

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



**Wednesday 31st January 2007**

**at 10.00 am**

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

**MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:**

Councillors D Allison, S Allison, Barker, Clouth, R Cook, Ferwick, Fleet, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, Rogan, Shaw, Wallace, D Waller and Wright.

**Resident Representatives:**

John Cambridge, John Lynch, Joan Norman, Mary Power, Linda Shields, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

- 1. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
  - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2006 (attached)
  - 4.2 Matters arising (maximum of 10 minutes) – Issues raised Action Sheet attached
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
- 6. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND WARD ISSUES**

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## 7. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 7.1 Minor Works Budget Proposals (with power point pictures). Also Funding to Date List – *North Neighbourhood Manager*

**Short break for tea/coffee (maximum 10 minutes)**

## 8. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Presentation - Building Schools for the Future Stage 2 Consultation – Paul Briggs Assistant Director (Children's Services Department)

## 9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 9.1 North Hartlepool Partnership Project Update – North Hartlepool Partnership Manager
- 9.2 Brus Public House – Ralph Harrison, Head of Public Protection and Housing
- 9.3 Procuring Additional GP Services for Hartlepool – Brief Presentation by Kevin Aston, Hartlepool PCT

## 10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next main Forum to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

The next North Police and Community Safety Forum is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April commencing at **2pm** at Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove..

## 11. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

# ***NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

## **WARDS**

Brus  
Dyke House  
Hart  
St Hilda  
Throston

**29<sup>th</sup> November, 2006**

## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



### **PRESENT:**

Vice Chair: Linda Shields (Resident Representative) (In the Chair)

Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor John Marshall	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Denis Waller	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge, John Lynch, Joan Norman and Mary Power.

Public: Mr J Cooke, David Herring, John Maxwell, Dave Oliver, Dave Thompson, Liz and Cath Torley, Alan Vale, Mr D Wilson

Also present: Councillor Ray Waller, Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health

Officers:

- Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
- Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
- Mick Lapworth, Neighbourhood Inspector
- Christine Armstrong, Central Services Manager
- Dale Owens, Contact Centre Manager
- Paul Briggs, Interim Assistant Director for Children's Services
- Ralph Harrison, Head of Public Protection and Housing
- Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
- Steve Hilton, Assistant Public Relations Officer
- Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
- Cath Adams, Principal Review Manager (Quality Assurance/Complaints)
- Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services)
- Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### **42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rob Cook, Sandra Fenwick, Mary Fleet, Sheila Griffin, Trevor Rogan and Jane Shaw and

Resident Representatives Joan and Robert Steel.

#### 43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 44. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were confirmed subject to the inclusion of Resident Representative Mary Power in the list of attendees.

Matters arising – On arrival at the meeting, those attending were given a document detailing the Actions Taken in relation to issues raised at the last meeting. There were no further issues raised.

#### 45. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**Holdforth Road** – ‘Two of the three bus stops in Holdforth Road have a nearby litter bin provided which are both well used. May a litter bin please be provided at the other bus stop between the roundabout and the University Hospital of Hartlepool exit road? Also may the accumulated litter on the verges at each side of this bus stop please be cleared away?’ – The Neighbourhood Manager noted this query.

**Grass cutting** – ‘Has any more consideration been given to purchasing better grass-cutting machines as grassed areas around West View Road, King Oswy Drive and other areas in town become a disgraceful mess after these areas are cut. This problem is made worse when it rains after grass cutting.’ – The Neighbourhood Services Officer reported that new grass-cutting machines had just been purchased which were more suitable than those previously used. However they were not equipped to collect all the cuttings.

**Speeding Drive** – A resident (DT) queried the current position with regard to

the installation of bollards near 9 Speeding Drive. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a new scheme was being drawn up which would be included as a Minor Works Scheme at the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting. A further question was asked relating to the footpath on Speeding Drive and who was responsible for it. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that if the path was under golf club ownership then they would bear ultimate liability.

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**Police Presence at Forum meetings** – A Councillor (EW) requested that a letter be sent to the police regarding their lack of attendance at the meeting.

**Parking enforcement problems** – ‘Twelve months since I last brought the problem of parking in bus lay-bys to the attention of the forum could I ask how many tickets have been issued by wardens in that time in the Brus and King Oswy areas?’ – The Traffic Team Leader advised that he did not have figures to hand but he was aware that the regulations had been enforced. The Parking Services Manager would write to the Ward Councillors on this issue and

update the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum. A discussion ensued in which those present reported parking problems at the Headland and Hart Ward, particularly in relation to schools. A Councillor (JM) reported that Council workers regularly parked on the pavement and asked that action be taken on this. Issues with cars parking on cycle tracks were also highlighted. The Neighbourhood Manager suggested a meeting be arranged between Council officials and the Neighbourhood Police in order to come up with a strategy to tackle the problem. However she stressed that this issue would not be solved overnight.

**Sandbanks Drive** – A resident reported that workmen digging up the tarmac were churning up the grass and leaving the estate in a mess. She queried the sense of putting tarmac on the pavements as this would lead to more cars parking on the pavements. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that the majority of residents had been in favour of the work. The resident also reported that there were potholes from No 1 to No 20 and was advised by the Neighbourhood Services Officer that these would be filled in as part of the ongoing tarmac process.

**Rockpool Close** – A resident (CT) drew the Forum's attention to a problem with sewage overflow at the back of Rockpool Close which was experienced in previous years. The Neighbourhood Manager said she would take this up with the service provider responsible.

**CJC Chemicals – Old Cemetery Road** – A resident (DT) asked for an update on the current situation. The Head of Public Protection and Housing advised that there had been a meeting with the landowners, Culfords Ltd, and they would continue with the on-site security. It was anticipated that planning permission would be sought for consideration by the Planning Committee early 2007 and until

that date no major improvements could or would be made.

**West View Road** – A resident (DO) requested that an entrance to the Cemetery off West View Road be provided. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that she would speak to the Environmental Standards Manager on this issue but understood that the land in question was owned by Bellway Homes.

**Wells Avenue** – A Councillor (CB) reported a deep hole due to collapsing tarmac at the end of Wells Avenue. She asked if someone from Neighbourhood Services could investigate and queried if work by outside contractors was checked as a matter of routine. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that outside contractor work was always inspected before and after completion.

**Coastal Defence Strategy** – A Councillor (JM) requested that the Mayor and Cabinet reconsider the decision made on the Coastal Defence Strategy. A resident concurred with this saying the strategy was protecting the affluent areas whereas residential areas were being ignored. The Chair urged concerned residents to take every opportunity to attend meetings on this issue.

**Union Bank** – A Resident Representative (MP) requested an update on parking congestion on Union Bank. Particular problems getting to Thacker Surgery were highlighted. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that consideration was being given to the introduction of yellow lines as without these parking restrictions could not be enforced. In addition a Councillor (JM) reported that the Traffic Management Group were looking at parking congestion across the town. With particular reference to Thacker Surgery he advised that the site chosen had been the only one available.

**Coast Road** – A Councillor (CB) advised that speeding traffic on the Coast Road was being monitored and currently on a list for improvements. However there were 6 areas in greater need and it was a question of waiting until that particular area was at the top of the list.

#### 46. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

**Anhydrite Mine** – An update on this was requested. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a report on this issue would be brought to the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting.

**Sedgewick Close** – There were rats infesting gardens. The Neighbourhood Manager would contact Public Protection and Housing. In a related issue she advised that any objections to planning applications in the Close should be referred direct to the Planning Department.

**Warren Street / Northgate back alley** – rubbish being dumped. A request was made that a letter be sent to residents of Warren Street, Northgate and Corporation Road asking them to desist.

**West View Allotments** – the forum was notified of potholes. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that there were ongoing issues to be resolved with the allotment holders.

#### 47. WARD ISSUES

No issues were raised.

#### 48. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE

Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services) for the Adult and Community Services Department, gave a short presentation on the Fair Access to Care

Consultation. At the moment people needing help to stay at home are assessed and either given access to statutory care services or given advice and information on services in the community. Consideration was being given to raising the threshold so that fewer people were eligible for statutory care. The savings would be used to support better preventative services in the community and to improve statutory services to those most in need. Views were being collected for Cabinet consideration in January 2007.

The following issues were then raised:

- How many people would no longer be eligible for statutory care? Approximately 1,000 would be reassessed under the proposals. Only a few of these were expected to lose the service.
- What is the feedback consensus so far? Of the replies received so far there was a 50-50 split between positive responses and negative/don't know responses.
- How many voluntary sector groups would receive funding? Would there be safeguards to stop the money going on administrative costs? Funding would need to go to a lot of groups and while it was true that the larger of these tended to have administrative costs the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health wished to ensure that the bulk of the funding went to patients and not administrators.

Concerns were raised about the current policy regarding home adaptations for disabled use. A Councillor (JM) said he had heard of a case where a Housing Hartlepool tenant had waited 12 months for his adaptations to be fitted. The Assistant Director advised that Housing

Hartlepool should be pressured in these cases however a Resident Representative reported that in one case Social Services had been at fault rather than Housing Hartlepool. The Assistant Director informed those present that the proposed changes in service levels would depend on individual needs but improving deadlines for the completion of the work was a Cabinet priority. The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health encouraged officers to include the provision of adaptations in the final report.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director for his attendance and for answering questions.

#### **49. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE**

The Children's Services Assistant Director, Paul Briggs, gave a short presentation on the results of the Stage One Consultation on Building Schools for the Future.

This first stage of consultation had run from the end of September to 3<sup>rd</sup> November. In addition to the Stage One Consultation Document, information had been available on the website [www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schools/capital/bsf](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schools/capital/bsf), and 48 public meetings had been held on this issue, attended by more than 500 people. There had been 52 individual responses and at least 1 collective response from each of the town's mainstream secondary schools.

Details given in the presentation included:

- Summary of individual responses
- Other issues raised
- Highlights of School Responses

The Assistant Director advised that Stage Two of the consultation was currently being prepared and would be launched

for public consideration early in the New Year.

Councillors queried the lack of response to the consultation and questioned whether it might be prudent to start the process again. Particular attention was drawn to the lack of attendance at Headland meetings which was felt to be a result of a lack of promotion on the part of officers. Perhaps using Ward and Parish Councillors to front these projects could be an answer. However the Assistant Director felt that the low turn-out and lack of response was a necessary result of the consultation being at such an early stage. The next stage would have specific options for change and was therefore expected to generate a bigger response.

Those present were advised that a Councillor from the Forum was needed as a representative on the Stakeholder Board for Building Schools for the Future. Following a vote by members Councillor John Marshall was elected to serve as the Forum's representative.

#### **50. PRESENTATION – INITIAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX PROPOSALS**

Chris Little, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief presentation on the Budget in general and budget issues for 2007/2008 in particular. Areas covered in the presentation were:

- Background and Overview
- How Council Tax is spent
- Why does Council Tax increase?
- 2007/08 Budget Issues
- 2008/09 to 2010/11 Financial Outlook
- Options for balancing budget

The Assistant Chief Financial Officer explained that balancing the Council's budget was the same as balancing a personal budget, although on a slightly

larger scale. Increases in spending needed to be funded by increasing income, cutting expenditure or using reserves or savings. A Resident Representative asked what would happen when the reserves were gone. The Assistant Chief Financial Officer explained that the Council's current budget strategy covered a 3 year period commencing 2007 and reserves had been set aside to support the budget over this period. After this the position was less certain and future strategies would need to be developed for managing the reduction in available reserves.

A Councillor asked that any cuts relate to administrative tasks rather than frontline services. The Assistant Chief Financial Officer advised that Cabinet had considered savings across the board and had established a corporate efficiency target which included savings in administrative functions to protect frontline services as much as possible. Following further questioning he reported that a 4.9% Council Tax increase in 2007/08 had been proposed by Cabinet. This would be finalised in February 2007 and would then be referred to Council for consideration.

A Councillor requested that in the future a Forum be arranged to deal exclusively with the budget in order to give the public a real view of all the issues. The Assistant Chief Financial Officer advised that Government Grant Allocations up to 2011 would be announced next year so a dedicated budget consultation would be more meaningful at that time.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for his presentation and for answering questions.

<b>51. NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE</b>
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Councillor John Marshall, Member of the North Hartlepool Partnership, presented a report updating the Forum on progress relating to activities and project development by the North Hartlepool Partnership as follows:

- The Andy Capp Statue had been commissioned and was due for delivery and installation in March/April 2007.
- The Town Square was officially opened on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 by Margaret Fay OBE, Chair of ONE NorthEast. Two plaques detailing the official opening and Saint Bega and Saint Hild were unveiled. Feedback had been positive particularly with regard to the Time Line running through the History Garden.
- Funding applications were pending for full restoration of the Heugh Gun Battery site
- A scheme to incorporate metal window panels in the Northgate Fenceline had been dropped following advice from the Harbour Police that it would weaken security to the port.
- A proposal to create a small parking area on the putting green had been withdrawn following opposition from residents and the Parish Council
- The completion of Fairy Cove Terrace was expected early 2007.
- The provision of car parking on Graham Street at the back of the Co-op was on target for completion within the next two weeks. In addition bollards were being installed to the front of the Co-op.



- Bulb planting had been completed throughout various locations on the Headland.
- A scheme to light up Sandwell Gate was under consideration.
- Hereema had confirmed their commitment to produce the railings for St Mary's Church. This scheme was expected to commence early 2007.

## **52. PRESENTATION – HARTLEPOOL CONNECT – CHANGES TO CIVIC CENTRE**

Christine Armstrong, Central Services Manager, and Dale Owens, Contact Centre Manager, gave a brief presentation on Hartlepool Connect. This was a new Customer Service Contact Centre due to open at the Civic Centre in February 2007. Details were given of the physical changes being made to the Civic Centre and the progress which had been made so far. The Central Services Manager explained that Hartlepool Connect would be a single point of contact for the public and therefore more efficient than the current system. A wide range of queries would be covered by Hartlepool Connect including alley gate problems, concessionary fares, recruitment and refuse collection.

The Contact Centre Manager advised that walk-through exercises would shortly be undertaken by staff and Councillors. Resident Representative volunteers were being sought to aid in this process. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that all Resident Representative on the Forum be included as a matter of course and residents Cath and Liz Torley also expressed an interest.

A Councillor (JM) asked if Hartlepool Connect would be used by the public and elected members. The Contact Centre Manager advised that this was intended as a service for the public. Councillors and Resident Representative had access to officers. However they were welcome to use the new system depending on their preference. He also confirmed that the civic regalia would be displayed in a central cabinet when the current work was completed.

A Resident Representative (JL) queried access for the blind and partially-sighted. The Central Services Manager reported that the Disability Discrimination Act had been taken into account fully when the new Centre had been designed. The Access Group had been part of the development and the architect had taken all the relevant regulations into account.

A Councillor (CB) asked if this would lead to recruitment of more staff. The Contact Centre Manager advised that it was the intention to transfer current staff rather than recruit.

A Councillor (JM) queried the provision of service out of hours. The Central Services Manager reported that they would be consulting on this matter in January/February 2007 and were considering one late night and Saturday morning. There were insufficient staff for the service to be available 8am-8pm and furthermore this was felt unnecessary. Another option being considered was training staff at libraries and leisure centres to provide the service.

The Chair thanked the Central Services Manager and Contact Centre Manager for their presentation and for answering questions.

### 53. ACCESS TO BEACHES

The Head of Public Protection and Housing gave a brief update on the issue of access to the foreshore. On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 Cabinet had taken the decision to leave the barrier at the Station Lane access point unlocked as closure had led to vandalism. Recently the proposed closure of the Brus Tunnel had also been dismissed.

A Councillor (JM) queried the decision to leave the Station Lane barrier insecure. By taking this stance the Council were condoning vandalism. If the barrier was unnecessary why fit it in the first place. The public were being put at risk by vehicles being given free access to the beach. A Resident Representative (JL) reiterated these comments saying he had almost been hit by a quad bike on the beach. The Head of Public Protection explained that leaving the barrier unlocked was not condoning access to the beach and there were signs in place. To his knowledge no other Council blocked off access to their beaches. With regard to vehicles on the foreshore the police had powers to deal with this and there had already been some success at Seaton Carew. Securing the barrier at Station Lane would not prevent access by quad bikes, motorcycles etc.

A resident (AV) raised the issue of insurance liability on the beach and in the Brus Tunnel. He had been advised that neither area was covered by public indemnity insurance and therefore if someone was injured there would be no insurance cover.

The Chair thanked the Head of Public Protection and Housing for attending the forum and answering questions.

### 54. MINOR WORKS BUDGET PROPOSALS

A number of Minor Works Schemes were brought to the Forum for their consideration. The Neighbourhood Manager advised Councillors and Resident Representatives that despite the Forum being inquorate they could still make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder, with the proviso that the report note the inquoracy of the meeting. However members decided to defer consideration of these items to a future quorate meeting.

### 55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair agreed to take two further Minor Works Schemes to the Forum for consideration. However in line with the previous decision consideration of these items was deferred to a future quorate meeting.

### 56. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

The next North Police and Community Safety Forum will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Venues to be notified.

LINDA SHIELDS

CHAIRMAN

**North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum**

**Wednesday, 29 November 2006**

**Issues Raised**

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER	COMPLETE / ONGOING
<p><b><u>Public Question Time</u></b></p> <p><b>Holdforth Road</b> Request for a litter bin to be provided at bus stop between the roundabout and the University Hospital of Hartlepool exit road, and could the accumulated litter on the verges at each side of this bus stop please be cleared away? The Neighbourhood Manager noted this query.</p>	<p>Litter bin ordered. Close attention to be made to accumulating litter around the bus stop area.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	<p align="center"><b>C</b></p>
<p><b>Grass cutting</b> It was queried if consideration had been given to purchasing better grass-cutting machines as grassed areas around West View Road, King Oswy Drive and other areas in town become a disgraceful mess after these areas are cut? This problem is made worse when it rains after grass cutting.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Services Officer reported that new grass-cutting machines had just been purchased which were more suitable than those previously used. However they were not equipped to collect all the cuttings.</p>	<p>Garry Jones</p>	<p align="center"><b>C</b></p>
<p><b>Speeding Drive</b> A resident queried the current position with regard to the installation of bollards near 7 Speeding Drive.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a new scheme was being drawn up which would be included as a Minor Works Scheme at the next North Neighbourhood</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	<p align="center"><b>C</b></p>

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<p><b>Rockpool Close</b> A resident drew the Forum's attention to a problem with sewage overflow at the back of Rockpool Close, which was experienced in previous years.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager said she would take this up with the service provider responsible.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	

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<p><b>West View Road</b> A resident requested that an entrance to the Cemetery off West View Road be provided.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager reported that she would speak to the Environmental Enforcement Manager on this issue but understood that the land in question was owned by Bellway Homes.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	<p><b>C</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Resident Representatives Issues</u></b></p> <p><b>Anhydrite Mine</b> An update on this was requested.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager has been informed that we are awaiting English Partnership's approval for funding. Subject to this approval site investigation will take place on the football pitch approximately over a 3 – 4 month period. Residents and Ward Members will be informed by letter prior to the commencement of work.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	<p>O</p>

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<p><b><u>Resident Representatives Issues (Cont...)</u></b></p> <p><b>Sedgewick Close</b> There were rats infesting gardens.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager would contact Public Protection and Housing. In a related issue she advised that any objections to planning applications in the Close should be referred direct to the Planning Department. Rats reported.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	<p><b>C</b></p>
<p><b>Warren Street / Northgate back alley</b> A request was made that a letter be sent to residents of Warren Street, Northgate and Corporation Road about rubbish being dumped in the area.</p>	<p>Letters to be sent out to residents. Situation to be monitored.</p>	<p>Craig Thelwell</p>	<p><b>C</b></p>
<p><b>West View Allotments</b> The forum was notified of potholes.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that there were ongoing issues to be resolved with the allotment holders. Potholes to be repaired as an ongoing programme of maintenance.</p>	<p>Garry Jones</p>	<p><b>C</b></p>



**Report of:** Neighbourhood Manager (North)

**Subject:** MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget remaining for this financial year, to 31 March 2007, is £24,358

A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Ward Members and residents in the North Forum area.

**3 THROSTON WARD - THROSTON GRANGE LIBRARY GLAMORGAN GROVE**

- 3.1 Residents living adjacent to the Throston library, have experience over a long period of time problems with antisocial behaviour. It is proposed therefore, that a scheme to provide 400mm high bow top style fencing to be placed on the existing wall, plus the removal of the existing steps, which will help reduce the level of anti social behaviour. These areas are where youths primarily congregated. Officers have consulted with the Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Policing teams. This scheme will compliment work already carried out in this location.

The cost of this scheme is **£9,900**

**4 HART WARD - EASINGTON ROAD/ BIRKDALE CLOSE**

- 4.1 A request from residents in the Birkdale Close area to plant more trees on the grassed area opposite their houses, to continue the tree line that runs along the grassed area on Easington Road. The proposal is to plant a total of twelve trees.

The cost of this scheme is **£1,800**

## **5. ST HILDA WARD - HANGING BASKETS – WEST VIEW ROAD**

- 5.1 Members may recall that in August this year, a minor works scheme to provide bulbs and hanging baskets for West View road was submitted. The total amount of the scheme was £9,248. The Forum approved £2,000 for bulb planning and asked, at the request of residents, that officers revisit the number and location of hanging baskets and re-submit the request for funding.

Since that meeting, the Central Residents NAP Consultative Forum have approved £3,500 towards the hanging basket scheme. A further £3,500 request to complete the beautification, which will provide baskets along West View Road and Cleveland Road during the summer months. The Forum is therefore asked to consider the match funding of £3,500.

Contribution to this scheme is **£3,500**

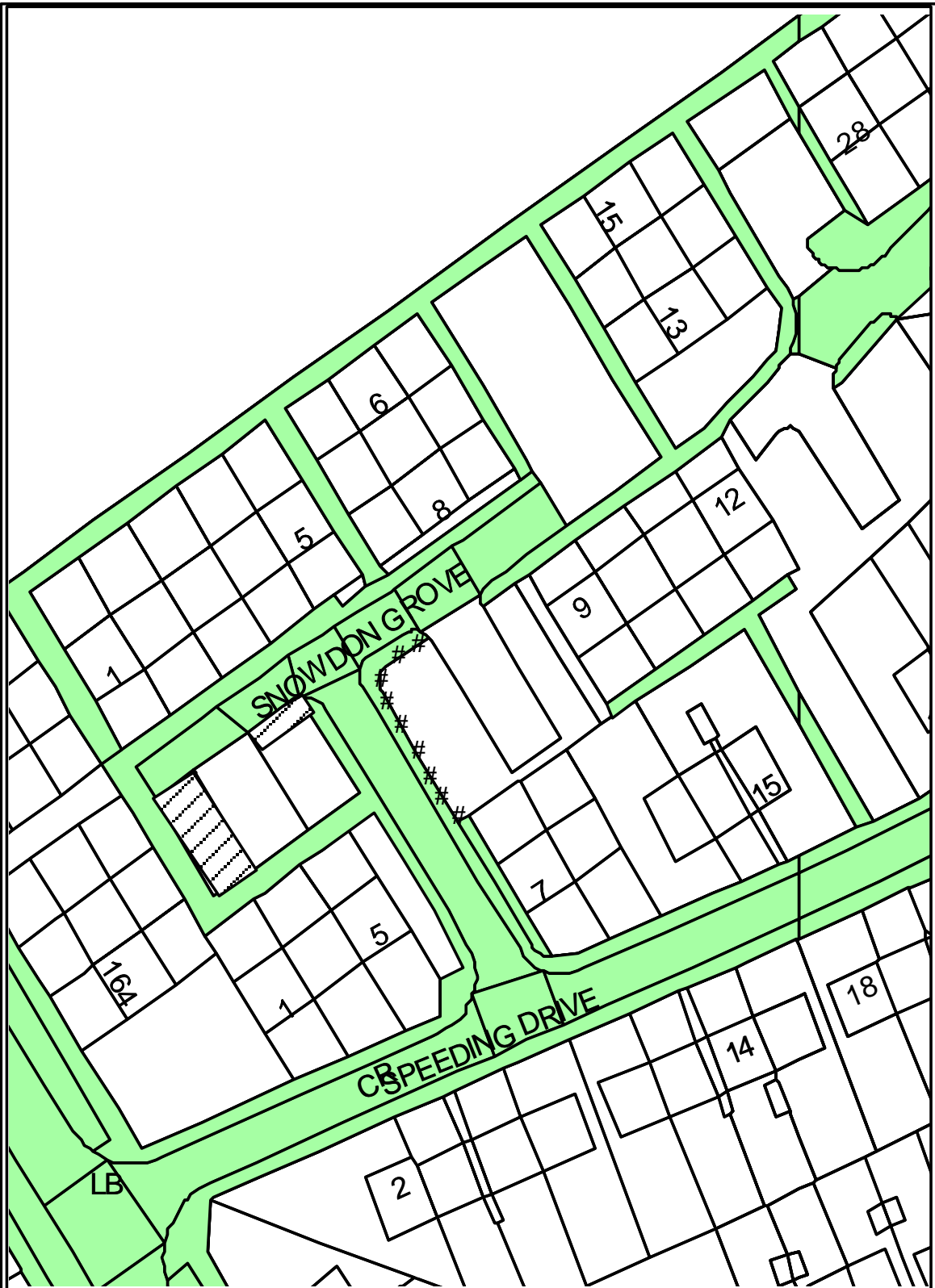
## **6 HART WARD- SNOWDON GROVE / SPEEDING DRIVE**

- 6.1 Residents and Ward Members have made requests for improved parking facilities, vehicular access and bollards to be installed in the Snowdon Grove area to prevent over riding on the grassed areas. It is proposed that we install 23 bollards along the grassed area at the rear of No 7 Speeding Drive, remove the kerbed edging and resurface parking area measuring 18 x 6 mtrs. It is also proposed that we shorten a grassed area and replace with tarmac to improve vehicular access. (Appendix A).

The cost of this scheme is **£10,588**

## **7 RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 The Forum is asked to consider all schemes. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio for final approval.



Snowdon Grove Bollard And Parking Scheme

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## **North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum**

### **Minor Works - 2006/2007 - £87,000**

#### **Budget Code – AR 50130**

Forum - £52,000

Highway Maintenance - £20,000

Grass Verges - £15,000

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Minor Works Funding £</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>
Various	Dropped crossings	14 June 2006	3,500	
Throston	Elm wood Road Lighting Improvements	9 August 2006	9,226	
Various	Pride in Hartlepool	9 August 2006	5,000	
Various	West View Road Purchase of crocuses	9 August 2006	2,000	
Brus	Jones Road Gating	9 August 2006	1,900	
Hart	Sandbanks Drive Verge works	11 October 2006	4,296	
Brus	Winterbottom Avenue Verge works	11 October 2006	27,520	
Throston	Throston Grange Estate Parking areas	11 October 2006	4,500	
Dyke House	Pine/Ivy Grove Parking areas	11 October 2006	3,000	
Brus	St Hild's ECO Group Bulb planning	11 October 2006	200	
St Hilda	St Hilda's Church Landscaping etc	11 October 2006	1,500	
<b>Total spend</b>			<b>£62,642</b>	
<b>Total Left</b>			<b>£24,358</b>	

# Minor Works Schemes – 2006/07

Ward	Total cost of Schemes
Brus	29,620
Dyke House	3,000
Hart	4,296
St Hilda	1,500
Throston	13,726
Various	10,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,642</b>

**Report of: North Hartlepool Partnership Manager**

**Subject: NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME  
UPDATE**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Forum on progress relating to activities and project development by the North Hartlepool Partnership.

**2. PROJECT UPDATE**

- 2.1 Heugh Gun Battery – Funding application to Heritage Lottery Fund has been successful, securing a further £300K towards the full restoration of the site as a visitor attraction.
- 2.2 Fairy Cove Terrace – this involves the fitting of neat block paving and, to echo the sites pre World War One army role as a gunnery command post, a defence gun will be sited on the spot pointing out to sea. Works are expected to commence shortly.
- 2.3 Works are ongoing to provide car parking on Graham Street at the back of the Co-op.
- 2.4 Headland Story Trail – A number of columns have now been installed at sites along the story trail. The plaques depicting the agreed story trail details are to be in place shortly, story trail leaflets have been produced by the Headland Marketing Steering Group and it is anticipated an opening will take place in the spring.
- 2.5 Work has commenced to turn part of the Headland Bowls Pavilion into a changing room for the Hartlepool Boys' Brigade Old Boys' Rugby Club. It is anticipated this work will be complete by March 2007.
- 2.6 Programme evaluation and forward strategy – The NHP team is in the process of selecting and appointing consultants to undertake the final programme evaluation and also to develop a potential forward strategy for the continued sustainable regeneration of the area.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Forum note the report.