

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Thursday 1st July 2010

at 10.00 am

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Aiken, S Akers-Belcher, Brash, Cranney, Hall, Ingham, Laffey, Lauderdale, London, Maness, Morris, Payne, Richardson, Shaw, Simmons, Sutheran, H Thompson, Wells and Worthy

Resident Representatives: Elizabeth Carroll, Ted Jackson, Robert Farrow, Peter Goodier, Evelyn Leck, Brenda Loynes, Steven Mailen, Brian McBean, Julie Rudge and Hilda Wales

- 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 of the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum held on 8th April 2010
 - 4.2 Matters arising.

- 4.3 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 22nd April 2010

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)

Stranton
Burn Valley
Elwick
Foggy Furze
Grange
Park
Rift House

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

No items

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

- 7.1 Central Area Environmental Enforcement Update – Presentation – *Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 8.1 Central Neighbourhood Forum Minor Works Budget – *Neighbourhood Manager (Central)*

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Thursday 19th August 2010 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre.

The date and time of the next meeting of the Central Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum to be confirmed.

WARDS

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CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

8 April 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Kevin Cranney - Foggy Furze Ward

Vice-Chair: Evelyn Leck (Resident Representative)

Councillor Martyn Aiken	- Foggy Furze Ward
Councillor Jonathan Brash	- Burn Valley Ward
Councillor Pauline Laffey	- Park Ward
Councillor John Lauderdale	- Burn Valley Ward
Councillor Frances London	- Foggy Furze Ward
Councillor George Morris	- Park Ward
Councillor Carl Richardson	- Grange Ward
Councillor Hilary Thompson	- Elwick Ward
Councillor Victor Tumilty	- Grange Ward

Resident Representatives: Bob Farrow, Ted Jackson, Brenda Loynes, Brian McBean, Julie Rudge

Public: V Auger, G and S Johnson, D Loynes, M Lumley, Ray McAndrew and R H Wells

Council Officers: Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager (Central)
Mike Blair, Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager
Sarah Scarr, Landscape Planning and Conservation Manager
Kate Ainger, Pride in Hartlepool Officer
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Central)
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Acting Inspector Dave Halliday

Fire Brigade Representative: Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Janis Ledger

50+ Forum Representative: Sian Johnson

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors John Coward, Gerard Hall, Pamela Hargreaves, Robbie Payne, Carl Richardson and Jane Shaw and Resident Representative Liz Carroll.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

47. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2010

Approved subject to the following amendments:

That apologies be included from Councillors Pauline Laffey and Victor Tumilty,

Elwick – Potholes – that it be noted that the pothole in question led into Hart Village

Foggy Furze – Ward surgery – That this had taken place on 8th March rather than 9th March.

48 MATTERS ARISING

Ward Jackson Park - signage – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes asked if HBC officers could contact representatives of the residents association or Friends of Ward Jackson Park regarding issues affecting the park. The Neighbourhood Manager to contact Mrs Loynes directly.

Health Centre – transport links – Resident Representative Jean Kennedy commented on inadequate transport links between Burbank and the health centre,

something she had raised over 4 years previously and acknowledged by the PCT. Residents were experiencing great difficulty in crossing the main road. The Chair acknowledged and supported these concerns.

Dunston Road – catering van – Resident Representative Ted Jackson thanked HBC officers for their efforts in regard to this.

Burn Valley - Resident Ray McAndrew advised that there was still no signage warning that this was an alcohol free zone. He further indicated that despite the main gates being locked at night a small gate was left open allowing egress into the park. The Vice-Chair confirmed this. Councillor Jonathan Brash queried whether this could be rectified using minor works funding. The Chair commented that the locks on the gates were continually vandalised but it was the duty of the Council to put this right. Councillor Brash acknowledged this and also reported that there had been a number of complaints about the inefficiency of the security firm currently being used.

Stockton Road – tarmac on pavements – Resident Ray McAndrew highlighted this as a concern. This would be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager for action.

Stranton Cemetery – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes advised that despite the main gates being closed a small gate was being left open allowing access. She also requested that higher fencing be installed as the current wall was too low. The Chair would forward these concerns to the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

Hartlepool Core Strategy – Public Consultation on the Preferred Options Report - Councillor George Morris referred to an assertion by the Team Leader for Planning, Policy and Information that plans to include Tunstall Farm as a site for executive housing had been removed from the Local Plan for 2006 by the inspector because Victoria Harbour had been felt sufficient. He queried where this was in the inspectors report as he had been unable to find it. The Chair advised that an answer to this would be available at the next meeting.

49 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND WARD ISSUES
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Stranton

Waldon Street – Resident Representative Jean Kennedy made a number of complaints in relation to the new health centre, specifically that despite promises made by HBC, PCT and New Deal for Communities Waldon Street residents had been left with a bad outlook from their windows. Representatives from Carillion had never consulted with residents, deliberately staying away from meetings where residents would be in attendance without a genuine reason for their absence. The Chair indicated that a meeting had been held the previous week at which the company were present. He asked that Mrs Kennedy note the details of residents' grievances in writing and he would write to Carillion on behalf of the Forum for a response.

Huckelhoven Way – Councillor Frances London raised concerns about speeding traffic. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager to take appropriate action.

Central Library – Councillor Frances London advised that there were currently

problems with the heating and revolving door.

Burn Valley

Request for a pedestrian crossing at Park Road and Osborne Road – Resident Ray Waller referred to a previous refusal to install a pedestrian crossing at this site in favour of a Pelican crossing. He commented that he had not asked for a pelican crossing and felt a pedestrian crossing was not unreasonable given the amount of older people living in Park Road. The Chair asked that costings be provided by the Highways department.

Puddles – The Vice-Chair asked that the drains be cleared more often as the inclement weather was leading to deep puddles on the pavements. This problem was not exclusive to the Burn Valley Ward however.

Potholes – Resident Ray McAndrew queried the policy of repairing potholes on side streets at the expense of those on main roads. He gave a number of examples including the White House roundabout. The Chair advised that the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager had made note of the details, however there was a minimal depth required before potholes could be repaired.

Thorton Street Gardens – Resident Ray McAndrew indicated that the railings and kerbstones were in a state of disrepair. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that while HBC were responsible for general grounds maintenance NDC were funding the repairs. Action was already being taken by the Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager.

Parking – Resident Ray McAndrew reported that a Mercedes had recently

parked so far onto the pavement of Osborne Road that pedestrians had to pass it sideways. The Neighbourhood Manager requested that the Community Safety Office be contacted as obstruction was a police matter. Resident Ray Waller referred to recent examples of people parking on dropped kerbs and street corners. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager requested that in these cases people telephone the HBC Contact Centre as HBC officers were able to issue tickets to people parking on dropped kerbs.

Park Road Co-op – Resident Ray McAndrew felt that recent repointing work on the old Co-op building had not been very successful. The Neighbourhood Manager would contact the owners with Mr McAndrew's comments.

Eamont Gardens – Councillor Jonathan Brash advised there had been a number of complaints about young people throwing stones. He asked that HBC officers link with Neighbourhood Police officers on this.

The Vice-Chair commented that the Burn Valley area consistently received less funding and/or amenities than other areas. Councillor Jonathan Brash disputed this, citing such examples as improvements to the Burn Valley gardens, reductions in traffic speeds and landlord licensing initiatives. The Vice-Chair acknowledged this but felt that there tended to be less available to boundary areas

Elwick

Councillor Hilary Thompson referred to the 'terrible' state of Hartlepool's rural roads, specifically the missing surface on Coal Lane and possible damage to gullies in North Lane and North Close.

Foggy Furze

Dog fouling – Resident Representative Bob Farrow advised that this was a problem despite a number of dog bins which were cleaned regularly.

Longhill Industrial Estate – Resident Representative Bob Farrow referred to smells again emanating from Longhill and loud bangs which he believed were being caused by gas bottles in cars that were being crushed.

Tree – Resident Bob Farrow requested that a tree be planted to replace one on the hill which had been broken 2 years previously.

Caledonian Road – Councillor Martyn Aiken thanked HBC officers for their work cleaning the area around the power station

Potholes – Councillor Frances London highlighted a dangerous pothole on the corner by Rift House Post Office along with more minor examples on Oxford Road and some side road. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager noted these.

Grange

Stephen Street – Resident Representative Brian McBean thanked HBC officers for their swiftness in cleaning mess caused by a resident throwing furniture and paint out of windows. This was echoed by Councillors Carl Richardson and Victor Tumilty.

Weeding – Resident Representative Brian McBean referred to a recent allocation of £450 for weeding improvements. The Neighbourhood Co-

ordinating Manager was thought to have this in hand.

Police presence – Councillor Victor Tumilty felt there had been less evidence of police activity over the holiday period and consequently more damage to parked cars and phone boxes. While he was criticising the service being provided he felt that by not being physically present they were not fulfilling the pledge they had made to the public. Acting Inspector Halliday advised that an officer for the Grange Ward had been on detachment and any complaints or problems had been noted. However it was not possible to have a presence 24/7. Councillor Carl Richardson congratulated the police for the work in the Grange which had led to crime figures dropping consistently. He understood that officers had to be seconded to other wards on occasion.

Duke Street – Councillor Victor Tumilty asked that the bollards be removed near Charlie's convenience store along with an extension of the railings and double yellow parking restrictions to enable buses to pass more easily. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager advised that from May 2nd all buses currently using Duke Street would be diverted onto Jesmond Gardens and Challoner Road.

Drainage – Councillor Carl Richardson indicated that flooding was a problem in Murray Street and Milton Road and asked that a report on work carried out by HBC officers in relation to drainage be brought to a future Forum meeting. The Chair supported a presentation by Northumberland Water at the next meeting. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager understood that a drainage strategy had been begun by the previous Highway Services Manager which could be brought to the Forum.

Dog Wardens – Councillor Carl Richardson reported a number of complaints about dog fouling and asked that a report on the enforcement work carried out by Dog Wardens be brought to a future forum meeting. The Chair supported a presentation at the next meeting

Park

Tarnston Road / Throston Grange Land junction – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes highlighted a number of accidents at this spot. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager acknowledged there had been a number of accidents HBC officers would look at possible ways to design out any problems through consideration of police reports of the accidents. However he stressed that this would not happen overnight. Mrs Loynes suggested a possible 20mph speed limit, the Chair advised that a town wide 20mph limit was currently being considered.

Hart Lane traffic lights – Councillor Pauline Laffey advised that there was a blind spot at the lights at the end of Hart Lane and asked that officers look at this again.

High Tunstall parking – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes indicated that a vehicle had been parking on the grass verges around the school. There were no yellow lines in place. The Highways Traffic and Transportation Manager advised that HBC could only take enforcement action if there were yellow lines.

Ward Jackson Park – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes commented that the island in the centre of the pond was now submerged. The

pond was also regularly overflowing onto the footpath. She also raised concerns about fishing in the pond which had recently led to a swan being injured. The Chair felt that anglers needed to be informed about being more responsible.

Woodlands Grove – Councillor George Morris asked that the damaged guard rail be repaired.

Potholes – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes highlighted potholes in a number of areas including Brooke Close, Egerton Road and Park Road/Elwick Road junction.

Navigation Point – Resident Representative Christine Blakey referred to problems with sewerage over the bank holiday weekend. She urged HBC to do all they could to rectify this problem which could cause a major embarrassment during the Tall Ships. It was a matter of public health and safety. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager advised that discussions were ongoing between the legal department and Northumbria Water and every possible legal avenue explored to force Mandale to take action. Resident Representative Ted Jackson suggested possible planning embargo on all Mandale applications until the problem was rectified however the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager felt this might be difficult. Resident Ray Waller suggested further development on the site could be deemed inappropriate from an environmental health standpoint. A possible report might be needed to Planning Committee. The Chair advised that a response on this issue would be sought from HBC planning officers.

St Pauls Road – Resident Vincent Auger detailed a large number of ongoing issues with noisy neighbours which had been happening for the past 3 years. The

situation had now become so bad that Mr Auger and his family felt compelled to leave the UK for France. Members of the Forum were extremely sympathetic. The Neighbourhood Manager apologised to Mr Auger for letting him down and asked that he call into the community safety office on York Road to discuss possible ways to solve these problems and support Mr Auger and his family. Councillor Jonathan Brash felt this highlighted the need for selective licensing and urged HBC officers to progress this initiative as quickly as possible. The Chair advised members that at full debate on housing was being considered for the next meeting. Resident Representative Christine Blakey reminded members that owner-occupiers also had the ability to make the lives of their neighbours' hell.

50 50-PLUS FORUM – VERBAL UPDATE

The Development Officer for Older People attended the South Forum in order to highlight the work of the 50+ Forum in supporting those over 50 in Hartlepool to have an improved say and influence in the town. The forum meets monthly to discuss issues relating to life in Hartlepool for older people. A Newsletter was distributed at the meeting which covered national and regional, as well as local issues. Community Groups were also supported.

The Development Officer further highlighted the older person's strategy which had been published in 2005 but which had been recently refreshed. An event had taken place at the Historic Quay in November during which lots of feedback had been given.

Should anyone wish to join the 50+ Forum or receive a copy of the new

strategy contact details were provided on the newsletter.

Resident Ray Waller commented that 63% of older people were unable or unwilling to use the internet so hard copies of documents were still needed, Councillor Jonathan Brash acknowledged this however there were clear advantages in persuading more older people to use the internet. It was also noted that a lot of older people had more free time to go online than younger generations

The Chair thanked the Development Officer for attending the meeting.

51 GRANGE CONSERVATION AREA – VERBAL UPDATE

The Landscape Planning and Conservation Manager gave a brief update on issues raised at the previous meeting relating to the Grange Conservation area. She explained how the boundaries of the original conservation area had been drawn up in 2004, background to the appraisal carried out by consultants in 2009 and the reason that explanatory leaflets had recently been distributed in the conservation area. This had followed the formulation of a new planning policy whereby windows and doors made of traditional materials could be replaced by their UPVC equivalent, with planning permission, providing the design was appropriate. Given these changes it had been felt timely to give householders information on this policy change and advice on the maintenance of traditional windows.

The following questions were then asked of the Manager:

Resident Ray McAndrew – Why were the information leaflets distributed 5 years after the conservation area designation? - The Manager advised that when the

original designation had taken place a letter containing a simple list of dos and don'ts had been sent to residents. However following the planning policy change leaflets has been produced and delivered to all eight conservation areas explaining the change in policy.

Resident Ray McAndrew – There had been a number of alterations carried out in the Grange which did not comply with the rules and yet no action had been taken – the Manager indicated that if work carried out without consent in a conservation area was reported to HBC enforcement action would be taken where possible. Cost was usually raised as a factor when it came to the use of traditional materials however there was a grant available to people prepared to use traditional materials which had proved popular

Resident Ray McAndrew – Boundary Walls are being built that are totally alien to the traditional look of the conservation area – leaflets on this issue would be provided in the next financial year

Resident Ray McAndrew – Why were residents only being informed that they houses would be photographed in 2010? This should have been highlighted at the implementation of the conservation area – The Manager advised that photographs of the conservation area had been taken in 2004 as part of a survey. Those taken in 2010 were as part of an update.

Resident Ray Waller and Councillor Jonathan Brash – When would street furniture (bins, lights, railings) be amended to match the traditional look of the conservation area? – The Manager acknowledged this however there was no budget attached to the conservation areas. The practice was to look for a suitable replacement when the current

equipment was broken. Nothing was timetabled for replacement at the moment

Councillor Victor Tumilty praised the Landscape and Conservation Manager for all her hard work and for taking note of residents' feelings on these matters. A non-HBC Resident living in a conservation area acknowledged there were costs associated with this but praised HBC for sending out so much information to residents, something his Local Authority had never done. He suggested that the town's historic heritage could be showcased as part of the Tall Ships. The Chair suggested that the organisers of the Tall Ships and Hartlepool Partnership might liaise on this. He thanked the Landscape and Conservation Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

52 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES – VERBAL UPDATE

The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager gave a brief update on highways and transportation issues. Since February 2010 departmental changes meant he was now responsible for highway maintenance, car parking, street lighting and buses among other responsibilities. He gave details of a number of recent initiatives which had been carried out including:

- Completion of a number of 20mph zones throughout the town with consideration of a town-wide limit currently underway
- Near completion of Baden Street zebra crossings
- Completion of extension to lay-by at Catcote Road shops with more works due to start pending an announcement on Government funding
- Traffic calming on Clark Street

- Completion of a toucan crossing on Catcote Road
- Work ongoing on the Transport Interchange
- Major bus scheme to improve punctuality
- Improvements to York Road junction
- Rolling highway maintenance programme with 4 street set to be resurfaced in July and more resurfacing to be done after the Tall Ships
- Alterations to bus routes in response to public comment
- Re-routing of the hospital bus
- Possible bus stop on Blakelock Road

The following issues were then raised:

Resident Ray Waller – why has the tarmac been put in place for the interchange when the pathway from the railway station isn't ready? When would the interchange toilets be built? – The Manager advised that the interchange was not yet complete with a lot of infrastructure still to be put in place. He was unsure as to exactly when it would be completed. He confirmed that Stagecoach buses would not be running through the Interchange

Resident Ray Waller – Residents believe bus routes are decided by the Council rather than Stagecoach, There have been complaints about the No 3 going up Elwick Road. Queries had also been made as to how much money was supplied by the Government and how much through HBC budgets. Were buses a high priority? The issue was provoking much debate.

The Vice-Chair – There is a large pothole in Stockton Road near the roundabout – The Manager advised that a specialist firm was needed to replace major

potholes so such repairs were carried out in large numbers rather than piecemeal.

Councillor Victor Tumilty – Would it be possible to allow either left or right turns at the junctions of Park Road / York Road/ Victoria Road at certain times?

Resident Representation Ted Jackson – What was being done to combat the problem of parking on Elwick Road? – The Manager indicated that it would not be possible to prevent residents parking there given the heavily residential nature of the area. If it was to be used as a bus route consideration would need to be given to other measures

The Chair thanked the Highways Traffic and Transport Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

53. PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Pride in Hartlepool Officer gave a presentation on projects that had been undertaken over the past year, particularly in the Central area. A number of groups had also benefited from funding from the Pride in Hartlepool Budget. Councillor Victor Tumilty singled out the Tree O'clock event on 5th December for particular praise.

The Chair thanked the Pride in Hartlepool Officer for attending the meeting.

54 DOG CONTROL ORDERS - REFERRAL

In October 2009 concerns were raised by the Forum about Dog Control Orders and their detrimental impact upon responsible dog owners on particular recreation grounds. The Forum had subsequently referred this issue to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee in order that the appropriateness of further consideration

by the relevant scrutiny forum could be determined. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee recognised that this was an area of concern and would normally be referred to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum. However it was acknowledged that the current work programme for Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum was at full capacity. It was agreed therefore that Dog Control Orders would be considered as a possible item for inclusion in the work programme for Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum 2010/11.

Decision

That the re-direction of the issue of Dog Control Orders to the Neighbourhood Services for consideration as a possible item for inclusion in their work programme for the 2010/11 Municipal Year be noted.

55. MINOR WORKS

The Neighbourhood Manager reported details of the Minor Works Budget allocation for 2010/11 and the Forum's role with regard to the proposal and approval of schemes.

It was noted that

- ❖ £52,000 was available for general Minor Works schemes
- ❖ £20,00 was available for highway related schemes
- ❖ A further £15,000 had been allocated to address the common issue of the conversion of grass verges to hard standing

The Forum was then asked to agree to recommend the following minor works schemes to the Portfolio Holder for approval:-

1. Park Ward – Dunston Road lay-by - £15,000

2. Burn Valley Ward – Puffin Crossing
Blakelock Road - £15,000
3. Grange Ward – Milton Road back
street resurfacing - £9,000
4. Various Wards – Tactile crossings -
£3,500
5. Various Wards – Pride in Hartlepool
- £5,000

Decision

That the following Minor Works schemes be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for approval:

- Park Ward – Dunston Road lay-by -
£15,000
- Burn Valley Ward – Puffin
Crossing Blakelock Road -
£15,000
- Grange Ward – Milton Road back
street resurfacing - £9,000
- Various Wards – Tactile crossings
- £3,500
- Various Wards – Pride in
Hartlepool - £5,000

56. CHAIR

Councillor Jonathan Brash noted that the Chair was up for election on 6th May. He thanked him for his chairmanship of what could be a difficult forum. Others praised his sympathy, understanding and impartiality. The Chair thanked them for their comments.

The meeting concluded at 4:40pm

CHAIR

Action Sheet Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

April 2010

PARK WARD

Ward Jackson Park – signage - Resident Representative Brenda Loynes asked if HBC officers could contact representatives of the residents association or Friends of Ward Jackson Park regarding signage in the park. (Neighbourhood Manager)

Concerns that occasional signage erected within Ward Jackson Park is not always in keeping with the Victorian nature of the park has been passed onto to Richard Harlanderson – HBC responsible officer for the Park. Richard has agreed to speak with the friends of Ward Jackson Park regards any current concerns and any future changes to signage.

Hartlepool Core Strategy – Public Consultation on the Preferred Options Report - Councillor George Morris referred to an assertion by the Team Leader for Planning, Policy and Information that plans to include Tunstall Farm as a site for executive housing had been removed from the Local Plan for 2006 by the inspector because Victoria Harbour had been felt sufficient. He queried where this was in the inspectors report as he had been unable to find it. Neighbourhood Manager to get an update for the next meeting.

HBC Planners report that the Inspector made no specific reference to the removal of Tunstall Farm due to the housing need being met at Victoria Harbour. The Inspector removed all green field sites, including Tunstall Farm, as well as Coronation Drive at Seaton, and Eaglesfield Road. It was the opinion of the Inspector that none of these "greenfield" sites were suitable given the number of units proposed at the Victoria Harbour. It was this steer of the overall housing location policy that resulted in the removal of the Tunstall Farm allocation.

Tarnston Road / Throston Grange Land junction – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes highlighted a number of accidents at this spot. Mrs Loynes suggested a possible 20mph speed limit, the Chair advised that a town wide 20mph limit was currently being considered.

The Traffic, Transportation, and Highways Manager informs that accident statistics will be analysed and appropriate action taken as part of the Local Safety Scheme Programme

Hart Lane traffic lights – Councillor Pauline Laffey advised that there was a blind spot at the lights at the end of Hart Lane and asked that officers look at this again.

The Traffic, Transportation, and Highways Manager informs accident statistics will be analysed and appropriate action taken as part of the Local Safety Scheme Programme

High Tunstall parking – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes indicated that a vehicle had been parking on the grass verges around the school. There were no yellow lines in place.

This issue is being looked into by the Traffic Section who are investigating whether additional yellow lines are required, or the possibility of extending the existing pedestrian barrier to prevent this activity

Ward Jackson Park – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes commented that the island in the centre of the pond was now submerged and the pond was also regularly overflowing onto the footpath. Fishing in the pond had also led to a swan being injured.

The overflow problem for the park pond has now been resolved, and the concerns raised about the anglers have been passed to the appropriate officer.

Woodlands Grove – Councillor George Morris asked that the damaged guard rail be repaired

These works are now completed

BURN VALLEY WARD

Burn Valley - Resident Ray McAndrew - advised that there was still no signage warning that this was an alcohol free zone - despite the main gates being locked at night a small gate was left open allowing egress into the park. (Neighbourhood Manager)

The Parks and Countryside Manager (Chris Wenlock) reports that there are a lot of gates in the Burn Valley and periodically there are problems with one or another of them which are easily rectified. Parks and Countryside section try to be proactive in this and informed that Burn Valley gates would be examined and any problems dealt with as swiftly as possible. There are at least two alcohol free zone signs in the Burn Valley and following further inspection a recommendation about the position and number of these signs will be made. If more are required we will have them installed.

Request for a pedestrian crossing at Park Road and Osborne Road – (Resident Ray Waller) commented that he had not asked for a pelican crossing at this site and felt a pedestrian crossing was not unreasonable given the amount of older people living in Park Road, The Chair asked that costings be provided by the Highways department.

The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager informs that he will look at this as part of this year's Local Transport Plan programme

Puddles – The Vice-Chair asked that the drains be cleared more often as the inclement weather was leading to deep puddles on the pavements. This problem was not exclusive to the Burn Valley Ward however.

The Highways Team operate a Gulley Team which cleans every gulley in the town at least once a year (more in specific areas where there are known problems such as leaves falling in the autumn). They also react to specific flooding problems whereby a gully may have become blocked over the period of several months and had not yet been cleaned out as part of the cleansing regime. There are also areas where there are problems with the capacity of the main sewers into which the gullies drain. In these situations there would be coordination with Northumbria Water in an attempt to progress sewer replacement schemes as quickly as possible.

Pothole - The Vice-Chair informed here is a large pothole in Stockton Road near the roundabout –

The external patching contractor will commence works in Hartlepool on 9th June 2010 for approx two weeks.

STRANTON WARD

Stockton Street – Road Condition – Resident Ray McAndrew highlighted this as a concern. Neighbourhood Manager to forward to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager for action

The area in question is at the junction with Stockton Street and Park Road and has been identified for patching repairs to be carried out by our external contractor who will undertake these works. Works will commence in Hartlepool on Wednesday 9th June 2010

Stranton Cemetery - Resident Representative Brenda Loynes advised that despite the main gates being closed a small gate was being left open allowing access. She also requested that higher fencing be installed as the current wall was too low. The Chair would forward these concerns to the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

This issue has been passed to the South Area Neighbourhood manager and the Parks and Countryside Manager who has the responsibility for the town's cemeteries

Huckelhoven Way – Councillor Frances London raised concerns about speeding traffic. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager to take appropriate action.

Apart from Councillor London's observations the Traffic Section, were unaware of any problems in Hucklehoven Way in respect of speeding vehicles. They will, of course now that it has been brought to our attention, monitor the situation and undertake any works that would be appropriate to any such problem.

Central Library – Councillor Frances London advised that there were currently problems with the heating and revolving door.

Revolving doors - operationally there are no problems with the doors themselves. The only noted issues are when site users try to jump into an occupied revolving door space causing the doors to halt in addition there has been abuse of the doors by vandals. The local Police teams and ASB Officers work closely with library staff to keep problems to a minimum.

Heating -modular boilers at the library have been problematic for some time. The property manager has a project in hand to replace the plant before the onset of the next heating season.

Thornton Street Gardens – Resident Ray McAndrew - indicated that the railings and kerbstones were in a state of disrepair. Neighbourhood Manager to ensure action has been taken.

Repairs have been carried out to the sand stone kerbs and three new benches have now been installed. The area will continue to be monitored and repairs carried out when necessary.

Potholes – Resident Ray McAndrew queried the policy of repairing potholes on side streets at the expense of those on main roads. He gave a number of examples including Carlton Street, Carlton Road and the White House roundabout. Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager to progress.

Although there are intervention levels to which we work in respect of the severity of a pothole in a carriageway (for insurance purposes) this only relates to those that must be repaired within 24 hours. Any other potholes reported or picked up by a Highway Inspector are repaired within 28 days. A dedicated patching gang are currently operating on a continuous basis in an attempt to address the current state of the highway network. There is also a resurfacing programme which includes some of the roads in the worst conditions in the town which will provide a longer term solution

Traffic Safety - Councillor Victor Tumilty queried if it be possible to allow either left or right turns at the junctions of Park Road / York Road/ Victoria Road at certain times?

Review of all right turn bans will be undertaken as some are now possibly not required.

Park Road Co-op – Resident Ray McAndrew felt that recent repointing work on the old Co-op building had not been very successful. The Neighbourhood Manager to investigate.

HBC Conservation Officer informs that the Park Road Co-op is a listed building which would have been constructed with lime mortars originally. The owner in undertaking any repair or alteration works as part of the consent to develop the building for residential flats was required to use lime mortars in any repairs like pointing. This is required to prevent long term damage to the building from the wrong materials being used and for appearance reasons. A standard lime mortar and pointing specification was supplied to the owner which gives details of lime mortar and methods for re-pointing. The general instruction is to keep pointing to an absolute minimum, concentrating on those areas where the original mortar has failed.

On most development sites it is a frequent difficulty to achieve a satisfactory outcome on any pointing. The problem lies with the lack of highly skilled tradesman to carry out the work (of which there is shortage) and the unwillingness of developers to use skilled tradesman on site preferring to use unskilled low cost labour who may have no experience of pointing or lime mortar. The result is often inadequate level of workmanship on development sites which are frequently clear to be seen.

Navigation Point – Resident Representative Christine Blakey referred to problems with sewerage over the bank holiday weekend. She urged HBC to do all they could to rectify this problem which could cause a major embarrassment during the Tall Ships.

HBC legal department and Northumbria Water are exploring every possible legal avenue to force Mandale to take action. The resident representative has also tried to assist through the provision of video footage.

St Pauls Road – Resident Vincent Auger detailed a large number of ongoing issues with noisy neighbours which had been happening for the past 3 years. The situation had now become so bad that Mr Auger and his family felt compelled to leave the UK for France. Neighbourhood Manager to meet with Mr Auger and agencies

A co-ordinated multi-agency approach has been adopted to provide Mr Auger with as much assistance as possible to address his issues.

ELWICK WARD

Potholes - Councillor Hilary Thompson referred to the ‘terrible’ state of Hartlepool’s rural roads, specifically the missing surface on Coal Lane and possible damage to gullies in North Lane and North Close.

Coal Lane jobs were raised on the 4th May 2010 for patching from the A19 to Borough Boundary. This Work has not been done yet but the inspector has

spoken with the works supervisor again on Thursday 10th June who informed the patching will be done within the next few weeks.

FOGGY FURZE

Dog fouling – Resident Representative Bob Farrow advised that this was a problem despite a number of dog bins which were cleaned regularly.

HBC Environmental Enforcement Team inform that there have been 332 fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling over the past 12 months and whilst many were at Seaton Front, a number were in the Burn Valley Gardens and the Studley Road area. However the enforcement team reminds us that it is difficult to actually be around at the time the offence happens. Irresponsible dog owners are the reason the Dog Control Orders were brought in, and in particular the 'On Leads' order, as it is the dogs that roam off that cause most of the problems. Further liaison with residents to get specific times and dates will take place and patrols will be increased.

Longhill Industrial Estate – Resident Representative Bob Farrow referred to smells being caused by gas bottles in crushed cars

The Authority is aware that there are occasional explosions from the frag plant at EMR which are normally due to gas cylinders within baled scrap. The plant is regulated by the Environment Agency under an environmental permit and they are aware of the explosion issues. EMR do have policies in place to minimise the occurrences but they will never be able to give 100% guarantee that explosions will not occur. Although not aware of any problems himself the Principal Environmental Health Officer will check with contacts at the Environment Agency if they are aware of any odour issues from EMR. However the Principal Environmental Health Officer informs that there have been some recent issues with odours from Niramax and from JB Recycling in Baltic Street. These smell like rubbish rather than gas. If the odours are emanating from any of the waste sites on the estate then residents need to report this to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060. Residents can also report any incidents to ourselves on 01429 523325 and we will investigate and if necessary pass on any relevant information to the EA.

Tree – Resident Bob Farrow requested that a tree be planted to replace one on the hill which had been broken 2 years previously.

This issue has been looked into and a new tree will be ordered and planted in the next few weeks.

Potholes – Councillor Frances London highlighted a dangerous pothole on the corner by Rift House Post Office along with more minor examples on Oxford Road and some side road. The Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager noted these.

The inspector has had some potholes made safe in this area in March of this year. One area outside the Post Office in Shrewsbury Street, and one in Oxford Road outside Fruitfayre. Both are on the patching schedule for the external contractor. In February the inspector did identify some patching work in Devon, Dorset & Rugby Street and these have now been done.

GRANGE WARD

Weeding – Resident Representative Brian McBean referred to a recent allocation of £450 for weeding improvements. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager was thought to have this in hand.

These works are now complete.

Drainage – Councillor Carl Richardson indicated that flooding was a problem in Murray Street and Milton Road and asked that a report on work carried out by HBC officers in relation to drainage be brought to a future Forum meeting.

The Traffic, Transportation, and Highways Manager informs that HBCs Drainage Policy has yet to be completed. However upon completion it will be presented to the Forum for consultation.

Dog Wardens – Councillor Carl Richardson reported a number of complaints about dog fouling and asked that a report on the enforcement work carried out by Dog Wardens be brought to a future forum meeting. The Neighbourhood Manager to arrange

A representative from HBCs Environmental Enforcement Team will attend the next Central Consultative Forum as requested.

Potholes – Resident Representative Brenda Loynes highlighted potholes in a number of areas including Brooke Close, Egerton Road and Park Road/Elwick Road junction.

Park Road/Elwick is down for HRA and patching has been marked up for the external contractor. Egerton Road was inspected in March and various areas identified for patching. This has now been done however it is acknowledged that new potholes may have appeared since then and the area is due to be inspected again in September.

WARDS

Burn Valley
Elwick
Foggy Furze
Grange
Park
Rift House
Stranton

***CENTRAL POLICE &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

22 April 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Kevin Cranney - Foggy Furze Ward

Vice-Chair: Resident Representative - Evelyn Leck

Councillor Jonathan Brash	- Burn Valley Ward
Councillor Gerald Hall	- Burn Valley Ward
Councillor Pauline Laffey	- Park Ward
Councillor Frances London	- Foggy Furze Ward
Councillor Carl Richardson	- Grange Ward
Councillor Jane Shaw	- Stranton Ward
Councillor Christopher Simmons	- Grange Ward

Resident Representatives: Bob Farrow, Ted Jackson, Brenda Loynes, Brian McBean, Julie Rudge.

Residents: Gordon Johnson, Stella Johnson,

Council Officers:

- Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager
- Jon Wright, Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager
- Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer
- Keith Roberts, Community Safety Research Officer
- Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Inspector Tony Green. Inspector Dave Halliday, PCSO Cath Jones, Zoe McCarthy, Carl Gatenby

Fire Brigade Representative: Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Libby Griffiths

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coward, Hargreaves, Jackson, Morris, Payne, Simmons and Worthy, as well as Resident Representative Liz Carroll.

32. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2010

These were confirmed as an accurate account.

33. MATTERS ARISING

Issues Raised by Councillors and Resident Representatives – It was noted that the restoration of the Hart Lane Garden had been carried out by future jobs personnel from the Owton Fens Community Association.

34. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Acting Inspector Dave Halliday from the York Road office appraised the forum of forcewide crime figures for March 2010. All categories were showing a reduction resulting in crime which equated to a 15.5% reduction overall i.e. 751 fewer victims. Drugs activities continued to increase. He also gave details of Hartlepool performance for the same period which indicated that House Burglaries and Violent Crime had increased by 5% and 37.5% respectively. However Inspector Tony Green was currently taking steps to counteract this in relation to the night time economy.

Figures were given for arrests, detections, incidents, street encounters, intelligence submissions and AS13 forms issued. He highlighted sterling work by Police Community Support Officers

(PCSOs) who visited shops where thefts had occurred and viewed CCTV in order to identify the perpetrators.

He also outlined outcomes in relation to incidents at Serpentine Road, Burn Valley, Catcote Road Shops and drugs activities in Burbank which had caused concern for residents.

Good work done by the Central PCSOs was outlined and details of a new Officer being assigned to the Burn Valley Ward. He asked the Forum for nominations for Neighbourhood Policing Awards.

The Chair thanked Acting Inspector Halliday for his presentation and praised neighbourhood policing and partners involved with it.

Councillor Brash commented that it was gratifying to hear that a 5% rise equated to only 2 burglaries which was a huge improvement to previous years. He suggested that statistics were presented as numbers of crimes rather than percentages. He was pleased that a new PC had been assigned to Burn Valley ward and praised the work of PCSOs in the team as they inspired confidence in the community. He commented that Cleveland had a far higher number of PCs and PCSOs per head of population than its neighbours.

Councillor Richardson expressed confidence in the work of PCSOs. He asked that his thanks be placed on record to PC Donna Rodham in Grange Ward.

Councillor Thompson thanked the work of PCSO Cath Jones and PC Keith Robinson for their work in Elwick ward.

Councillor Laffey added her thanks to work of the Police and expressed concern about violent crime. Inspector Green confirmed that this was usually linked to

the night time economy but measures were being put in place to combat this.

Councillor Richardson commented that it may be prudent to revert closing time for licensed premises to 2.00 am. Inspector Green informed him that Hartlepool was standalone in having later closing time for licensed premises even compared to other districts in Cleveland.

Resident Representative Brian McBean asked whether the Police had identified those who were purporting to be from utility companies and gaining access into vulnerable persons' homes. Inspector Halliday said that this investigation was still ongoing. Resident Representative Evelyn Leck suggested that utility companies be approached to see whether they could identify an appointment time so that householders were expecting them. It was clarified that some companies already did this. Inspector Halliday advised the Forum to scrutinize identity badges and suggested that vulnerable people have a point of contact, i.e. a neighbour or relative who could attend their home before letting strangers in.

Councillor London praised the work of PCSOs in Foggy Furze and Belle Vue. She said that she would like to see more activities on offer for young people in the area.

Councillor Brash highlighted evidence which had been given to the Health Scrutiny Forum investigation into the effects of alcohol and its recommendations, one of which was limiting the opening times of off licences. Inspector Green confirmed police had a mechanism in place regarding off licenses, including an operation with partners on 27 March 2010 which involved the health bus giving advice. Resident Ray Waller suggested that the new Government should give serious

thought to changing the licensing laws to prevent 24 hour opening.

Councillor Cranney praised the community audits that were carried out in Foggy Furze and thanked the Police for their presentation.

35. UPDATE FROM FIRE BRIGADE

The Community Liaison Officer, Peter Bradley provided numbers of fires which had occurred in the Central Area. There had only been one deliberate vehicle fire and no dwelling fires this year. Home safety checks continued to be carried out. There were no hotspots in the Central Area and regular inspections were carried out on waste sites. The problem with Tunstall Court had been resolved as this had been secured.

He outlined diversionary activities for young people at St Columba's Church Hall, Rifty Youth Club, and Brierton Sports Centre.

Resident Representative Bob Farrow referred to an application for Easy Skips to raise the height of their waste site. The Fire Brigade representative was unable to comment on this because this was an ongoing application.

The Chair thanked the Officer for attending the meeting.

35. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

PC Carl Gatenby provided statistics giving numbers of Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU) and Housing Hartlepool cases for January – March 2010. The ASBU unit cases were mostly rowdy and nuisance behaviour whilst the largest number of Housing Hartlepool cases were in relation to intimidation or

harassment. Customer satisfaction was 100% in relation to ASBU and 94% for the Housing Hartlepool Customer Satisfaction Standard. He also provided details of case outcomes and actions and Good Tenant Scheme applications. He explained that recent input from Young People was being taken on board. Vulnerable clients would have their needs assessed.

Resident Ray Waller referred to a victim of Anti-Social Behaviour who had been present at the last forum and said that his problems had seemed long standing. He wondered whether the expectation of residents was too high or whether the assistance given was too low. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that she had liaised with the victim to see what assistance could be offered and the Police had also intervened.

Councillor Richardson commented that in relation to customer satisfaction, the users were not customers as they had no alternative but to use that service.

Councillor Thompson complained that it took a long time to resolve issues referred to the unit. She referred to an ongoing situation in Elwick and PC Gatenby agreed to speak to her outside of the meeting.

Councillor Shaw highlighted an instance where the ASB unit had been contacted and the call taker had been unaware of a previously reported problem. She indicated that this was unprofessional and that if an ongoing problem was reported to the police it should then be referred to the ASB unit because issues such as noisy neighbours affected residents' quality of life. PC Gatenby informed her that there were multi agencies involved dealing with various issues but regular information sharing meetings were held.

The Chair thanked PC Gatenby for his update.

36. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined the structure of the unit based at 8 Church Street. He highlighted the new Domestic Violence magistrates court in the town. Priorities for the unit included reduction of violent crime including domestic abuse. Funding had been accessed from various sources including Community Cohesion and the small retail capital grants fund. The latter had been used for target hardening small businesses. Examples of projects the unit was involved in were cited, including Operation Cleansweep, and reassurance and advice for victims of crime. The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator was to liaise with the Police in relation to a pilot project on Organised Crime. The Chair thanked the Community Safety Project Officer for his presentation.

The Vice Chair commented that Operation Cleansweep should have been extended to a wider area as the areas around Burn Valley and Blakelock Gardens had a lot of litter. The Community Safety Project Officer explained that Operation Cleansweep targeted specific problems areas, identified by an intelligence tool.

The Vice Chair also highlighted fly tipping on private land at the old RAFA club. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager agreed to follow this up as there were various sections of legislation which could be used to combat this problem.

The Vice Chair also highlighted an instance where a recycling box had not been emptied because someone else had placed something unrecyclable in it.

The Chair thanked the Community Safety Project Officer for attending the meeting.

37. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident Ray Waller thanked the PCSOs in his area who made residents feel more secure by patrolling the streets.

38. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Brash wished the Police to be aware that plant pots on Osborne Road were being vandalised. Officers agreed to keep an eye on this area.

Councillor Thompson thanked PCSOs in her ward who were diligent in attending meetings.

Resident Representative Bob Farrow referred to foul odours and explosions which had occurred on the Longhill Industrial Estate. The Fire Brigade Community Liaison Officer said that inspections had been carried out at European Metal Recycling but would ensure that a further inspection was done.

Resident Representative Brian McBean said that he was aware that his local police officer was leaving and asked that residents be made aware of her replacement via a leaflet drop. Sergeant Halliday said that it was important to get the right calibre of officer on the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and when a replacement was appointed, residents would be made aware via resident meetings and posters.

The meeting concluded at 11.41 am.

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (Central)

Subject: CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINOR WORKS BUDGET

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 BACKGROUND / CURRENT POSITION

The total available spend on minor works schemes 2010/11 is **£87,000**, and the total committed spend to date is **£47,500**. The total Minor Works Budget available to spend is therefore **£39,500**.

3.0 PROPOSED SCHEMES

- 3.1 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Elected Members, Residents' Representatives, and residents in the Central Forum area.

RIFT HOUSE

(a) Compton Road

Residents have requested the grassed verge to be removed on Compton Road and reconstructed in tarmac to assist with accessibility in this congested area. The Forum is asked to approve the total cost of the scheme to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £10,350

Total cost to Forum: £10,350

(b) Summerhill Lane

Security at Summerhill Allotments has been a concern of allotment holders and local residents for quite some time. The allotments fall within an area that suffers from anti-social behaviour and criminal damage and following a site visit by the local Crime Prevention Officer the recommendation is that a metal security fence be erected around the full perimeter of the allotments. Although further consultation needs to be carried out with all allotment holders, a representative of the

allotment association has been fully involved in taking forward the scheme so far, and the scheme has the full support of the Rift House NAP Forum whose members have approved a £5,000 contribution towards the scheme. HBCs Parks and Countryside Section are contributing £750 towards the scheme and other contributions are being sought through the Central Area JAG (£1,350) and Section 17 Community Safety Grant (£16900). The Forum is requested to approve the remaining £2,000 to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £26,900

Total cost to Forum: £ 2,000

FOGGY FURZE

(c) Haswell Avenue

A request has been received from residents and Ward Councillors for the uneven roadway / footway that divides the Haswell Allotments to be levelled. The scheme will involve using road planning from resurfacing works rolled and compacted to improve the surface and make it safer. The Forum is asked to approve the total cost of this scheme (£1,500) to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £1,500

Total cost to Forum: £1,500

(d) Stratford Road

Councillors and residents have requested that the entrance to the back street at Stratford Road be re-tarmaced to improve the road surface and make it safe. The Forum is asked to approve the total cost of the scheme (£2,500) to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £2,500

Total cost to Forum: £2,500

(e) Caledonian Road

Concerns have been raised by residents in relation to volume and the speed at which vehicles travel along Caledonian Road. It is therefore proposed to install vehicle activated speed signs at this location to improve road safety in the area. The Forum is asked to approve £4,500 to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £4,500

Total cost to Forum: £4,500

(f) Studley Road

Residents have requested that a trip rail fence is installed along a section of Studley Road to prevent vehicle overriding and to provide a safer environment for the local children to play; matched funding of £7,000 is available from the NDC beatification budget. The Forum is asked to approve £5,500 to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £12,500

Total cost to Forum: £ 5,500

BURN VALLEY

(g) Alston Street

Residents have requested the installation of an additional street light at the lower end of Alston Street as the lighting levels are poor. The proposal to install an additional street light at this location will reduce the risk and fear of crime, and promote a safer environment. The Forum is asked to approve the total cost of funding this scheme (£800) to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £800

Total cost to Forum: £800

ELWICK

(h) Elwick Village

Following the removal of eight trees within Elwick Village categorised as dangerous, HBCs Parks and Countryside section has requested the Forum consider the purchase and planting of four trees which would go some way to replacing those lost to the area. The Forum is asked to approve £1,600 to enable the scheme to go ahead.

Total cost of scheme: £1,600

Total cost to Forum: £1,600

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Forum is requested to recommend to the Neighbourhoods and Transport Portfolio Holder that the schemes be approved from the Minor Works Budget

4.2 The total cost of schemes proposed is: **£19,435**

4.3 Minor works monies remaining if schemes approved is: **£20,065**

Residents and members of the Forum are reminded to contact members of the Neighbourhood Management team with details of any schemes for future consideration by the Forum.