

# **AREA 3 FORUM**

Wednesday,

4 July 2007

7.00 p.m.

Trimdon Colliery  
Community Centre

## **AGENDA and REPORTS**



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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 consider the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007. (Pages 3 - 6)

**4. POLICE REPORT**

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

**5. COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

A representative of County Durham Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

Specific reference will also be made to the proposed revision to surgery hours at Trimdon Village.

**6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

To consider the attached report outlining the proposed project for:-

- Fishburn Recreation Ground Development Technical Study (Pages 7 - 10)

**7. QUESTIONS**

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

**8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items to be raised under this heading no 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.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.00 p.m at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

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J. Wayman J.P.

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**DURHAM CONSTABULARY**

Sergeant B. O'Connor

**CAVOS**

Chief Executive Officer

**TRIMDON 2000**

Mrs. R. Welsh

**COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

C. Ward

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Fletcher Room,  
Parish Hall,  
Sedgefield

Wednesday,  
11 April 2007

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor D.R. Brown	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Robinson J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. A. Workman	–	County Durham Primary Care Trust
Sergeant B. O'Connor	–	Durham Constabulary
J. Irvine	–	Fishburn Parish Council
Mrs. J. Joss	–	Fishburn Resident
P. Elwell	–	Sedgefield Development Trust
Councillor D. Waters	–	Sedgefield Town Council
Mrs. A. Oliver	–	Sedgefield Resident
B. Whitehead	–	Sedgefield Resident
Mrs. J. Bowles	–	Sedgefield Village Residents Forum
L. Oliver	–	Trimdon Parish Council
Mrs. G. Norton	–	Trimdon Resident

### In

**Attendance:** N. Smalley and Mrs. L. Walker (Sedgefield Borough Council)

**Apologies:**

Councillor J. Burton	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Noble	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Wayman J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs.M. Robinson	–	Sedgefield Town Council

**AF(3)33/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no declarations of interest to submit.

**AF(3)34/06 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**AF(3)35/06 POLICE REPORT**  
Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area. It was reported that crime statistics were as follows: -

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>Sedgefield:</u>	<u>Fishburn:</u>	<u>Trimdon Village:</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/Trimdon Station:</u>
Theft	7	1	4	1
Criminal Damage	6	4	8	3
Burglary (Dwelling)	0	1	0	0
Burglary (Other)	0	1	0	1
Assault	3	0	2	0
Vehicle Crime	3	1	1	2
Rowdy Nuisance Calls	30	12	34	1

It was explained that rowdy nuisance calls covered a wide range of issues and not just youths causing annoyance.

Reference was made to members of the travelling community gathering at Fishburn. It was explained that consultation was taking place with Fishburn Parish Council and Durham County Council regarding this issue.

Reference was made to anti social behaviour. It was brought to the Forums attention that anti-social behaviour at Harpers Corner, Trimdon Colliery had reduced.

It was noted that the police had recently patrolled the streets at Sedgefield. Local residents were of the opinion that police presence had reduced levels of anti social behaviour.

#### **AF(3)36/06**

#### **COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Mrs. A. Workman was present at the meeting to give an update on local health matters.

The Forum was updated on the progress of the re-organisation of the Primary Care Trust and ensuring a patient-led NHS. It was noted that the PCT was in the process of developing new staffing structures. It was hoped that no redundancies would be made.

It was explained that the PCT was committed to the delivery of local services and wanted to ensure that this was maintained.

It was brought to the Forums attention that the concern raised at the February meeting of the Forum regarding disabled access at Dental surgeries had been raised with the Primary Care Trust.

With regard to the appointment of a new NHS dentist for Sedgefield, it was noted that interviews were taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.



**LICENSING/SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION**

N. Smalley, Inspection and Licensing Services Manager, attended the meeting to respond to concerns expressed at the February meeting of the Forum regarding under-age drinking in public houses and consultation with Town and Parish Councils on licensing applications in their area. Reference was also made to the introduction of smoke-free legislation.

It was explained that the Council had never consulted with Town and Parish Councils on licensing applications. The Licensing Section was required to remain impartial and could not encourage representation.

Applicants were required to display a notice of their application on the premises and publish notification of the application in the local press. Applications were also published on the Council's website and were available for public inspection upon request.

Concern was expressed that if a Town or Parish Council was not aware that a licence had been granted the Clerk would be held responsible for not looking at Sedgefield Borough Council's website.

With regard to the sale of alcohol to under-age persons, it was explained that all complaints were logged and investigated. The number of complaints received were, however, very low.

In cases where complaints were received, the Licensing Section worked in partnership with the local police and trading standards.

It was noted that the Licensing Enforcement Officer was currently visiting all licensed premises to ensure that all conditions were adhered to.

Concern was expressed that the Council was weak on enforcement. It was explained that in cases where a large number of complaints were received regarding a premises, the licence would be reviewed. Local residents could also make an application for a formal review of a licence.

It was also pointed out that the Licensing Section carried out enforcement operations in conjunction with Police and the Fire Service.

In cases where complaints regarding a premises related to crime and disorder residents were advised to contact the Police.

With regard to smoke-free legislation, a fact sheet was distributed to members of the Forum for information. It was noted that the smoke-free regulations would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 and would apply to virtually to all enclosed public places and workplaces in England.

It was explained that enforcement of the legislation was the responsibility of the Health and Safety Section. Government funding had been received to assist with the implementation and enforcement of the legislation. This funding would be used to appoint an officer to enforce the legislation.

In response to a question raised regarding businesses in rented accommodation it was explained that all businesses would receive an Information Pack setting out guidance and providing relevant signage to be displayed.

Members queried who was creating an offence if a member of the public insisted on smoking in a public house. It was explained that if it was evident that the publican intended to comply with the legislation they were technically committing an offence but would unlikely to be prosecuted for it.

**AF(3)38/06**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Dates of future meetings would be agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

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# Item 6

## AREA 3 FORUM

4<sup>th</sup> July 2007

### Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

#### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

#### **Application - Fishburn Recreation Ground Development Technical Study**

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and initially appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 3 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £177,333 has been allocated to the year 2007/08. A number of projects have been allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for project activity.

#### **Project Background**

- **Name of Project:** Fishburn Recreation Ground Development – Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Fishburn Parish Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The overall project seeks to implement a series of improvements for enhanced sporting opportunities within the Recreation Ground area – Fishburn. This would include construction of a Club House, to be located where the Tennis Courts are sited, for the use of the Boxing, Bowls and Football Clubs and increasing the number of playing pitches. The applicant will work with partners to invest in the new facilities, skills and programmes.
- **Requested from LIP:** £9,600 (plus VAT) – Technical Study
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £9,600 plus VAT. – Technical Study
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The aim of this stage of the project is to fully investigate the options for the construction of a Club House and increasing the number of playing pitches at the Recreation Ground, Fishburn, by undertaking a Technical Study. This would include establishing an accurate project cost as well as looking at the site constraints and planning issues associated with the site.

- **Impact of the Project:** It is expected that the project will encourage a greater number of people to become involved in local sport and active recreation. It is anticipated that the project will allow South Durham Amateur Boxing Club, and the Football and Bowling Clubs to develop their teams and cater for increased use by young people. The applicant has stated that this project would be expected to widen access for opportunities to participate in sport and physical activities by targeting priority groups in the area. Improve education – leading to improved actual and perceived links with the schools in the area. Provide an improved infrastructure for sports provision.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that the need for this development was first highlighted by the 2000 Fishburn Community Appraisal. Discussions have also taken place with the South Durham Amateur Boxing Club. The boxing club operate from a wooden unheated clubhouse at present and a member of this club is a 2008 Beijing Olympics possible medal winner. The Bowls Club operate from metal containers and the changing rooms for the football team are neither fit for use nor would they inspire the young to take up any sports offered at the site. All members of these clubs have shown favour of this development.

By undertaking the study it is recognised that further consultation with various partners and residents will need to be undertaken in considering the most appropriate option.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

By carrying out this stage of the project this will help to establish a full project cost for all elements of the scheme and inform the options available. The project will only go ahead on the clear understanding by all parties that adequate funds and contingencies are in place to undertake the proposed development.

A key issue in considering any future project proposal is to ensure that the increased revenue costs associated with maintaining a facility of this nature can be met.

- **Statutory Approvals:** Requirement of Planning Permission will be a major consideration addressed by undertaking the Technical Study.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project proposal, the applicant will work with the Strategy and Regeneration Division to inform a full appraisal of the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgfield Borough Council's decisions making process.

### **Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 3 locality.

If the Area Forum wish to support the undertaking of the Technical Study then a further report will be brought to the Area Forum once this Study has been completed to enable the Forum to consider the overall cost implications of the final project.

**Material considerations:**

**Other applications received from Area 3:**

To date no other applications have been received for this financial year.

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