

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 4 FORUM

Hackworth Suite,
Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre,
Midridge Lane,
Shildon.

Tuesday,
23rd July, 2002

Time : 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor V. Chapman (in the Chair) and
Councillors Mrs. I. Smith, Mrs. L. Smith, B. Stephens and F. Timmiss.

Shildon Town Council

Councillors P. Quinn, Mrs. J. O'Brien and B. Younghusband.

Durham County Council

Councillors K. Henderson and J. Quigley

New Shildon Residents Association

Mrs. B. Thompson

Durham Constabulary

Sergeant N. Edgar and Inspector F. Moore

Jubilee Fields Residents Association

Mrs. B. Carr

In

Attendance: Miss. M. Ferguson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Miss C. Todd – Sedgefield Borough Council
L. Joyce – Durham Constabulary – Substance Misuse Co-ordinator
J. Smith – Town Crier
J. Johnson – New Shildon Residents Association
B. Waller – New Shildon Residents Association
There were three members of the public present.

Apologies: Sedgefield Borough Council

Councillors D. M. Hancock and J.G. Huntington

AF(4).1/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April, 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(4).2/02 INSIGHT PRESENTATION

A Substance Abuse Awareness Presentation was made to the Forum by Lorraine Joyce, Substance Misuse Co-ordinator.

It was explained that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 determined many of Sedgefield Borough Community Safety Partnership. The main priorities included:

- Substance misuse
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Public Disorder
- Dwellings Burglary
- Domestic violence

The main aims of the substance misuse strategy for both Durham Constabulary and Sedgefield Partnership were considered. The main aims included:-

Durham Constabulary

- Young People
- Communities
- Treatment
- Availability of drugs

Sedgefield Partnership

- Education
- Environment
- Support
- Enforcement

Lorraine Joyce gave details about the different types of drugs. Information was also given regarding the Misuse of Drugs Act which divided drugs into three classes A, B and C and the penalties under the act for possession and possession with intent to supply.

It was explained that Sedgefield Partnership was working towards increasing the knowledge of key groups within the community.

It was noted that the Insight team was keen to carry out the presentation to other local community groups.

The Chairman thanked Lorraine Joyce for her interesting presentation.

AF(4).3/02 HOUSING PORTFOLIO – TIDY ESTATES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVE

Consideration was given to a schedule which detailed schemes that had been completed, schemes that had already been supported or approved by the Forum, pending schemes together with new proposals received.

Supported/Approved Schemes

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| AF(4)/5 | - | Installation of mast for CCTV camera opposite Jubilee Pub, Maple Avenue. The Forum was informed that the work would be completed within the next few weeks. |
| AF(4)39 | - | Dusk till dawn lighting/ higher gates/robust fencing, Rowan Avenue, Shildon. The lighting work had been completed on 12 th July 2002. The drawings |

had been done for the fencing/gates and Contract Services were pricing the works.

- AF(4)/41 - Resurface roadway/footpath and tidy area of land near garages possible additional lighting, roadway and area of land around garages at rear of Willow Walk/Larch Avenue. Since the last meeting a site visit had been carried out. It was noted that the cost had increased due to the surface requiring planing and tarmac. At the last meeting, the Forum approved £3,000, however, the cost had increased to £4,225. It was suggested that the works should be met from an existing maintenance budget. It was agreed that the scheme be deferred until the next meeting of the Forum.
- AF(4)/37 - Dusk till dawn lighting to be installed for increased security, 41-59, Dalton Crescent bungalows. The work had been completed on the 8th July 2002 ahead of schedule.
- AF(4)/43 - Erect wrought iron small fence to front of bungalows to prevent access to gardens, 17-27, St. Paul's Terrace. A works instruction had been sent to the contractor and the work would be completed within the next 2/3 weeks.
- AF(4)/44 - Dusk till dawn lighting, Lilburn Close, Shildon (9 properties). The work had been completed on the 12th July 2002.

Pending Schemes

- AF(4)/11 - Closure of Disused Cut – 60, Hollyhill, Shildon. The Forum was informed that there were still a number of issues that were ongoing. Queries were being clarified by engineers and then Legal could progress.
- AF(4)/16 - Additional car parking, Hackworth Close bungalows, near Shildon Court. The Forum agreed that this scheme remain on the pending list until further information on the Museum was received.
- AF(4)/28 - Request for footpath to rear of properties, 16 – 20, Weardale Walk. The Forum was informed that the notices were now in place and the markings on the road were now complete. To date no further complaints had been received regarding this area. However, it was agreed that the scheme remains on the schedule until the next meeting of the Forum to ensure that the situation had been resolved.

AF(4)/38 - Investigate for possible solution to problem of youths climbing onto nest of garages and causing nuisance, Tynedale Walk, Shildon. The Forum was informed that the Crime Prevention Officer had made a number of recommendations regarding this scheme. It was anticipated that the scheme would cost less than £2,500 to complete. The Forum agreed to get the recommendations costed.

AF(4)/40 Robust metal fencing and gates to be erected plus extension to 'hercules' type fencing to roof of shop, rear of fish shop on Maple Avenue near grassed area. The Forum was informed that the scheme had been redesigned following the Police Liaison Officers comments. It was noted that the cost of the scheme may be less than originally anticipated. The Forum agreed to support the scheme.

AF(4)/29 Replace hardstanding areas which are broken and improve soiled areas, Chestnut Close, Shildon. It was suggested that the matter be referred to maintenance, as it was felt that it needed doing urgently.

AF(4)/31 Tidying up of area requested, landscaping Dalton Crescent play area. This scheme had been deferred until AF4/14 had been completed. AF4/14 had now been completed. The Residents Association had been consulted to ascertain if the scheme was still required. A reply was awaited. It was explained that New Shildon Residents Association was meeting on 8th August 2002 following which a reply would be sent to the Housing Department.

AF(4)/42 Raise height of front wall with metal fencing/raise height of rear/side fence to 6ft to prevent youths causing nuisance, 3 –7 Maple Avenue bungalows. The scheme had been redesigned following the Police Liaison Officers recommendations. The Forum agreed to support the scheme.

New Schemes

AF(4)/52 - Renew fencing and raise height at rear of bungalows to prevent access by youths, Harrison Close. The Forum agreed that the scheme be costed and details be brought back to the next meeting of the Forum.

AF(4)55 - Remove bushes and relay grassed area to discourage youths congregating, Spout Lane/ Linden Close. The Forum agreed that the

scheme be costed and details be brought back to the next meeting of the Forum.

- AF(4)/57 - Provide gates to area between 8 and 9 Dalton Cottages to prevent unauthorised access to grassed area. It was requested that a site visit be carried out by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Senior Housing Manager to determine the problems that were being experienced by the residents.
- AF(4)58 - Verge strengthening requested to grassed area – vehicles driving over – Harrison Close, Shildon. It was suggested that the cost of re-kerbing the verge be met from the Highways Maintenance Budget. An update report would be made to the next meeting of the Forum.
- AF(4)/50 - Repair/Renew fencing around grassed are to improve appearance, Princess Street/Waterloo Terrace. It was suggested that a site visit be carried out by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman , Senior Housing Manager and R.A. Scougall, to determine what work was required and who would be responsible for carrying out the work.
- AF(4)/51 - Renew section of fence at side of grassed area anti-social behaviour problems, Sunnyside Avenue in front of Nos.1 – 12. It was suggested that a site visit be carried out by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman , Senior Housing Manager and R.A. Scougall, to determine what work was required and who would be responsible for carrying out the work.
- AF(4)/59 - Renew fencing alongside of Chestnut Close to prevent youths gaining access. It was suggested that a site visit be carried out by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman , Senior Housing Manager and R.A. Scougall, to determine what work was required and who would be responsible for carrying out the work.
- AF(4)/60 - Remove seat, relocate litterbin/possibly plant prickly bushes to try to alleviate problems with youths, land to the side of No. 36, Ash Grove. The Forum was informed that the Housing Office had received a number of complaints from tenants of adjoining properties of youths causing a nuisance. It was requested that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Senior Housing Manager carry out a site visit to determine the problems

that residents were experiencing in this area. The Police would also monitor this area on an evening.

AF(4).4/02 AUCKLAND WYND

It was requested that a patrol be carried out in Auckland Wynd as youths were causing a nuisance. The Police agreed to patrol this area.

AF(4).5/02 FOOTPATH OVER RAILWAY BRIDGE (SPOUT LANE)

The Forum was informed that English Estates had been notified of the broken railings.

AF(4).6/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th September, 2002 at 6.30 p.m. in the Hackworth Suite, Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre.

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