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NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 28th March 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 Don Davison, Irene Nelson, Joan Norman, Mary Power, Linda Shields, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

- 1. UPDATE ON RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To receive the minutes of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 10th January 2007
 - 4.2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2007 (attached)
 - 4.3 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 Proposals – *Neighbourhood Manager (Karen Oliver)*

Short break for tea/coffee (maximum 10 minutes)

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 8.1 North Hartlepool Partnership Project Update – North Hartlepool Partnership Manager (John Ford)
- 8.2 Alcohol Free Zones – Head of Community Safety and Prevention – Alison Mawson
- 8.3 Presentation - Proposed Cycle Way issue / Traffic Calming - Local Transport Co-ordinator (Alec Gough)
- 8.4 Presentation - Restoration and Cleaning Repairs to War Memorials at Victory Square and Redheugh Gardens – Building Consultancy Manager (Colin Bolton)
- 8.5 Presentation - Illegal Parking – Parking Services Manager (Phil Hepburn)

9. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 9.1 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust – Consultation on Foundation Trust Status – Claire Young (Communications Manager)

10. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

11. DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

The next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is to be held on Wednesday 13th June 2007 commencing at 10am – West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

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

10th January, 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



Held at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Rob Cook – Hart Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Mary Fleet	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Jane Shaw	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Denis Waller	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Residents: Pat Andrews, Cal Carruthers-Watt, Mr J Cooke, Cath and Liz Torley, Richard Turner, Alan Vale and Dennis Wilson

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge, Joan Norman, Mary Power, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

Officers:

- Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
- Alison Mawson, Head of Community Safety and Prevention
- Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
- Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
- Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer
- Rachel Parker, Community Safety Research Officer
- Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
- Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Andrew Leight, Mark O'Brien and Alastair Simpson

Fire Brigade Representative: Barry Waller

Housing Hartlepool Representatives: Angie Crawford, Natalie Dove and Sue Horseman

11. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair Councillor Rob Cook welcomed residents, Councillors and Officers.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sandra Fenwick and Resident Representative John Lynch.

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2006 were confirmed subject to the following amendment:

- Police Update on Neighbourhood Policing – there had been a 13% drop in the fear of crime not 39%

14. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE - UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND THE JOINT ACTION GROUP (JAGs) - POLICE

Inspector Alastair Simpson gave an update on Neighbourhood Policing. Aspects of Neighbourhood Policing were highlighted including the single point of contact phone number, the recruitment and training of 21 extra PCSOs and officer attendance at all public meetings. Analysis of Crime Statistics showed that since April 2006 total crime in Hartlepool had fallen by 10% and the crime detection rate had increased by 40%. This meant there were 867 less victims of crime than there had been in the previous year. A survey had shown that as a result of Neighbourhood Policing 89% of people felt safe walking alone during the day while 54% felt safe walking alone after dark.

Inspector Simpson and the Neighbourhood Manager then went on to update those present on the work of the Joint Action Group. Among the issues dealt with recently were:

- Nuisance neighbours in the Dyke House and Headland areas
- Anti-social behaviour and environmental issues at the Old Steeley Works site
- Off road motorcycling

Ongoing issues included

- Anti-social behaviour at North Cemetery and the Clavering and Throston shops
- Nuisance neighbours in Hurworth Street
- The formulation of a strategy to deal with young people and alcohol related disorder

Detailed information was given on these items by Inspector Simpson and the Neighbourhood Manager. This was followed by comments and discussion from those present, particularly in relation to the problems at Clavering shops. Among the comments made on this issue were

- The problem has been going on for more than 15 years
- When the police come the trouble moves to King Oswy Shops
- Because there is no outside funding available for the area nothing ever gets done
- We've been trying to get Clavering declared an alcohol free zone. Is there a problem with this being done in a residential area?
- There is a lot of anti-social behaviour on the Ocean Road walkway. Could a CCTV camera be placed there?

In response to these comments Inspector Simpson advised that Clavering was being considered as a pilot area specifically because of the lack of funding from outside agencies. The status of alcohol free zones in the town was currently under review as was the use and placement of CCTV cameras, particularly the possible use of a mobile camera. Officers were also aware of problems with displacement of anti-social behaviour. However anything done needed to be good value for money. Members felt that anything which resolves these issues would be money well spent.

Among the other issues raised with Inspector Simpson were

- Off-road cycles on the Central Estate were now virtually non-existent. 13 had been removed since last year.
- Brougham Residents Association – there had been no police presence at the meeting on the previous evening
- Hurworth Street – residents were appreciative of the work done by police and other agencies but there needed to be more than twice daily visits. Attention was drawn to a recent stress-related death in the area. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that there was a meeting with outside agencies on this issue that afternoon which would be fed back to the Dyke House Consultation Forum. She acknowledged that a lot of effort would be needed to come up with an effective strategy.
- CCTV cameras – a Councillor felt these were ineffective and the money would be better spent on

increasing police patrols. He also called for the sale of alcohol from shops to be stopped and criticised the recent expenditure on cameras in taxis. Such cameras could be used to keep a check on under-age sales in off-licences.

The Chair thanked Inspector Simpson for attending and answering questions.

15. UPDATE FROM CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE

Barry Waller, District Manager for Hartlepool, gave a brief update on recent activity within the Fire Brigade. In the last 3 months there had been a 20% drop in the number of dwelling fires. This meant that there had been no deaths in a fire in Hartlepool in the last 12 months. The number of car fires had also dropped largely as a result of the use of an automatic number plate recognition system. This meant that any cars which were not taxed, tested or insured were crushed before they could be burnt out. 600 had been destroyed so far.

Details were given of a number of initiatives currently being undertaken by the Fire Brigade, including:

- The formulation of a risk register for at risk properties
- A clean sweep operation involving home fire safety visits, school visits and arson audits
- A week-long life course involving 10 youths
- The Young Fire Fighters Association
- Partnership with the PCT involving tips on healthy eating, how to quit smoking and how to perform CPR
- A mobile classroom to advise young drivers of the dangers of speed. This included a hard-hitting video which the Chair requested

be brought to the next Police and Community Safety Forum.

One of the primary initiatives being undertaken by the Fire Brigade was an attempt to change the bonfire night culture. It was felt that banning the sale of fireworks unless they were to be used at an organised display would be a positive step forward. This was fully supported by members who suggested the issue be forwarded to Scrutiny and that a town-wide petition be circulated.

The Chair thanked the District Manager for attending and answering questions.

16. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW SECURITY GUARD CONTRACT – COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

The Community Safety Officer gave a presentation on the Revised Community Security Contract. The main provisions of the contract included static guarding, locking and unlocking services, deterrent guarding and alarm activation response. The main priority was to reduce anti-social behaviour and minimise vandalism and damage. Details were given of the function of the security officers and their links with the police and the community.

Members queried the cost involved in implementing the new security contract. They were advised that it was £110,000 per year which was a £30,000 saving on the previous contract. The contract runs for 3 years with the option for a 2 year follow-on after this. The contract would be reviewed on a yearly basis during that time.

The Chair thanked the Community Security Officer for attending and answering questions.

17. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY – COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator gave an update on the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for Hartlepool. Details were given of progress to date and the three main objectives which had emerged from the consultation as follows:

- Improve Co-ordination
- Streamline use of enforcement tools
- Develop further prevention services

Members were advised that a further draft was yet to be completed and the aim was to have the final strategy in place by February or March. Consultation documents on the second draft were distributed to those present for completion.

In response to queries from those present the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advised that she would bring figures relating to the effectiveness of parenting programmes to the next Police and Community Safety Forum. She also reported that a request had been made for additional officers for each Neighbourhood Forum area.

The Chair thanked the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator for attending the meeting and answering questions.

18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Bournemouth / Sandbanks Drive – concerns were raised about cars parking there particularly commercial vehicles. Drivers found it difficult to avoid the potholes in the round and the high fences made visibility a problem. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that some of the grass verges in Sandbanks had been tarmaced to help relieve this problem while the Neighbourhood Manager said she would contact the Highways Department.

“May I ask the inspector if it is now the accepted norm for the pavement to be blitzed by idiots riding bicycles on a permanent basis” – Inspector Simpson reported that this was still illegal and the action taken depended on the age of the rider and the circumstances of the incident. Fixed penalty tickets could seem disproportionate. The related problem of motorists parking on cycle tracks was also highlighted but Inspector Simpson advised that this was a Council Enforcement issue.

New Town Square / History Garden – A resident requested the installation of CCTV cameras at this site in order to prevent damage. Inspector Simpson advised he would forward this request on to PCs responsible for the area and ask them to speak to the children concerned.

19 ANY ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Communication problems with West View Police Office – A Councillor complained that officers were not getting back to residents when messages were left on the police answer phone. Inspector Simpson acknowledged this should not happen and resolved to speak to the officers concerned.

Citizen’s arrests – Inspector Simpson advised that reasonable force could be used to restrain someone but physical restraint was not encouraged. A member of the public could be prosecuted for using unreasonable restraint but a police officer would not be.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chair advised that there was a vacancy for another Resident Representative to serve on the Forum.

Anyone interested should contact the Neighbourhood Manager; elections were due to be held at the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum on 31st January 2007.

ROB COOK

CHAIR

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

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31st January, 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



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

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Rob Cook - Hart Ward

Vice Chair: Linda Shields (Resident Representative)
Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward
Councillor John Marshall - St Hilda Ward
Councillor Jane Shaw - Dyke House Ward
Councillor Denis Waller - Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright - Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge, Joan Norman, Mary Power, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

Public: Pat Andrews (Chair of Headland Parish Council), Don Davison, Jean Lynn, John Maxwell, Irene Nelson, Dave Oliver, Ann Stanbridge, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale and Dennis Wilson

Officers: Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
Paul Briggs, Assistant Director – Children's Services
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
Phil Hepburn, Parking Services Manager
Michael Dunn, Enforcement Co-ordinator – Transportation and Traffic
Paul Remington, Housing Standards Officer
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Kendra Blakemore and Chris Corkin

PCT Representatives: Kevin Aston and Ali Wilson

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Janis Ledger

North Hartlepool Partnership Representative: John Ford

57. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Due to an existing vacancy an election for a new resident representative was carried out at the meeting. The nominations were as follows: -

Don Davison
Irene Nelson

During the meeting the election for the resident representative was conducted and Don Davison was duly elected.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derek Allison, Caroline Barker, Harry Clouth, Sandra Fenwick, Caroline Griffin and Trevor Rogan and Resident Representative John Lynch.

59. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

60. MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting held on 29th November 2006 were agreed subject to the following amendment:

- Public Question time – Page 3 – West View Road entrance to the cemetery. This should have been Easington Road.

The Neighbourhood Manager drew member's attention to the Issues Raised Action Sheet previously circulated with the minutes. There were no Matters Arising.

61. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Headland Traffic – “After talking to drivers and taxi drivers how practical would it be to make the Headland into a one way system going along Durham Street and back along Northgate?” – The Traffic Team Leader advised that an overall parking study was being undertaken for the area and this would be considered.

Territorial Army Centre – “After speaking to Peter Frost could he explain what is going to happen to the road outside the TA Centre where cars have to cross the central reservation to get to Jesmond Road? Apparently at certain times it's virtually impossible to cross” – The Traffic Team Leader reported that this was in the Local Transport Plan as a major scheme and would be actioned within the next 2-3 years.

Cars parking in lay-bys – “Could I ask for the update on the problem of cars parking in bus lay-bys promised by the Parking Services Manager at this meeting?” – The Parking Services Manager advised that 98 parking tickets had been issued since enforcement started. Currently however parking tickets could not be issued retrospectively and since the process tended to take approximately 90 seconds it was often difficult to serve tickets on drivers. One suggestion was for enforcement officers to be present on buses rather than on patrol in order to catch offenders.

A discussion followed during which members expressed their concerns. Various options were considered, including referral to scrutiny, and it was decided that a presentation on illegal parking would be given at the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum to which the Head of Technical Services would be invited.

Members also requested that information relating to the number of enforcement notices per ward, which had been issued to Councillors, be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

Planning Application for shopping precinct near to A179/Bishop Cuthbert

– “Was this application made public through the media? Which groups/residents were consulted? What facilities will this convenience store provide for the estate or for the general public on the North side of town? Sainsbury is not an established store in Hartlepool. Will there be an ATM or petrol station? Which company will provide the public house? What will be the additional shops on the precinct?” – The Chair assured, in his role as Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee, that normal procedures had been followed with regard to the publicising of the planning application. The size of Sainsburys would be similar to the Tesco extra store at Throston. There were currently no details on any of the other facilities on the site. In response to additional queries the Chair advised that traffic calming measures would be put in place but these were unspecified at the moment.

Throston Grange Lane bus stop – “I wish to propose that the existing bus stop is relocated away from the t-junction at Falcon Road and that the bus stop is made into a bus lay-by in the interests of road safety” – This was passed to the highways department.

Hart Lane/Wiltshire Way traffic lights – “I wish to ask if the right turn filter lane (Hartlepool into Wiltshire Way) is working at all. Does the filter lane system operate using induction loops or by a timer? Does the filter lane operate to allow waiting traffic to turn right, before Southbound traffic can start moving? Why is this system not working so soon after

the scheme was completed?” – This was passed to the highways department, a resident reported that the lights had been working the previous day.

Wiltshire Way retail car park -

“Congratulations on an excellent layout with excellent public consultation. However I wish to propose that large size boulders are placed to prevent vehicles from crossing over the grassed/soiled verges to exit the car parking areas instead of using the correct exit routes” – This was passed to the Traffic Team Leader.

Holdforth Road litter bins – “It was nice to see the litter bin which I requested arrive. It is well used and I congratulate HBC for its prompt provision. The accumulated litter however is still on both verges at the side of the area between the bus stop and the University of Hospital exit road. Could the Neighbourhood Manager perhaps meet me to view the litter and to arrange for people ordered to perform Community Service to clear it away?” – The Neighbourhood Manager would address this problem. A detailed discussion on the problem of litter generally took place with a number of areas referred to. The Neighbourhood Manager acknowledged it was a particular problem in the North area but the root cause needed to be tackled before any real progress could be made.

62. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND WARD ISSUES
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St Mark's Church Hall – Young people had been voluntarily clearing the area nearby. Would this be maintained? The Neighbourhood Manager asked to be given the details as this would depend upon the current maintenance programme.

Recycling – A Councillor referred to a recent incident when his wife had been given a replacement blue bag which was dirty. He called for action to be taken against the contractor if similar incidents occurred in the future. A discussion followed on this issue of recycling during which it was agreed that the Chair would forward this to Scrutiny for a full service review

Alcohol-free zones – A Councillor referred to the recent publication of no-alcohol areas, specifically the inclusion of half the Town Wall. He questioned the extent of public consultation which had been undertaken prior to these decisions being made. The Chair advised that he had made several suggestions for additional areas, none of which had been included on the list. A discussion followed during which it was agreed that a request would be made for the Mayor, Chief Solicitor and Head of Community Safety and Prevention to attend the next meeting of the Forum to elaborate on the formulation of the finalised list of alcohol-free zones.

Warren Street / Northgate – rubbish still being dumped. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that the area had been cleaned twice since the last meeting and any relevant evidence passed to the Enforcement Department. A letter to residents of Warren Street, Northgate and Corporation Road asking them to desist had been promised at the last North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum but this had not appeared. The Neighbourhood Manager would follow this up.

Cars parking on Town Moor – could enforcement action be taken? The Chair advised that this was a matter for the police.

Bambrough Court – Problem with access for refuse collectors. Housing Hartlepool to look into.

Priory Court – Request for bins to be moved to the rear. Housing Hartlepool to look into.

West View Road chip shop – request for bollards to prevent vehicles parking there.

63. MINOR WORKS BUDGET PROPOSALS

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

1. Throston Ward – Throston Grange Library, Glamorgan Grove – provision of fencing on the existing wall and removal of the steps – cost £9,900
2. Hart Ward – Easington Road / Birkdale Close – planting of 12 trees on the grassed area opposite Birkdale Close – cost £1,800
3. Snowdon Grove / Speeding Drive – installation of 23 bollards along the grassed area at rear of 7 Speeding Drive, removal of kerbed edging, resurfacing of parking area, shortening and tarmacing of grassed area – cost £10,588
4. St Hilda Ward – West View Road – provision of hanging baskets along West View Road and Cleveland Road. Match funding with the Central Residents NAP Consultative Forum – cost £3,500

Decision – The Forum agreed that schemes 1, 2 and 4 be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for approval. Scheme 3 to be deferred until the next

meeting when alternative options would be provided.

Members' attention was drawn to detailed information on North area Minor Works funding to date for 2006/2007 which had been provided.

64. PRESENTATION – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

The Children's Services Assistant Director gave a presentation on Building Schools for the Future. This was a Government initiative which would provide money to rebuild, remodel and refurbish Hartlepool's secondary schools. The first stage of the consultation had been completed on 3rd November 2006 and Stage 2 was now underway. A copy of the Stage 2 Consultation Document was made available for those present.

This stage of consultation would run until 2nd March 2007. In addition to the Consultation Document, information could be viewed on the website bsf@hartlepool.gov.uk. A number of public meetings would be held and a BSF Stakeholder Board had been set up to help make sure that the right decisions were made. Stage 2 would look at options for the compulsory stage of secondary education for 11-16 year-olds and the provision of education for children and young people with special educational needs.

Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following

- Education 11-16
- Why was Brierton selected as the school that might close
- Keep 6 secondary schools at the size they are now – advantages and disadvantages

- Keep 6 secondary schools but make some of them smaller – advantages and disadvantages
- Reduce the number of schools to 5 by closing Brierton School – advantages and disadvantages
- What if my child is at Brierton Now?
- Options for special educational needs
- Big issues for later consultation

The Assistant Director stressed that no decisions had yet been made. Any suggestions for alternative options made during the consultation process would be fully considered.

Following the presentation the following questions/issues arose:

BSF Stakeholder Board – A Councillor criticised the formulation of the Stakeholder Board. There were no representatives from Parish Councils and a majority of Labour Councillors. The Assistant Director advised that the membership of the Board was determined by Cabinet and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services following the guidelines laid down by specialist Government advisors. It included Councillors, Council officers, school heads, school governors, church representatives and representatives from the Learning and Skills Council. Any recommendations made by the Stakeholder Board would go to the Children's Services Portfolio Holder. In response to a further query the Assistant Director advised that he would provide a full membership list to councillors.

Falling numbers of children – Several present queried this statistical information citing the increase in new housing and anticipated influx of asylum seekers. However the Assistant Director advised that these issues had been taken into account by experts from the Tees Valley

Joint Strategy Unit and numbers were still expected to decline.

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

65. PROCURING ADDITIONAL GP SERVICES FOR HARTLEPOOL

Ali Wilson, Hartlepool PCT Representative, gave a presentation on the Fairness and Equity in Primary Care public consultation currently underway. The PCT had been asked to provide details on how it would like to make best use of 4-6 additional GPs. Based on the response from local residents 3 service models had been identified as follows

- A new GP practice to provide additional substance misuse services
- A new GP practice to provide essential, additional and enhanced services, with extended opening hours and improved links to Children's services, Learning Disability Services and Mental Health Services. This would be located in an area of the town with a low supply of GPs.
- A new GP practice to provide essential, additional and enhanced services with extended opening hours and act as an urgent care centre for the town. Probably based with the A&E area at University Hospital of Hartlepool.

Included in the presentation were slides giving more detailed information on these options and advising as to the expected timeline for these changes to take place. Ms Wilson urged all those present to become involved in the consultation process.

Residents asked that any new building premises be made user friendly.

However they were advised that the plans did not necessarily involve any new buildings.

A Councillor suggested that the proposed increase in GPs would be ineffective as the new surgery on the Headland was already working to capacity and waiting time for appointments was increasing steadily. Ms Wilson advised that for the proposed system to work patients needed to register somewhere different. However doctors were unlikely to be in favour of this as it would affect them financially. A Councillor felt this was the result of a lack of PCT funding rather than GP greed. If more money was provided for services this would reduce waiting lists.

A resident queried where the extra personnel required to fulfil these proposals would come from. Ms Wilson advised that this would be the responsibility of the successful tenderer. The provider would have to ensure that additional GPs were employed in the town. The Forum felt it would be preferable that any new GPs or nurses be from the local area in order to better understand the needs of patients.

A Resident Representative reported that since the new Headland surgery opened she was unable to phone for her prescription and had to collect it from the pharmacy in person. She had also been taken off her medication pending a specialist consultation. Ms Wilson advised that pharmacists could review patient medication but the reason for changes could be more than simply reducing the cost of the medication. There may be better ways to fight the particular condition or similar medication that is more appropriate. She was advised to speak to her GP about this matter.

The Chair thanked Ms Wilson for attending the meeting and answering questions.

66. NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT UPDATE

John Ford, North Hartlepool Partnership Manager, presented a report updating the Forum on progress relating to activities and project by the North Hartlepool Partnership as follows:

- Heugh Gun Battery – funding application to Heritage Lottery Fund had been successful, securing a further £300,000 toward the full restoration of the site.
- Fairy Cove Terrace – works expected to commence shortly
- Graham Street at the back of the Co-op – works ongoing to provide car parking
- Headland Story Trail – Several columns had been installed and the plaques would be in place shortly. A Spring opening is anticipated.
- Headland Bowls Pavilion – work has commenced to turn part of this into a changing room for the Hartlepool Boys' Brigade Old Boys' Rugby Club. To be completed by March 2007.
- Programme evaluation and forward strategy – the 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

The Chair thanked the North Hartlepool Partnership Manager for attending the meeting.

67. BRUS PUBLIC HOUSE

The Neighbourhood Manager gave a brief update on the current situation regarding the Brus Public House. A report recommending a Section 215 enforcement notice would be considered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing. This would require that the owner bring the land back into use or good repair or that it be demolished. In addition the Housing Standards Officer advised that an offer had been made and accepted for the purchase of the land and an application would be submitted to Planning Committee in the next 4 weeks. Members were assured that the site was secure and posed no risk at the moment.

68. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 28th March 2007 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

The next North Police and Community Safety Forum will take place on Wednesday 11th April 2007 commencing at 2pm at Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove.

ROB COOK

CHAIR

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Mr P Hepburn
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25 January 2007

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Dear Councillor

North Forum Parking Issues

I note from the last meeting of the North Forum that several councillors and members of the public had expressed concern as to the level of parking enforcement taking place in the north area. Although I was not in attendance at the meeting, I am led to believe that discussion took place as to the level of enforcement the area has received and the number of penalty charge notices issued by Patrol Officers particularly in The Brus and King Oswy areas. Specific questions were also submitted regarding the enforcement of bus clearways. As a consequence of the concerns I would like to take this opportunity to update you of the level of enforcement that has taken place and that scheduled to take place in the near future.

Patrol Officers currently patrol several areas of the north area on a regular basis. This is sometimes carried out on foot although mobile patrols do operate using HBC vans / scooters. In addition to the regular restrictive and preventative parking areas, Patrol Officers have jurisdiction to enforce controlled permit areas, school keep clears, bus clearways, cycle-ways and ensure disabled badges are correctly used. I have had some instances of the public being confused as to the level of jurisdiction in relation to obstruction offences, and a mistaken belief that the Police have passed all motoring offences into the demise of the local authority and to this extent I have been actively attending residents meetings to try and clarify this issue.

Patrol Officers have encountered some operational problems in terms of drivers illegally parking but driving away before a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) can be issued which can be frustrating but can give misleading figures that issued PCN's do not reflect the level of enforcement an area has received. Officers have however worked on several joint initiatives with the Police, particularly outside schools to tackle illegal / inconsiderate parking together with obstruction offence. This exercise is particularly

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labour intensive but leads to short term solutions and when linked with an education / awareness campaign is having an impact with some motorists. There are however, 39 schools within the district and whilst resources can be directed for a short period to resolve an issue, another school will make an equally reasonable claim to address a problem elsewhere. It is therefore difficult to manage the limited resources available.

Since taking over responsibility for parking offences in July 2005, I have also been criticised for not enforcing regulations outside of the core working hours. Most of the traffic regulations are applicable between the hours Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm. To this effect the Patrol Officers working day reflects this. That said some regulations are applicable outside of this time (double yellow lines) and to this effect I have authorised some out of hours enforcement when problem areas are reported.

Some key specific offences that re-occur in terms of complaints are bus clearways and footpath / grass verge obstruction. Bus clearways are enforced by Patrol Officers and I am currently in discussion with Stagecoach to allow officers to travel on buses and issue PCN's to motorists parking within the bus clearway area. Footpath parking can be slightly more confusing and may depend on if the area is protected by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Orders are applicable from the centre of the carriageway to the back of the footpath and Patrol Officers can therefore sometimes take action. If no order exists it is the responsibility of the Police to act against the obstruction offence. Grass verge parking can depend again on whether a TRO exists and can sometimes depend on land ownership and jurisdiction.

I have had some discussion with Karen Oliver and The Police over parking enforcement and the issues raised at the North Forum and although I have tried to provide a brief account of the role of HBC in relation to parking enforcement it has been suggested that I attend a future forum meeting to clarify some of the points highlighted in this letter and detail some of the specific concerns. To this effect I shall make a presentation on this subject at a meeting in the near future.

In the mean time I have attached details of the number of PCN's issued and scheduled school visit / enforcement programme for the area which you may find of interest.

Yours sincerely



Phil Hepburn
Parking Services Manager

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Name	Address 1	Address 2	Postcode
Councillor Sheila Griffin	79 Addison Drive	Hartlepool	TS24 9BX
Councillor Trevor Rogan	58 John Howe Gardens	Hartlepool	TS24 9NQ
Councillor Dennis Waller	17 Pintail Close	Hartlepool	TS27 0RQ
Councillor Sandra Fenwick	6 Abigail Walk	Hartlepool	TS24 8ED
Councillor Mary Fleet	25 Amberton Road	Hartlepool	TS24 8LT
Councillor Jane Shaw	23 Helmsley Street	Hartlepool	TS24 8QN
Councillor Caroline Barker	28 Dorchester Drive	Hartlepool	TS24 9QY
Councillor Rob Cook	7 Bellasis Grove	Hartlepool	TS27 3PL
Councillor Edna Wright	1 Weymouth Drive	Hartlepool	TS24 9SF
Councillor Derek Allison	7 Beaconsfield Square	Hartlepool	TS24 0PA
Councillor Stephen Allison	7 Beaconsfield Square	Hartlepool	TS24 0PA
Councillor John Marshall	22 St Helen Street	Hartlepool	TS24 0EW
Councillor Harry Clouth	2 Harleck Walk	Hartlepool	TS26 0TN
Councillor Peter Jackson	5 Newquay Close	Hartlepool	TS26 0XG
Councillor Stephen Wallace	78 Percy Street	Hartlepool	TS26 0HT
Karen Oliver	Neighbourhood Manager (North)		
Alastair Smith	Head of Technical Services		

SCHOOL	Visits	Police	Number of Tickets	
Barnard Grove Primary School	20		1	
Brougham Primary School	1			
Clavering Primary School	19			
Eldon Grove Primary School	37	5 With PC Mcardle	3	
Elwick Hall CoE Primary School	0			
Fens Primary School	21		2	
Golden Flatts Primary School	0			
Grange Primary School	1			
Greatham coE Primary School	0			
Hart Primary School	0			
Holy Trinity CoE Primary School	0			
Jesmond Road Primary School	10	3 With PC Mcmanus	1	
Kingsley Primary School	19		1	
Lynnfield Primary School	0			
Owton Manor Primary School	0			

Schools 2006

Date 19/12/2006

SCHOOL	Visits	Police	Number of Tickets	
Rift House Primary School	5			
Rossmere Primary School	0			
Sacred Heart RC Primary School	3			
St Aidan's CoE Primary School	22		1	
St Bega's RC Primary School	8		1	
St Cuthbert's Primary School	19			
St Helen's Primary School	25	2 with PCSO,s D. Galloway	2	
St John Vianney RC Primary School	2			
St Joseph's RC Primary School	1			
St Teresa's RC Primary School	5	3 with Police D. Galloway		
Stranton Primary School	2			
Throston Primary School	0			
Ward Jackson Primary School	0			
West Park Primary School	20			

Schools 2006

Date 19/12/2006

SCHOOL	Visits	Police	Number of Tickets	
West View School	0			
Brierton School	2			
Dyke House School	0			
English Martyrs RC School	4			
High Tunstall School	0			
Manor College of Technology	0			
St Hild's School	0			
Springwell School	1			
Catcote School	2			
Grange Rd Nursery	1			
Total	128	13	12	

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Wednesday, 31 January 2007

Issues Raised

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER	COMPLETE / ONGOING
<p><u>Public Question Time</u></p> <p>Cars parking in lay-bys A discussion took place on the above and members expressed their concerns. Various options were considered, including referral to scrutiny, and it was decided that a presentation on illegal parking would be given at the next North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum to which the Head of Technical Services would be invited.</p>	<p>Presentation to be given on illegal parking at the next Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.</p> <p>Information relating to the number of enforcement notices per ward, which had been issued to Councillors, be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.</p>	<p>Phil Hepburn</p>	<p>C</p>
<p><u>Resident Representative and Ward Issues</u></p> <p>St Mark's Church Hall Young people had been voluntarily clearing the area nearby. Would this be maintained?</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager asked to be given the details, as this would depend upon the current maintenance programme. After further investigation, it has been established that the land does not belong to the Council, and is not therefore part of a regular maintenance programme. However, Karen Oliver will, where possible, assist the church and its volunteers with future clean up operations</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>	

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER	COMPLETE / ONGOING
<u>Resident Representative and Ward Issues (Cont...)</u>			
Recycling A Councillor referred to a recent incident when his wife had been given a replacement blue bag which was dirty. He called for action to be taken against the contractor if similar incidents occurred in the future.	It was agreed that the Chair would forward this to Scrutiny for a full service review. It was agreed at Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 13 March 2007, that this matter be dealt with at Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum.		C
Alcohol-free zones A Councillor referred to the recent publication of no-alcohol areas, specifically the inclusion of half the Town Wall. He questioned the extent of public consultation which had been undertaken prior to these decisions being made. The Chair advised that he had made several suggestions for additional areas, none of which had been included on the list.	It was agreed that a request would be made for the Mayor, Chief Solicitor and Head of Community Safety and Prevention to attend the next meeting of the Forum provide the Forum with the current strategy on Alcohol Free Zones	Karen Oliver	C
Warren Street / Northgate Rubbish still being dumped. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that the area had been cleaned twice since the last meeting and any relevant evidence passed to the Enforcement Department. A letter to residents of Warren Street, Northgate and Corporation Road asking them to desist had been promised at the last North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum but this had not appeared.	The Neighbourhood Manager would follow this up.	Karen Oliver	C

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER	COMPLETE / ONGOING
<u>Resident Representative and Ward Issues (Cont...)</u>			
Bambrough Court Problem with access for refuse collectors.	Housing Hartlepool to look into.	Jan Ledger	To provide update at meeting
Priory Court – Request for bins to be moved to the rear. .	Housing Hartlepool to look into	Jan Ledger	To provide update at meeting
West View Road chip shop – request for bollards to prevent vehicles parking there.	Possible Minor Works Scheme – boulders now in place	Garry Jones	C
<u>Presentation – Building Schools for the Future Stage 2 Consultation</u> BSF Stakeholder Board A Councillor criticised the formulation of the Stakeholder Board. There were no representatives from Parish Councils and a majority of Labour Councillors. The Assistant Director advised that the membership of the Board was determined by Cabinet and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services following the guidelines laid down by specialist Government advisors	In response to a further query the Assistant Director advised that he would provide a full membership list to councillors.	Sue Johnson	

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (North)

Subject MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. HART WARD - SNOWDON GROVE / SPEEDING DRIVE

- 2.1 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).

- 2.2 The Forum will recall that at their last meeting officers were requested to review the scheme and carry out further consultation with residents on the following three options.

- 1 Install 13 bollards, to be placed along the grassed area
- 2 Tarmac parking / grassed areas
- 3 Install 13 bollards and tarmac parking / grassed areas

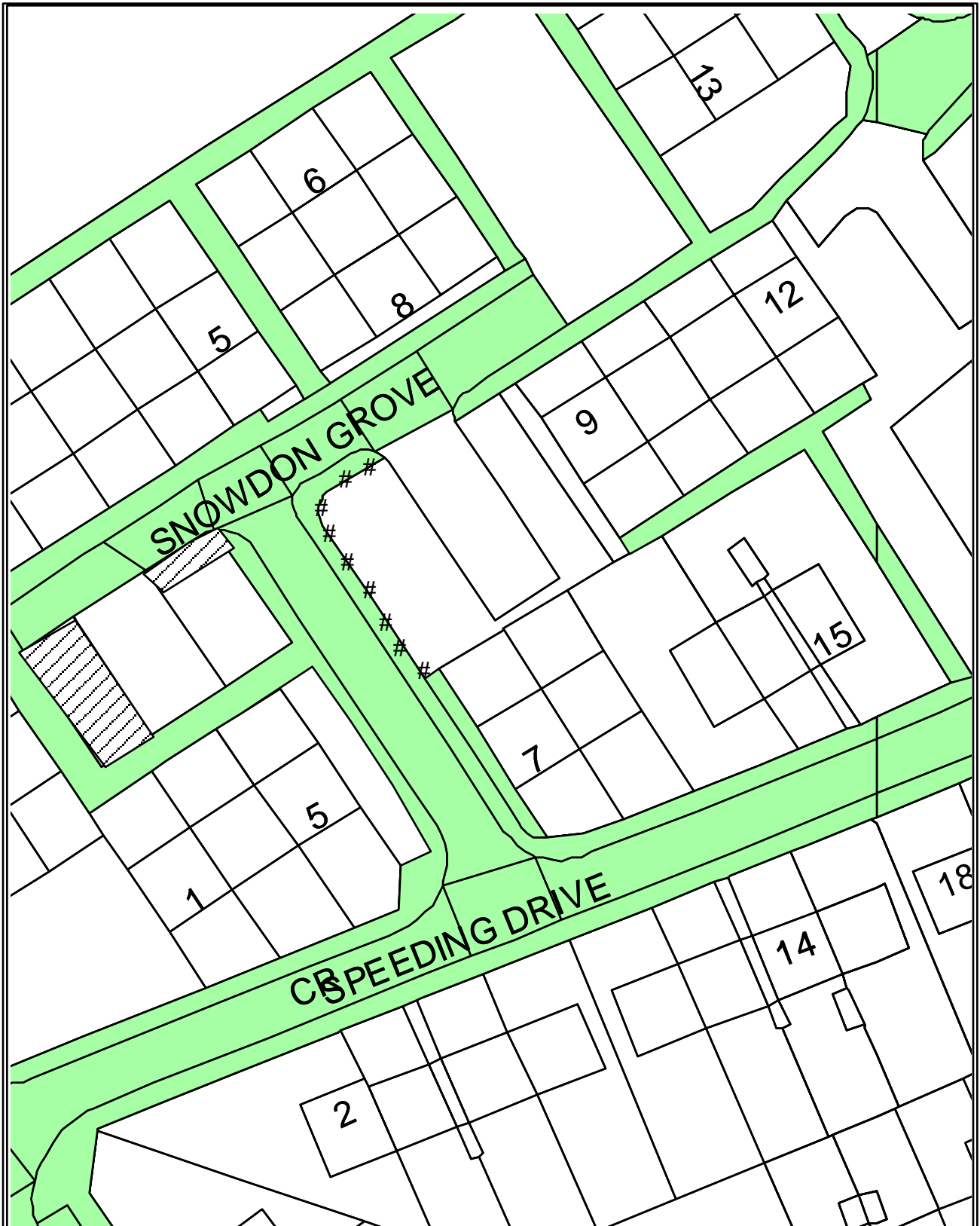
17 residents were consulted and 14 were returned all in favour of option number three

The cost of this scheme is **£8,305.72**

- 2.3 The original cost of this scheme put forward at the last meeting was **£10,588**. Should members of the Forum agree to approve option three, as covered above, this would leave the Forum with **£852.28**, which can be carried over to the next financial year (2006/08).

3 RECOMMENDATION

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



SNOWDON GROVE / SPEEDING DRIVE SCHEME

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Report of: North Hartlepool Partnership Manager

**Subject: NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME
UPDATE**

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 The North Hartlepool Partnership SRB Programme officially ends on 31st March 2007.
- 2.2 Although most projects are now complete, a small number of environmental schemes will be finished off before June 2007. This will include the Andy Capp statue which is due for delivery by end May. One major project, the restoration of the Heugh Gun Battery as a visitor attraction, will not be complete until the Autumn.
- 2.3 Programme evaluation and forward strategy –The Tourism and Planning Practice is in the process of undertaking the final programme evaluation and also developing a potential forward strategy for the continued sustainable regeneration of the area. This report will be available to a future Forum.
- 2.4 The North Hartlepool Partnership Board would like to thank everyone for their involvement and support throughout the lifetime of the regeneration programme.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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