Warren Road and Skerne Road What action is Hartlepool Borough Council taking to once more persuade the owners of the land between Warren Road and Skerne Road to clean it up? It is once more an eyesore with rubbish dumped regularly. Is HBC actively pursuing the fly tippers in this area?"</p> <p>Spearman Walk Can the two street signs in Spearman Walk be renewed? The one on the property at No. 19 and the one on the opposite property"</p> <p>Spearman Walk/Rafton Drive Can you please investigate dog fouling at the rear of Spearman Walk / Rafton Drive?</p> <p>A request was made for more dog fouling bins on Central Estate, particularly in those areas where the problem was most prevalent.</p> <p>Chester Road/Raby Road During the previous week a light at this junction had been damaged by high winds. A resident had reported this to Council officers but nothing had been done.</p>	<p>Forum's concerns. A copy of the letter would be provided in the papers for the next Forum meeting.</p> <p>Site visit to take place with owners and Hartlepool Borough Council to identify long term solutions.</p> <p>This would be inspected and appropriate action to be taken.</p> <p>Dog warden to be informed and area to be cleaned.</p> <p>Officer to liaise with Central Estate Management organisation to ascertain best locations for additional bus.</p> <p>The Traffic Team Leader would chase this up and advise the resident when repairs were completed.</p>	<p>Craig Thelwell</p> <p>Garry Jones</p> <p>Garry Jones</p> <p>Garry Jones</p> <p>Peter Frost</p>

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Public Question Time (Cont ...)		
<p>Illegal parking A Councillor asked that a report on parking enforcement be brought to the next meeting of the Forum. There were a number of areas where parking was an ongoing problem: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamard Grove Primary School – parking on yellow lines was still an issue • Warren Road – this should remain a one-way street as parked cars tended to block the traffic • King Oswy Drive to West View Road – provision of a bus lay-by was requested. This scheme had been put forward for approval following cost analysis. • Merry-Go-Round Public House roundabout – cars had to make a u-turn to get onto Jesmond Road from this roundabout. The Traffic Team Leader advised that money had been put aside in the Local Transport Plan for work on this in 2010. The accident record could be checked to see if there was any justification for the work being carried out sooner. <p>Merlin Way The Resident Representative requested that a traffic review be carried out on Merlin Way and criticised the lack of information given to residents most affected by these decisions, asking that these issues be looked at.</p>	<p>Details regarding locations raised at the Forum to be reported to the next Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.</p> <p>Traffic Team Leader to explore.</p> <p>Accident record to be checked and fed back to next Forum.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager agreed that this was an important point and might need to be reviewed. The Neighbourhood Manager to raise this with Director of Neighbourhood Services. A resident suggested that in future developers be required to include traffic calming measures – noted.</p>	<p>Phil Hepburn</p> <p>Peter Frost</p> <p>Peter Frost</p> <p>Karen Oliver</p>

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER
<p><u>Public Question Time (Cont ...)</u></p> <p>Derelict Buildings request by a Councillor for feedback on the possibility of adding the Headland Gate Public House to the current list of derelict buildings.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this building was not derelict just closed. This limited any actions which the Local Authority could take. Along with all other empty buildings the situation would be closely monitored.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>
<p><u>Ward Members & Ward Issues</u></p> <p>Headland Paddling Pool Redevelopment had begun on this a year ago but had recently been put on hold for another year. A Councillor referred to this and a number of failed initiatives in the North area (bridge across Brinkburn Road. Fish restaurant, boxing at the Borough Hall) as proof that the North was constantly being put on the 'back burner' in favour of the town centre. Another Councillor supported these sentiments particularly in relation to the paddling pool issues.</p>	<p>The Assistant Director for Community Services advised that the two paddling pools at the Headland and Seaton Carew would be operational as normal during the summer months and this was the reason for the delay in the improvement work. The Neighbourhood Manager indicated she would forward these comments relating to failed initiatives etc to the Chief Executive.</p>	<p>John Mennear</p>
<p>King Oswy Shops A hole in the pavement had been reported by a resident but no action had so far been taken despite assurances from the Neighbourhood Services Officer.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Services Officer indicated that there had been a mix up as to which hole was being referred to but in the event both had been fixed.</p>	<p>Garry Jones</p>

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Karen Oliver

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4 March 2008

Mr Stuart Green
Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)
Bryan Hanson House

Dear Stuart

CJC SITE

On behalf of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum, I would like to express the concerns of residents and Ward Members in relation to the above site. The site has been the focus of numerous discussions and presentation at the Forum. However, it is the timescale regarding the future development of the site which is causing the major concern. The Forum have asked that the following points be passed to you.

1. English Heritage are being too stringent in their objection regarding a small number of birds and their habitat.
2. We need to get on and develop the site in order to tackle the great need for social and affordable housing in the town.
3. The matter appears to be taking too long to resolve over all.

As Chair of the Forum, I would appreciate a response prior to the next meeting on 26 March 2008.

Yours sincerely

**COUNCILLOR M FLEET
CHAIR OF NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

Report of: Director of Neighbourhood Services

Subject: MINOR WORKS 2007/2008 – END OF YEAR
REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the successful implementation of improvement schemes identified by Members, Resident Representatives, and residents of the North Forum area and funded from the Minor Works Budget.

2. OUTLINE OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget for the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum was allocated for 2007/2008: -
- £52,000 from the Council for Forum schemes
 - £20,000 from Highways (£10,000 from Local Transport Plan and £10,000 from Highways Maintenance) to address minor highway works identified by the Forum
 - An additional £15,000 was allocated to address the conversion of grass verges to hard standing identified by the Forum.
- 2.3 A number of schemes presented to the Forum were recommended for approval and have been completed or are in progress. A full list of schemes have been distributed with Forum papers.
- 2.4 A decision by the Forum to allocate £20,000 over the next three years towards concentrating on the north key routes has allowed a number of improvements to take place and has encouraged match funding from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Housing Harlepool.

The £10,000 allocated to the Multi-Use Games facilities for the North has provided much needed improvements to the Headland Town Moor play area, and has again contributed towards an overall package of match funding for that location.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 It can be seen that a variety of schemes have been recommended by Members and Resident Representatives in the last financial year, addressing issues raised by Forum attendees of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum. These have included the continuation of the grass verge replacement and improvement to car parking provision as well as the dropped crossing programme.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Forum is asked to note the achievements in the last financial year, with a total Minor Works spend of £85,169 in the North Forum area in 2007/2008. There is a balance of £1,831, which will be carried over into the next financial year (2008/9)

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Minor Works - 2007/2008 - £87,000

Forum - £52,000

Highway Maintenance - £20,000

Grass Verges - £15,000

Ward	Name of Scheme	Date Approved	Minor Works Funding £	Other Funding
Various	Dropped crossings	13 June 2007	3,500	
Various	Pride in Hartlepool	13 June 2007	5,000	
Hart	Muirfield Walk Landscaping	13 June 2007	8,400	
Hart	Marley Walk Environmental improvements	13 June 2007	4,250	
Various	Key Routes	13 June 2007	20,000	
Various	Multi Use Games Areas	13 June 2007	10,000	
Hart	Swanage Grove Removal of grassed areas	8 August 2007	7,325	
St Hilda	Union Street Hand rail	8 August 2007	1,669	
Dyke House	Hurworth Street Removal of seating areas	8 August 2007	2,000	
St Hilda	Bell buoy and fishing cobbles	10 October 2007	1,675	
Brus	West View Road Verge works	10 October 2007	5,200	

Ward	Name of Scheme	Date Approved	Minor Works Funding	Other Funding
Hart Ward	Bamburgh Road Verge works	10 October 2007	1,200	
Throston	Throston Grange Lane Improved parking	10 October 2007	9,700	
St Hilda	Cleveland Road Traffic island	10 October 2007	5,000	
Hart	St Mark's Church Hall External repairs	December 2007	250	
Total spend			£85,169	
Balance			£1,831	

Minor Works Schemes – 2007/08

Ward	Total cost of Schemes
Brus	5,200
Dyke House	2,000
Hart	21,425
St Hilda	8,344
Throston	9,700
Various	<div> <div>38,500</div> <div> £20,000 Key Routes £10,000 Multi Use Games Areas £5,000 Pride in Hartlepool £3,500 Dropped Crossings </div> </div>
TOTAL	85,169