

# Item 2

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Fishburn Youth and  
Community Centre

Wednesday, 7 July  
2004

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor D.R. Brown	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Burton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. Ward	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Sergeant B. O'Connor	–	Sedgefield Police
R. Pattison	–	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
N. Porter	–	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Councillor Mrs. L. Burton	–	Trimdon Parish Council

**In**

**Attendance:** Miss S. Billingham

**Apologies:**

Councillor K. Noble	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Robinson J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Wayman J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor	–	Fishburn Parish Council
Mrs. S. Nicholson		
J. Parkinson	–	Mordon Parish Meeting

**AF(3)1/04 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(3)2/04 POLICE REPORT**

Sergeant Brian O'Connor, Sedgefields recently appointed Beat Sergeant was present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics for the area.

Members noted that the statistics were as follows: -

TYPE OF CRIME	SEDGEFIELD	FISHBURN/TRIMDON VILLAGE	TRIMDON GRANGE /COLLIERY
THEFT	18	18	9
DAMAGE	14	21	6
DWELLING BURGLARY	2	1	6
BURGLARY OTHER	5	3	2
ASSAULTS	5	14	3
TOTAL CRIME	44	57	26

During discussion reference was made to two arrests relating to thefts from motor vehicles in Hardwick Park, Sedgefield. Four arrests had

been made for offences ranging from criminal damage, affray and drunken disorderly. Two of the main protagonists would be due to answer bail over the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

Officers had been monitoring the problem of people carrying and consuming alcohol as they walked from one public house to another in Sedgefield. To prevent glasses being deposited in the street and subsequently broken licensees in Sedgefield had been requested to use plastic cups.

Members were informed that problems had been reported at Fishburn of a number of youths who had been misusing motorbikes near to the Industrial Estate. A number of complaints had been received regarding anti social behaviour in the vicinity of Church Road, Trimdon Village.

With regard to anti social behaviour Members were pleased to be informed that a local man had been arrested at an address on Church Road in connection with supplying drugs. It was explained that the Beat Officers were aware of the problems in the area and would patrol at times when it was known to be at its worst.

It was reported that since the Members raised concerns regarding the lack of visual presence of traffic wardens in Sedgefield at the previous meeting a number of PSCO's had began to patrol the area. Their roles would include monitoring street traffic and answering the public's general queries and complaints relating to traffic problems.

#### **AF(3)3/04**

#### **SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

N. Porter, Chief Executive to the PCT was present at the meeting. A document detailing the PCT Expenditure and a summary of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2003/04, Health and Well being of People In Sedgefield were distributed to members of the Forum. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that Sedgefield PCT received £100,000,000 a year. Out of that £60,000,000 was taken directly to be used in hospitals across the Borough. This year, however an extra £9,000,000 had been invested to improve local health services during 2004/2005.

Members were reminded that the PCT would be taking responsibility of the Out of Hours service based at Bishop Auckland Hospital from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004. It was pointed out that patients living in Sedgefield, Fishburn and the Trimdons had previously little contact with Bishop Auckland Hospital. They would usually be transferred to Hartlepool or 'North Tees Hospital out of hours'. In future they would be covered by the Urgent Care Centre at Bishop Auckland for out of hours enquiries. However, a Saturday morning surgery would be open at Fishburn to provide the same service for the first six months to allow people to adapt to the change. R. Pattison reassured Members of the Forum that home visits would continue. The only aspect that would change would be the location from which the paramedics came from.

N. Porter informed Members that Integrated Team had moved into Tremeduna Grange and were praised for the work they were undertaking.

Specific reference was made to the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2003/04 of which a summary had been distributed. The Report promoted healthy living and healthy lifestyles and gave a general picture of health related issues in each of the five localities. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**AF(3)4/04 NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT**

Consideration was made to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services regarding a request received from Lancing Homes to name the above development. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was noted that Members of the Forum agreed to forward 'Glebe Close' as a name for the new development.

**AF(3)5/04 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE**

Consideration was given to a letter regarding the appointment of an Alternate for Area 3 Forum to the Local Strategic Partnership Board for the Borough. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was agreed that as there had been a poor level of attendance consideration would be given to the appointment of an Alternate at a future meeting.

**AF(3)6/04 QUESTIONS**

**Gas Boxes In Trimdon Village**

Concern was raised by the Forum regarding the damage caused to gas boxes. It was suggested that contact be made with the relevant department to discuss moving the gas boxes either indoors, or under ground.

**Advertising**

It was raised by the Forum that advertising the dates of forthcoming Area Forums in the Trimdon Messenger and Sedgefield Community News would improve publicity and attendance at the Forums. It was agreed the matter would be looked into.

**AF(3)7/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at Trimdon Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

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