

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday,
16 December 2008
6.30 p.m.

Chilton and Windlestone
Community College

AGENDA and REPORTS



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যদি আপনি এই ডকুমেন্ট অন্য ভাষায় বা ফরমেটে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে আমাদেরকে বলুন।

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2008. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Ferryhill Police will attend the meeting to give a report of crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

5. NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

Site of Former Ashville, Beech Parade, West Cornforth – Walter Cook Properties

Report of the Building Control Manager (Pages 5 - 6)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at West Cornforth Community Centre.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items they would wish to raise under the heading not later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting, in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 2 FORUM

Dean Bank and Ferryhill
Literary Institute

Tuesday,
4 November 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs.P. Crathorne (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor David Farry – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G. Muncaster – Bishop Middleham Parish Council
Councillor S.C. Drew – West Cornforth Parish Council
C. Heal – Chilton Partnership
A. Rutherford – Chilton Partnership
M. Taylor – Chilton West Residents Association
M. Mitchell – Chilton West Residents Association
J. Weston – Dean Bank Residents Association
E. Potts – Bishop Middleham Resident
R. Greenwell – Local Resident

In

Attendance: A. Megginson, J. Stubbs (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. C. Potts - Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor J. E. Higgin – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Lamb – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. A. Newell – Sedgefield Borough Council

AF(2)14/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(2)15/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(2)16/08 POLICE REPORT
Sergeant A. Sampson was present at the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety in the area.

The reported crime figures for September and October 2008 were as follows :-

September 08	Dean Bank	Ferryhill	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	168	91	99	161	519
Burglary Dwelling	10	2	5	3	20
Burglary Other	2	0	0	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	3	2	1	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0	2
Rowdy Nuisance	27	20	19	31	97

October 08	Dean Bank	Ferryhill	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	193	99	70	198	560
Burglary Dwelling	3	1	2	1	7
Burglary Other	2	1	1	1	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1	1	2	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	1	0	1	4
Rowdy Nuisance	47	18	12	62	139

Traffic related incidents throughout the whole of the area during the 2 month period :

Damage only accidents	11
Minor injury accidents	6
Serious injury accidents	0

It was reported that youth related anti-social behaviour in Ferryhill was down by 4% and crime related incidents down by 8.1%. Total crime in the south of the County was down by 9.6%. There had been a reduction in 11 of the 15 crime types measured. Overall crime detection statistics for the south showed a 37.1% detection rate, the highest in the south since April and a full 10% higher than those being achieved in the north of the County.

Between September and October there had been an increase in crime in all areas except in West Cornforth/Bishop Middleham. Total reported incidents had risen by 40. Rowdy nuisance incidents continued to be the most regularly reported. Dean Bank and Chilton had seen the largest rise in this type of incident and there had been a significant decrease in dwelling burglary incidents.

An update was given on the areas of concern highlighted at the previous meeting. With regard to indecent behaviour in Bishop Middleham lay-by, the Forum was informed that there had been no further reports since July, however, patrols and monitoring was continuing. The importance of continuing to report incidents was stressed.

With regard to the parking of work vans at Oval Avenue in Chilton, it was reported that vans were now parked on the road instead of the pavement, however cars and buses were now unable to pass. The possibility of parking the vans on the neighbouring industrial estate was raised. Sergeant Sampson agreed to discuss the issue with the companies on the industrial estate.

With regard to off-road motor cycles in Dean Bank, Members were informed that some arrests had been made for theft. The importance of giving as much information on descriptions and registration numbers when reporting incidents to the Police was highlighted.

Sergeant Sampson queried whether, as a result of the expectation that parking of vans in Opal Avenue would be an ongoing issue, Members were happy to close the issue as a neighbourhood priority and put forward a new one. Opal Avenue would still continue to be monitored. As a result of there not being many Members present at the meeting, it was decided to defer this decision to the next meeting of the Forum.

AF(2)17/08 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (for copy see file of Minutes) updating Members on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme.

Members were informed that Cabinet had considered applications on 23rd October, 2008. The project criteria and prioritisation process for considering the projects was explained as there had been more applications than there was funding available.

The projects approved prior to 23rd October were :

No. 66 – West Cornforth	£64,400
Chilton Environmental Improvements	£88,654
Mainsforth Community Centre	£75,830
West Cornforth Community Centre	£119,393
Bishop Middleham Village Hall	£39,128
Dean Bank Institute	£41,378

The projects approved by Cabinet on 23rd October were :-

Ferryhill Football Development	£320,000
The Pentlands Play Area	£85,000

The Chilton Welfare Master Plan project (£169,471) was a reserve project which would be considered again should any problems, such as planning permission or match funding, develop with approved projects. The Chilton Catholic Club application (£27,800) was rejected as it did not meet as many of the project criteria. The LIP team would be happy to work with the Catholic Club to try and find funding for this project from other sources.

AGREED : That the report be noted.

AF(2)18/08 QUESTIONS

PCT/Chilton Health Centre

Concern was expressed that County Durham PCT (now NHS County Durham) was not represented at the meeting and lack of progress being made on Chilton Health Centre. Chilton residents felt very strongly about the issue and were unhappy with all the delays and broken promises. Councillor Crathorne agreed to persue the matter.

AF(2)19/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16th December, 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Chilton and Windlestone Community College.

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ITEM No.

REPORT TO AREA 2 FORUM

16 DECEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING
CONTROL MANAGER**

NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

**ERECTION OF FOUR NO. DWELLINGS ON SITE OF FORMER ASHVILLE, BEECH PARADE,
WEST CORNFORTH – WALTER COOK PROPERTIES**

A request has been received from Mr W Cook to officially name and number the above development comprising 4 terraced houses. Having regard to the site layout, and although the properties are situated on Beech Parade, the current numbering system does not allow for them to be included in Beech Parade, hence one street name is required.

Cornforth Parish Council and appropriate Ward Councillors were consulted with the following suggestion from the Parish Council forwarded to date:

BEECH VILLAS

This street name would be appropriate in that Beech Parade is adjacent, therefore not causing confusion with emergency services, and would also be in keeping with other new properties built nearby, ie Cedar Villas added to Cedar Terrace.

The developer has proposed the following option for the new dwellings:

ASH VILLAS

Unless the members of the Forum would wish to suggest an alternative name, it is felt appropriate that one of the above names be recommended.

Background Papers

TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT Circular 3/93

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