

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 2nd September 2009

at 2.00 pm

**at Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool**

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Atkinson, Barker, R W Cook, Fenwick, Fleet, Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, McKenna, J Marshall, Plant, Rogan, Wallace and Wright.

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Lynch, Mary Power, Linda Shields, Bob Steel, Joan 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 North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum held on 22nd July 2009
 - 4.2 Matters arising
 - 4.3 To receive the minutes of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 5th August 2009.
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. WARD ISSUES

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Resident Representative Vacancy – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 7.2 Stagecoach – Verbal Update – *Stagecoach in Hartlepool Operations Manager*
- 7.3 CJC – Verbal Update – *Development Control Manager*
- 7.4 Adoption of Roads – Verbal Update – *Head of Technical Services*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 8.1 Minor Works Budget 2009/2010 – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

9. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 14th October at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

The next meeting of the North Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 11th November at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

22 July 2009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm
in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Mary Fleet	- Dyke House Ward
Vice Chair:	Linda Shields (Resident Representative)	
	Councillor Steve Allison	- St Hilda Ward
	Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
	Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
	Councillor Tim Fleming	St. Hilda Ward
	Councillor John Marshall	- St Hilda Ward
	Councillor Christopher McKenna	- Throston Ward
	Councillor Michelle Plant	Brus Ward
	Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives:

Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Lynch, Mary Power, Joan Steel, Robert Steel

Public:

Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale, Dennis Waller, Maureen Waller, Dennis Wilson

Officers:

Peter Nixon, Senior Traffic Technician
Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager (North)
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
Gemma Clough, Principal Regeneration Officer
Richard Harlanderson, Parks Development Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representative: Sergeant Tim Brown

Housing Hartlepool Representative – Janice Ledger

North East Ambulance Representative – Mark Cotton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received
from Councillor Rogan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 27 MAY 2009

These were accepted as an accurate account with the addition of apologies being received from Mary Power and John Lynch.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Car Parking on Pavements – A Member referred to obstructions on pavements caused by car parking on pavements and wheelie bins being left out all day. He stated that this was a major hazard threatening the safety of children.

CJC – A resident asked whether there was an update on what was happening on this site and was informed that the Development Control Manager would be invited to attend the next meeting to address residents' concerns.

Central Estate – A resident asked whether there was any progress on the placement of dog fouling bins and was informed that a bin was currently on order.

Emergency Planning – At a previous meeting the emergency planning and business contingency plan was highlighted by a resident representative. Since this meeting the officer responsible for emergency planning had had a discussion with the resident representative and no further action was required.

Middlegate – The Senior Traffic Technician informed the meeting that a meeting had been held with Stagecoach who had agreed to change routes and times of buses. A member highlighted the recurring problem with buses being left with engines running whilst drivers left the vehicle in order to have a cigarette.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Hindpool Close – A resident raised the issues of cars speeding in this area and was informed that this would be looked at as it had been raised at the Neighbourhood Action Plan meeting as well.

Adoption of Roads – Residents expressed disquiet at the adoption of highways on the Marina with the Council being responsible for bringing the road up to an acceptable standard. It was suggested that the Head of Technical Services be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss adoption of roads generally.

Central Estate (Linear Park) – A resident highlighted that the walkway along the central estate was in need of repair and was informed that the Neighbourhood Manager was aware of this but there was not currently a budget available for it.

6. MASTER PLAN FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE UPPER PART BURN VALLEY GARDENS AND BEYOND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL AND INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PEOPLE OF HARTLEPOOL

The Parks Development Officer attended the meeting in order to give residents of the town an opportunity to comment upon a possible major refurbishment of one of the main parks in the town and the environmental educational and involvement programme which aimed to improve access to and the use of natural green spaces. Funding for the project was being sought from the Access to Nature Programme.

It was hoped to eventually link Burn Valley Gardens with Summerhill Park,

and other walkways within and on the outskirts of the town.

The Parks Development Officer asked that those present at the forum speak to him following the meeting with suggestions on the proposals. A resident representative asked about the NVQ training opportunities outlined in the report and was informed that junior wardens in the park would have the opportunity to attend Houghall College. A resident representative suggested that young people be involved in the project from the start in order to discourage anti-social behaviour.

A resident representative commented on the need for a crossing on Catcote Road and it was confirmed that this was already under consideration.

Members, resident representatives and residents all expressed support for a park in the north areas of the town and asked that Officers find out whether funding could be obtained. It was suggested that the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Assistant Director (Community Services) be asked to attend the next meeting. This was agreed by the Chair.

7. FOUNDATION CONSULTATION	STATUS
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Mark Cotton from the North East Ambulance Service attended the meeting in order to give a short presentation regarding the intention to apply for foundation trust status later in the year. A 12-week consultation period was underway and was due to end on 28th August 2009. Details were given of the proposed governance arrangements, including the number of representatives per area that would be eligible to sit on the Council of Governors. Consultation feedback forms and Membership

expression of interest application forms were provided for those present

A resident representative asked whether the governors would be paid and was informed that they would be volunteers although out of pocket expenses would be reimbursed. A councillor suggested that the consultation was useless as minds had already been made up. A member expressed concern that there would be delays in getting to the new hospital site because of traffic flow on the A19. It was suggested that the ambulance service should put funding towards the air ambulance.

Mark Cotton suggested that the relocation of the hospital would ensure quicker response times and that work would be done with the acute trust to ensure that there was no negative impact.

A councillor asked about the number of members of the trust and who would be eligible to vote for governors of the trust. Mark Cotton outlined the proposed timetable and stated that it was expected that the Foundation Trust would be ready for business on 1 April 2010.

8. MINOR WORKS 2009/10

A number of items were put forward for consideration under the Minor Works Scheme and the following were approved.

Various Wards – Dropped Crossings
£3,500 - Agreed

Sandbanks Drive – verge works £18,000
- Agreed

Pride in Hartlepool - £5,000 - Agreed
It was agreed to defer a decision on the Telford Close footpath until the possibility of match funding could be explored by the Central Estate NAP.

Other schemes were put forward by Members including the need for bollards on King Oswy Drive. There was a request however that Officers carry out a resident consultation survey regarding this scheme.

A member of the public asked that thanks be passed on to the team responsible for the flowerbeds at the entrance to Bishop Cuthbert.

9. THROSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN

The Principal Regeneration Officer attended the meeting in order to inform those present of the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) that had been prepared for the Throston area, the boundary for which was explained. The NAP is a neighbourhood focused plan developed with local people, service providers, Members and Resident Representative. It identifies the issues impacting on the quality of life of local people that once addressed will improve the neighbourhood. The Officer explained the process that has been established to implement the Plan, which differs slightly from other NAP areas. This will be reviewed and the findings fed into other NAP Forums across the town.

Members expressed approval of this Plan and thanked the officer for the work that has been undertaken to prepare the Plan. A member asked where areas of Hart Ward stood in the Index of Multiple Deprivation. The Principal Regeneration Officer agreed to pass this information to the member, as this information was not available at the meeting.

10. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

Recycling Bags – A Resident Representative outlined difficulties in the

storage and collection of recycling bags despite being on the assisted scheme and the Neighbourhood Manager (North) agreed to report this for her.

Dropped Kerbs – A Resident Representative stated that dropped kerbs on Bruce Crescent and Winterbottom Avenue were very close to junctions and this presented difficulties when trying to cross the road as it limited visibility by drivers.

11. WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES

20 mph limit outside schools – A Member highlighted the decision for 20 mph speed limits outside schools and was informed that there was a rolling programme for schools across the town.

Flooding in Thorpe Street – A Member outlined how this area had flooded causing problems with access to the Headland. The Neighbourhood Manager (North) agreed to highlight this to the Director of Neighbourhood Services.

Trees on King Oswy Drive – A Member stated that a number of trees obscured the streetlights and the Neighbourhood Services Officer agreed to rectify this.

Wiltshire Way Traffic Survey – A member asked whether this had been carried out and was informed that this would be done shortly and would report back when it was done.

Policing of the Wards – A Member asked queried the distribution of police officers in the area and was informed that there was one officer allocated to the Brus Ward and one to the Hart Ward.

Tree Strategy – A Member queried the funding from Minor Works towards the Tree Strategy and was informed that £20,000 would be allocated to the key

routes and £30,000 to other areas. In most areas of the country there was 8% tree coverage but at present Hartlepool had only 3%. Planting would be done at the appropriate time of year.

Headland Development Building – A resident thanked the Neighbourhood Services Department for repairs to potholes in front of this building.

Drains on Cleveland Road – A resident thanked the Neighbourhood Services Department for attending to the drains on Cleveland Road.

Chartered Institute of Housing – The Chair congratulated John Lynch on being awarded the Chartered Institute of Housing, Heroic People Award for his exceptional dedication and commitment to housing services and his local community.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

22 July 2009

Issues Raised/Action Sheet

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Cars Parking on Pavements – A Member referred to obstructions on pavements caused by car parking on pavements and wheelie bins being left out all day. He stated that this was a major hazard threatening the safety of children.</p> <p>CJC – A resident asked whether there was an update on what was happening on this site and was informed that Richard Teece, Development Control Manager would be invited to attend the next meeting to address residents' concerns.</p> <p><u>Public Question Time</u></p> <p>Hindpool Close – A resident raised the issues of cars speeding in this area and was informed that this would be looked at as it had been raised at the Neighbourhood Action Plan meeting as well.</p>	<p>The local authority parking enforcement team can only take action against vehicles on footpaths where a parking restriction is in place. All other footpath obstructions are under the jurisdiction of the Police. HBC/Police are however currently liaising over a joint initiative to raise awareness of the problem, and the Police have indicated that they will issue FPN's to drivers they observe obstructing the footpaths. It is hoped to "pilot" locations in the North Neighbourhood area and assess impact/success. Phil Hepburn to attend the meeting to provide an update in relation to the pilot project.</p> <p>Officer to provide an update at the 2 September North Consultative Forum meeting.</p> <p>A proposed traffic calming scheme has been designed and will be presented at the next NAP meeting to discuss possible funding opportunities.</p>	<p>P Hepburn</p> <p>K Oliver</p> <p>P Nixon</p>

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<p>Adoption of Roads – Residents expressed disquiet at the adoption of highways on the Marina with the Council being responsible for bringing the road up to an acceptable standard. It was suggested that the Head of Technical Services be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss adoption of roads generally.</p> <p>Central Estate (Linear Park) – A resident highlighted that the walkway along the central estate was in need of repair and was informed that the Neighbourhood Manager was aware of this but there was not currently a budget available for it.</p> <p><u>Burn Valley Refurbishment</u></p> <p>Linear Park in the North Area - Members, resident representatives and residents all expressed support for a park in the north areas of the town and asked that Officers find out whether funding could be obtained. It was suggested that the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Assistant Director (Community Services) be asked to attend the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Throston Neighbourhood Action Plan</u></p> <p>Deprivation in Hart Ward, Clavering - A member asked where areas of Hart Ward stood in the index of multiple deprivation. The Principal Regeneration Officer agreed to pass this information to the member.</p> <p><u>Resident Representative Issues</u></p> <p>Dropped Kerbs – A Resident Representative stated that dropped kerbs on Bruce Crescent and Winterbottom Avenue were very close to junctions and this presented difficulties when trying to cross the road as it limited visibility by drivers</p>	<p>Officer to attend the North Consultative Forum meeting on 2 September in relation to this item.</p> <p>£30,000 approximately to bring the footpath up to an adoptable standard. Officer is currently exploring possible funding provision for this area.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager has organised a meeting to discuss in more detail the possibility of providing a 'Park' in the North. The meeting will take place on 7 September. Feed back will be provided at the October North Consultative Forum.</p> <p>Relevant information collated, which is to be sent to the relevant members (Caroline Barker and Edna Wright) for information.</p> <p>All dropped crossings are installed in accordance to the disabled guide lines at the time.</p>	<p>K Oliver</p> <p>K Oliver</p> <p>K Oliver</p> <p>Gemma Clough</p> <p>G Jones</p>

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WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

***NORTH POLICE &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

5 August 2009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart 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, John Lynch and Mary Power

Residents: Liam Gouldburn, M Shaw, Elizabeth Torley, Alan Vale, Maureen Waller and E Wilson

Officers: Brian Neale, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator
Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Katie Sheehan, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Cleveland Police : Acting Chief Inspector Mick Brown, Sergeant Tim Brown,
Police Constable Andy Plant, Police Constable Ian Walker and
Police Community Support Officer Alan Wildsmith

Cleveland Fire Brigade : Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool : Natalie Gooding

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair Councillor Mary Fleet welcomed residents, Councillors and Officers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Michelle Plant.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2009

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record with the addition of apologies to be recorded from Councillors Barker and Wright and resident representatives John Lynch and Mary Power.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Grey Street – A resident asked what action was ongoing in that area and was informed that measures were currently taking place to try and alleviate the drugs activity there including closure of crack house, the use of Officers on pedal cycles to follow suspects, and plain clothes operations.

Spion Cop – A resident asked about CCTV coverage on Old Cemetery Road but was informed that there was currently no update on this.

Leighton Terrace – A Member highlighted continual problems in this area and pointed out conflicting evidence regarding the number of incidents in the area. She repeated that the play area should be covered by CCTV. Acting Chief Inspector Brown agreed that there was a problem with Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage in the area and the

FAST team had ongoing diversionary activities planned.

Sea Coaling – A resident highlighted the issue of sea coalers using vehicles on the beach at the Headland and referred to a report in the Hartlepool Mail. Sergeant Brown informed the meeting that enquiries revealed that although the vehicles were old, they were not considered unroadworthy. A joint operation was planned with Trading Standards. A resident also highlighted a further issue whereby sea coaling vehicles had tipped rubbish onto the beach in the vicinity of Thorpe Street. Officers agreed to look into this.

King Oswy Shops – A Resident Representative highlighted problems with youths in this area and was informed that there was a multi-agency approach to this. Acting Chief Inspector Brown informed the meeting that there was now an extra member of Police Staff in the CCTV control centre to assist.

5. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Acting Chief Inspector Brown provided an overview of crime in the Cleveland Force and also North area of Hartlepool. Force-wide figures were down for House Burglaries, Violent Crime, Criminal Damage, Vehicle Crime and Drugs activity had risen. The numbers of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13s and Street encounters in the North area of the town were also given. Members asked that instead of percentage figures, actual figures be brought in future. A Member commented that because of the downward trend in crime she no longer feared going out at night.

Members were reminded of a recent invitation by Superintendent Summerbell

for them to visit the newly refurbished Police Office.

A resident representative asked about figures for arson and was told that he could be updated after the meeting. A resident asked whether residents could be informed when prolific criminals had been remanded in order to allay their fears. Acting Chief Inspector Brown said that this was not possible, but reassured her that if a criminal was released on licence, a visit to their address would be made by Officers.

A Member queried the rise in drug crime and was informed of the measures being taken to educate school children about the dangers. An holistic multi-agency approach was being taken.

A resident highlighted problems with cars parking on pavements especially in the Holdforth Road area. He was informed that the ward Officer would make contact but it was the Local Authority who issued tickets if vehicles park on double yellow lines, although Police could issue tickets if a vehicle was causing an obstruction.

The meeting was informed that further monthly updates would be provided at local community meetings. Ward surgeries were to be held monthly and these would be advertised in the local press as well as posters in venues. It was suggested that these could be advertised via the Ringmaster system. A resident referred to Neighbourhood Action Plan meetings which had been attended previously by Police and asked that Police resume attendance at these meetings as they had been very helpful.

A Member referred to fly tipping on the beach by sea coalers and said that the Environment Agency and Natural England had been informed but that Police should get involved in this too.

Sergeant Tim Brown and Police Constable Andy Plant were introduced to the meeting, having recently been appointed to the North Neighbourhood Policing Team.

6. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Peter Bradley gave details of the number of incidents in the North Area of the town. There were two hotspots, namely the Brus and the Headland. Most fires occurred between 7.00 pm and midnight. There had been an increase in deliberate F3 fires but a leaflet drop had been done to inform residents of the dangers of household rubbish.

A Member referred to recent flooding in Thorpe Street and asked whether this would prevent Emergency Services from accessing the Headland area. He was informed that emergency vehicles would be able to get through.

A Member referred to fires at the Steetley site as well as others on Tees Road and was informed that the Steetley site was more costly to resource because of the sheer number of incidents. There were 48 waste sites in Hartlepool and a multi agency approach was being taken to educate the owners of the hazards.

A Member asked whether there would be a disruption to services when the new fire station was built and was informed that it was hoped that this would be minimal.

7. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer outlined to the meeting, where the bulk of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) occurred in the North Area of the town. This included incidents which were monitored by

Housing Hartlepool as well as the Authority's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit. Members were given a break down of types of incidents that had occurred, the main complaints being about noise and vandalism or damage to property.

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer stated that work was being focussed on Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) for adults. The number of juvenile ASBOs had reduced from previous years and numbers of young people ending up in court had reduced by 17%.

Details were given of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and Parenting Contracts and Orders comparative to neighbouring Authorities as well as people's perception of the problem of ASB.

Details of Assertive Outreach efforts to divert young people from ASB were given and it was hoped to get Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) funding to put on further activities at weekends. Young people in possession of alcohol were diverted to the Straightline project. It was clarified that there was enough money to mount an Operation Staysafe each month.

There were 35 ASBOs currently across the town and it had been proven that when an ASBO was in place, the holder reduced ASB by 85%.

A Member stated that there had been a reduction in youth centres over the last few years. The Senior ASB officer stated that Hartlepool has a good youth services and there was lots of spending on young people across the town, particularly with the Youth Crime Action Plan.

A resident representative asked about the Dordrecht Scheme and was informed that this could be discussed at the next meeting.

A Member asked why there were more Parenting Contracts in place in other authorities and was informed that the use of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements appeared to tackle the problem without having to resort to Parenting Contracts.

A Member asked what sort of response parents gave when their children had been stopped by Police for under-age drinking and was informed that they were very supportive of police action.

Acting Chief Inspector Brown stated that if there was an ASB incident involving a young person, then Officers would make a follow up visit to their home the next day.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator outlined how the Safer Hartlepool Partnership worked within the Local Authority with partners including the Police and Fire Authorities.

He outlined the team of staff working within the Safer Hartlepool Partnership team and the Ringmaster scheme.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no issues raised.

10. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Car Parking on Pavements – A Member referred again to this issue and was informed that the Highway Code is an advisory booklet and not law. The Member was informed that following the previous meeting, when problems in Tempest Road had been highlighted, a leaflet drop had taken place to residents

advising them that if vehicles were parked illegally they would be taken to court or have the vehicle towed away. Police were keen to do something about it, but sometimes the law was not clear.

Police Officers in Post – A Member queried how many officers were designated to Hart Ward as there were a number of crime hotspots in the area. She was informed that although there were only 2 members of staff, they had the support of other teams of officers should it be required. A further Officer was due to start in the North area on 10 September. PC Plant stated that although he had not been long in post he was keen to tackle crime in the area and had visited a number of residents' meetings.

Ward Surgeries – It was suggested that Ward Surgeries could be held at the same time and venue as Police ward surgeries.

The meeting concluded at 4.25 pm.

Chair

Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum the out come of the recent nominations for the Resident Representative Throston vacancy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A vacancy existed in the Throston ward and the election process was followed. Nomination forms, Terms of reference and guidance notes were distributed to resident groups, resident representatives and ward members. Posters were also displayed in public and prominent venues in the North and a press release sent to the local newspaper. The deadline for nomination papers was 12 noon Friday 14 August 2009.
- 2.2 There was one nomination received by the deadline, the nominee being from the Throston ward, thus creating an uncontested election and the nominee automatically being elected at the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum welcome the newly elected resident representative to the group.

4. CONTACT OFFICER

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Report: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: MINOR WORKS BUDGET 2009/2010

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

Scheme One - Telford Close Footpath (**Appendix A**)

- 1.2 Members will recall that this scheme to provide a footpath across open grassed area towards Brunell Close was presented at the North Consultative Forum on 22 July 2009. At that meeting it was suggested that a contribution toward the cost of the scheme be considered by the Central NAP.
- 1.3 The total cost of the proposed footpath is £11,800. At the time of writing this report the Central NAP Forum had not met. Officers are unable to confirm at this stage whether a contribution will be agreed. However it may be possible to table the outcome at the North Consultative Forum meeting.

Scheme Two - Ridlington Way Parking Scheme (**Appendix B**)

- 1.4 Residents and Ward Members have made requests for improved parking in Ridlington Way. Opposite house numbers two to twenty. There is a slightly raised grassed area opposite these houses that get overridden by cars and large delivery vehicles causing damage to parked cars and the grass verge.
- 1.5 The proposed scheme is to remove a two metre width strip of grassed area by 30 metre and replace with Tarmac in front of numbers two to twelve, and to do the same in front of house numbers twelve to twenty.
- 1.6 The total cost to deliver both parts of this scheme would be £16,800 or if decided one part of this scheme (£8,400) could be delivered this financial year and the next part possibly be delivered in the next financial year.

Scheme Three - King Oswy Drive Bollard Scheme (**Appendix C**)

- 1.7 A Ward member has made a request on behalf of residents for the installation of bollards on the grass verge between house numbers 139 to 149. King Oswy drive, to address the problem of cars parking on the grass verge and drive ways been blocked by parents cars when picking up or dropping children of at the local school.

1.8 Members are reminded that this location currently has a yellow line parking restriction between the school pick up times. There is therefore the opportunity to raise the pro-activity of the enforcement opportunities. Whilst bollards may prevent the grass verge issue, it will not guarantee that those intent on parking here doing so.

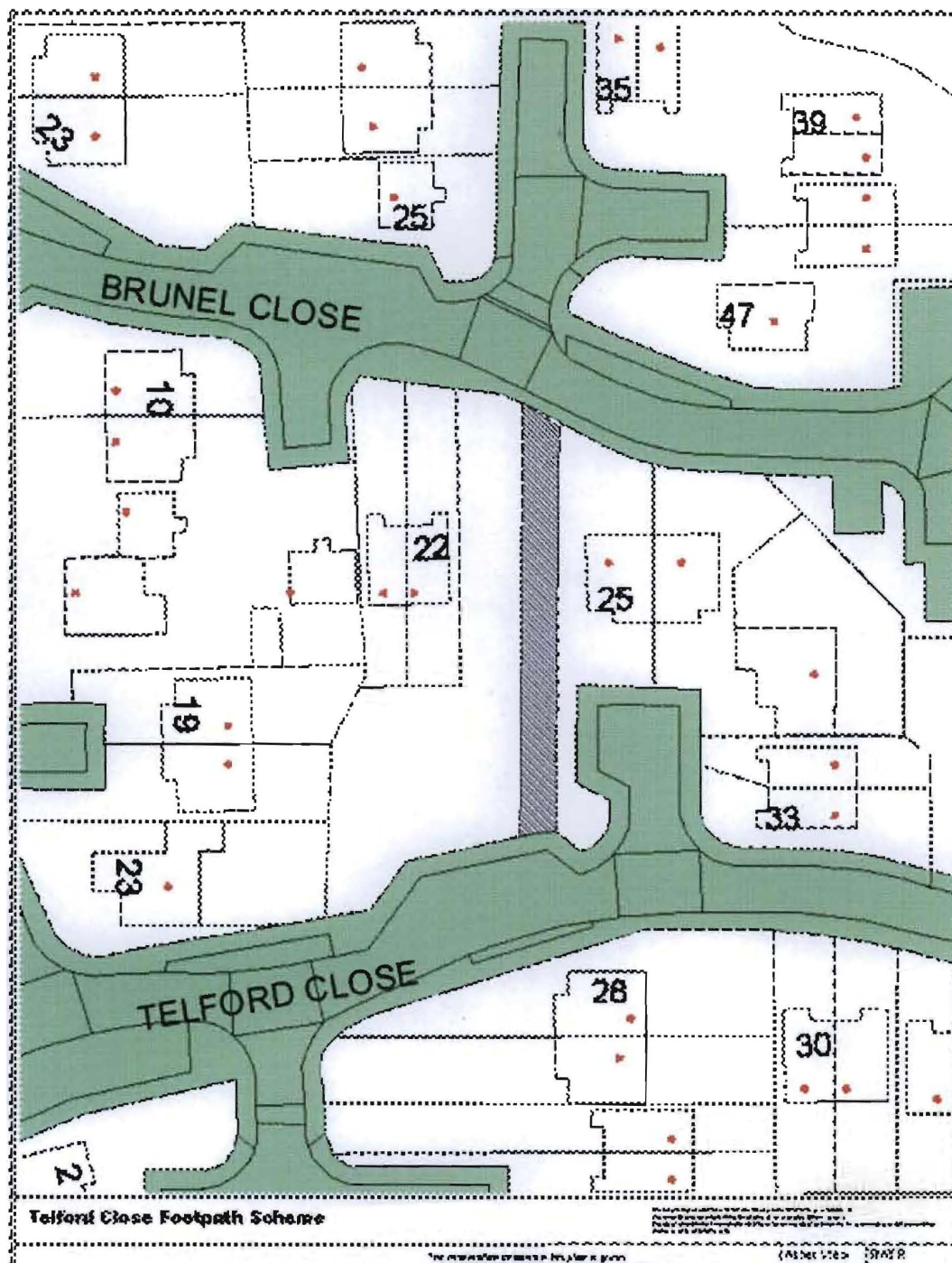
1.9 Members are therefore asked to consider the following options:

- (a) provision of 30 bollards - £6,000;
- (b) pro-active enforcement of yellow line status. In addition to this engage the school (Barnard Grove) as part of the educational and awareness programme which involves pupils and parents regarding dangers of parking near schools.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above schemes. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio for final approval.

APPENDIX A



Ridlington Way Parking Scheme

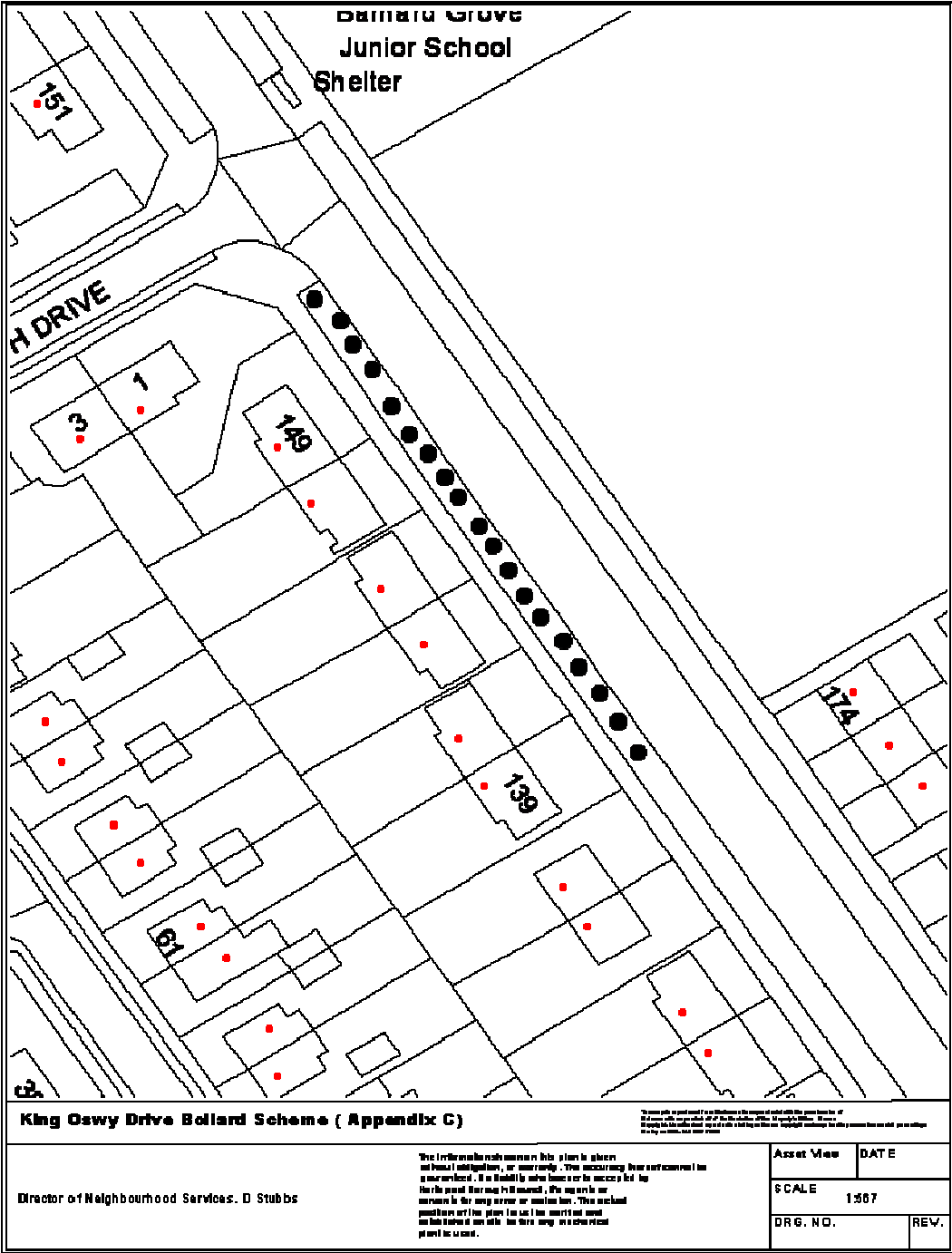
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Legend:

- Proposed parking spaces
- Existing buildings
- Proposed access road
- Proposed footpath
- Proposed cycleway
- Proposed landscaping
- Proposed lighting
- Proposed drainage
- Proposed boundary
- Proposed fence
- Proposed gate
- Proposed sign
- Proposed tree
- Proposed shrub
- Proposed flower bed
- Proposed lawn
- Proposed path
- Proposed driveway
- Proposed garage
- Proposed shed
- Proposed outbuilding
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Checklist of Works to be Done:

- Proposed parking spaces
- Proposed access road
- Proposed footpath
- Proposed cycleway
- Proposed landscaping
- Proposed lighting
- Proposed drainage
- Proposed boundary
- Proposed fence
- Proposed gate
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- Proposed driveway
- Proposed garage
- Proposed shed
- Proposed outbuilding



North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Minor Works - 2009/2010 - £87,000

Forum - £52,000
 Highway Maintenance - £20,000
 Grass Verges - £15,000

Ward	Name of Scheme	Date Approved	Minor Works Funding	Other Funding
			£	
All Wards	Tree Strategy	27 May 2009	50,000	
Various	Dropped Crossings	22 July 2009	3,500	
Hart	Sandbanks Drive	22 July 2009	18,000	
Various	Pride in Hartlepool	22 July 2009	5,000	

Total spend £76,500
Balance £10,500

Minor Works Schemes – 2009/2010

Ward	Total cost of Schemes
Brus	
Dyke House	
Hart	18,000
St Hilda	
Throston	
Various	<div> <div>£58,500</div> <div> 50,000 Tree Strategy 3,500 Dropped Crossings 5,000 Pride in Hartlepool </div> </div>
TOTAL	£76,500