

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 4 FORUM

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

Tuesday,
4th March, 2003

Time : 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor J. G. Huntington (in the Chair) and
Councillors V. Chapman, D. M. Hancock and F. Timmiss

Shildon Town Council
Councillor B. Younghusband

Durham County Council
Councillor J. Quigley

Durham Constabulary
PC M. Lawton

Treasurer Jubilee Fields Community Association
Mrs. B. Carr

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
B. Parker and K. Vasey

New Shildon Residents Association
J. Johnson

Shildon Community Safety
Mrs. B. Gardner

There were four members of the public present.

In

Attendance: Miss M. Ferguson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Miss C. L. Todd - Sedgefield Borough Council

Apologies: Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillors Mrs. I. Smith, Mrs. L. Smith and B. Stephens.

New Shildon Residents Association
Mrs. C. Thompson

AF(4).26/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January, 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(4).27/02 POLICE REPORT

P. C. Mandy Lawton was present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics for the Shildon area.

Members noted that the crime statistics were as follows :

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>January, 2003</u>	<u>January, 2002</u>
Total Crime	87	92
Dwellinghouse burglary	2	12
Vehicle crime	22	16
Criminal Damage	22	35
Anti-social Behaviour	47	56
Domestic Violence	16	18

At the previous meeting concern was expressed regarding the possible increase in the precept for Durham Constabulary – 2003/04. The Forum was informed that the Chief Superintendent was unable to attend this meeting. However arrangements would be made for his attendance at the next meeting.

Specific reference was made to problems being experienced with motor cyclists in the Shildon Area. The Forum was informed that the Police were trying to address this issue by training staff from the motor cycle unit on off road pursuits.

The Chairman thanked PC M. Lawton for attending the meeting.

AF(4).28/02 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST – LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (NHS LIFT)

Bob Parker, Project Manager for Sedgfield Primary Care Trust attended the meeting to give a short presentation regarding the above.

Members were informed that Local Improvement Finance Trust Initiative was the Government's preferred vehicle for delivering estate improvements within the NHS. It was a mechanism to facilitate long term co-operation between the Health Service and potentially local authorities together with a private sector partner. The core objective was to provide high quality primary and community health care facilities using a combination of public and private finance.

It was noted that Sedgfield PCT together with five other PCTs were members of a consortium that had been given approval by the Secretary of State to tender for a private sector partner.

It was envisaged that the public sector partners and the private sector developer would become members of a pilot limited company (the LIFTco). The partners and LIFTco would then enter into a strategic partnering agreement for a period of 20 years under which the LIFTco would have the exclusive right to enhance existing health facilities or build new facilities relating to primary and community based

social care. The LIFTco would then lease out the premises for a period of 20 years, with the users paying a rental to the LIFTco in return for which the LIFTco would maintain the premises and pay other costs such as rates, property insurance and utilities costs.

It was explained that under the LIFT initiative Sedgefield PCT proposed to provide much used health resource facilities in five sub localities :-

- Ferryhill/West Cornforth/Chilton
- Newton Aycliffe
- Shildon
- Spennymoor
- Trimdon/Ferryhill/Sedgefield

With regard to Spennymoor, it was explained that it was intended to demolish the existing health centre and construct a two storey building. The new health resource would house GPs, provision of dental services and resources for an integrated community team.

In relation to Shildon it was noted that the proposals were for the reprovision of existing GP premises in Shildon to provide improved access and facilities, dental facilities, resources for an integrated community team and intermediate care facilities. Particular reference was made to the possible future development of the Hackworth House site.

Members were informed that local residents would be consulted on any proposals.

The Chairman thanked Bob Parker for his interesting presentation.

AF(4).29/02 HOUSING PORTFOLIO : TIDY ESTATES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVE

Consideration was given to a schedule detailing schemes that had been completed, schemes that had already been supported or approved by the Forum together with pending and new schemes. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted the schemes that had been completed since the last meeting of the Forum.

Supported/approved schemes:

- AF(4)/38 - Investigate for possible solution to problem of youths climbing onto nest of garages and causing nuisance, Tynedale Walk, Shildon.** A works instruction had been sent on 30th December 2002. Work was due to start on 10th March, 2003.

AF(4)/11 Closure of disused cut – 60, Holly Hill, Shildon
The Forum was informed that work was due to start week commencing 3rd March 2003.

AF(4)/61 Request for rose beds to grassed area opposite no. 11 and no. 6 Elm Drive adjacent to car park.
A works instruction had been sent for one area. However, there had been an error at the design stage, therefore an additional design had been produced for the extra area at a cost of £800.

It was felt that it was not the responsibility of the Forum to finance the additional £800, as it was a result of an error at the design stage. M. Ferguson, Senior Housing Manager to investigate. However the Forum reiterated the importance of completing the scheme even if additional costs could not be waived.

AF(4)/62 Tidying up of parking area – remove weeds at Elm Drive (unadopted).
The Forum was informed that the estimated cost for the scheme was £500. The Forum agreed to support the scheme.

AF(4)/52 Raise height of fence to rear – addition to AF(4)/52 – rear of 1 – 9, Harrison Close.
The Forum was informed that work would commence on site week commencing 10th March 2003.

Pending Schemes

AF(4)/16 Additional car parking, Hackworth Close Bungalows, Near Shildon Court.
The Forum agreed that this scheme should remain on the pending list until full information on the Museum was received.

New Schemes

AF(4)/63 Extend garden fence to front of property, 1, Auckland Wynd.
The Forum was informed that the budget for 2002/03 had been allocated. The scheme had therefore been passed to Property Services to consider inclusion as part of future capital schemes.

AF(4)/64 Raise height of Garden Fence to Prevent Unauthorised Access – 7, Willow Walk.
The Forum was informed that the budget for 2002/03 had been allocated. The scheme had therefore been passed

to Property Services to consider inclusion as part of future capital schemes.

AF(4)/65 Remove old fencing between Nos. 7 and 11, Front Row, Eldon or fit birdsmouth.

The Forum was informed that the budget for 2002/03 had been allocated. The scheme had therefore been passed to Property Services to consider inclusion as part of future capital schemes.

AF(4).30/02 NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT – THORNHILL GARDENS, SHILDON

Consideration was given to a report of the Building Control Manager in respect of the naming of a development – land at Thornhill Gardens, Shildon. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The report detailed that a request had been received from Broseley Homes to officially name and number the above development comprising 16 dwellings. It was noted that having regard to the layout of the site only one street name was required.

The site was being marketed using the name, Thornhill Court, and the developer had forwarded the following list of suggested names for consideration :-

1. Thornhill Court
2. Thornhill Close
3. Thornhill Mews

The Forum recommended that the site be named Thornhill Close.

AF(4).31/02 PRE-SALTING OF ROADS

Consideration was given to a letter received from Durham County Council dated 17th February, 2003 regarding the request for a representative from the County Council to attend the meeting to discuss the reasons why the decision had been taken to cut the winter maintenance budget.

Members expressed both concern and disappointment that a representative from the County Council was unable to attend.

It was felt that as the Area Forum plays a vital role in providing an opportunity for communities to interact on issues of local importance it would have been more appropriate for a representative to attend the Forum rather than a Member attending the Sedgefield Member Area Panel.

It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the County Council reiterating the concerns of the Forum.

AF(4).32/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd April, 2003 at 6.30 p.m. at the Hackworth Suite at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre.

AF(4).33/02 INITIATIVES ONGOING WITHIN THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST

K. Vasey, from Sedgefield Primary Care Trust gave details of initiatives that were currently ongoing within the Primary Care Trust.

It was reported that as part of a campaign to keep people well a target had been set of 70% to get people over 65 vaccinated against flu. The Forum was informed that the 3 surgeries in Shildon had achieved this target.

The Forum was also informed that the P.C.T was working towards improving the response times in surgeries. It was reported that a number of surgeries had made some improvements. However, the Hallgarth Practice had recognised that it was not meeting the targets. It was reported that to tackle this problem a new appointments system would be implemented.

Reference was also made to a 6 week programme that was being offered to people who had suffered a heart attack.

The Chairman thanked K. Vasey for attending the meeting.

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