

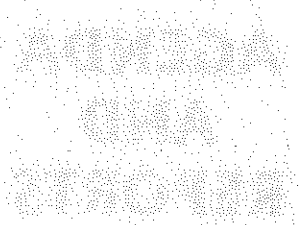
# **NEWHALL AREA MEETING**

**AGENDA  
AND  
REPORTS**

**WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2003**

**WILLIAM ALLITT SCHOOL  
SUNNYSIDE  
NEWHALL**

**7.00 p.m.**



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# **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **NEWHALL AREA MEETING**

**(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)**

**Meeting to be held at  
William Allitt School  
Sunnyside  
Newhall  
on Wednesday, 5th February 2003  
at 7.00 p.m.**

**(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Mead (Chair), Councillor Richards (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Routledge and Wilkins.

County Councillor: Councillor Routledge.



### **BUSINESS**

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2002 (copy herewith) and any matters arising.
3. Chair's Announcements (if any).
4. Report back on issues progressed since the last Meeting.

5. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
6. Date of next Meeting – to be advised.

#### Community Items

7. Budget Consultation.
8. Closure of Newhall Tip (Mr. B. Woods).
9. Proposals for Nadins site (Mr. B. Woods).

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

6th November 2002

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs. Mead (Chair), Councillor Richards (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Routledge and Wilkins.

S. Whiles (Head of Community Services), N. Betteridge (Democratic Services), E. Julian (Community Drugs Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

**County Council Representative**

Councillor Routledge.

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

W.P.C. M. Fearn.

**Members of the Public**

P. Bambrick, K. Basford, A. Blyth, P. Holden, R. Holden, R. House, C. Maddock, D. Mansfield, M. Richards, H. Roobottom, P. Smith and B. Woods.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Dunn, S. Garland and V. Thornley.

NA/9. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 7th August 2002 were noted.

NA/10. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES PROGRESSED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Committee reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting.

With regard to the speed of vehicles in High Street, Newhall, County Councillor Routledge advised that a petition had now been submitted to the County Highways Authority. Consideration was to be given to the provision of a Puffin crossing at the location of the Doctors' Surgery and the chemist during this year and for next year, it was hoped that additional signage and a further crossing could be provided. County Councillor Routledge advised that he would continue to pursue this matter vigorously.

With regard to weight restriction signs through Newhall, County Councillor Routledge advised that additional signs had now been designed and were to be positioned shortly. Minor location details had still to be finalised with landowners and Councillor Routledge encouraged residents to continue to report instances of unauthorised lorries to himself and the local police.

The area of land in the grounds of the school on Sunnyside, Newhall had now been tidied and County Councillor Routledge advised that the schools in the area would also attempt to maintain this land in a tidy condition.

NA/11. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A resident advised that the overgrown area of land at Alma Road, Newhall had only been strimmed around the edge and the matter would be pursued accordingly.

Several residents expressed great annoyance at the number of very loud fireworks in the area during the previous few weeks and enquired whether these could be restricted. WPC Fearn advised that the police liaised with the Trading Standards Department, which was responsible for determining the suitability of shops selling fireworks. However, with regard to a noise nuisance factor, the only method to pursue this issue was to lobby the Government. District Councillor Dunn advised that the matter had been the subject of a recent question at Prime Minister's Question Time and it appeared that fireworks had created a general nuisance throughout the country. A Member of Parliament had asked if certain shops could be designated and all other outlets banned from selling fireworks and the Prime Minister had advised that the issue was already on the agenda of the relevant department. The District Council's Head of Community Services advised that her department worked with local public houses and clubs regarding safety advice for firework displays. However, a statutory noise nuisance would only be created if the matter occurred on a regular basis for a period of several weeks. WPC Fearn advised that in conjunction with the Trading Standards Department, illegal sales of several items had recently been identified in Midway and a prosecution was now pending. Councillor Richards advised that an Early Day Motion was currently being pursued through Parliament and injuries arising from fireworks created a massive cost for the Health Service as fireworks could now be purchased throughout the year. It was agreed that the local Member of Parliament be requested to sign the Early Day Motion.

A resident expressed concern at the recent opening of another card sales outlet in Swadlincote town centre. However, the Council had no jurisdiction on the number of such outlets in the town centre as this was a commercial issue. In response to a question, it was reported that businesses were encouraged to relocate in Swadlincote and this had been demonstrated by the recent decision of Morrisons to build a new supermarket in the town centre.

A resident expressed concern at the lack of health provision in the area following the increasing level of housing development and considered that the provision of a local hospital was now fully justified. The Head of Community Services advised that planning officers were now liaising more closely with the Primary Care Trust over new developments and the Council was very conscious of this issue. However, this was again a matter over which the Council had no jurisdiction but funds under planning agreements could be provided towards such facilities. On the Helpdesk, a questionnaire from the Primary Care Trust was available regarding the proposed expansion of the clinic on Civic Way, Swadlincote into the former Ambulance Station which residents were encouraged to complete and return. Councillor Dunn advised residents that the site of the Darklands Road Surgery had been originally purchased for a Cottage Hospital but the National Health Service had decided that at that time, the population level did not warrant this provision.



WPC Fearn advised that the police had been working with the Crime and Disorder Partnership regarding Liberation Day next Spring. This was concerned with the method in which police identified and targeted distraction burglars. Questionnaires were available and the matter would be advertised in the local media.

A resident expressed his gratitude to the County Highways Authority for the provision of the traffic lights at the junction of Park Road and the A444 and considered that the location was now far safer and more convenient to negotiate.

Mr. Woods expressed his views on the changing image of Newhall following the recent development of the Old Post Centre and the improvements in Newhall Park. Primarily, these initiatives had been achieved through the goodwill of volunteers willing to improve the image of the area. County Councillor Routledge expressed his agreement, encouraging other residents to establish voluntary groups in other areas, which may also then be eligible for funding opportunities.

NA/12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next Area Meeting would be held at the William Allitt School, Sunnyside, Newhall on Wednesday, 5th February 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

NA/13. **CRIME AND DISORDER INITIATIVES**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from Emma Julian, the recently appointed Community Drugs Officer, who spoke to a circulated handout "Reducing Crime in our Community". The vision for a safe South Derbyshire would be achieved through partnership working between local authorities, Police, Health, other statutory bodies, voluntary organisations and the business sector. The community would also be encouraged to take action itself to reduce criminal activity and anti-social behaviour.

The Crime and Disorder Act had placed a statutory responsibility on authorities to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder through the production of a strategy every three years. The 2002 to 2005 Strategy had identified six main priority areas which were outlined, together with their respective three year targets. The literature showed the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership structure and a table was submitted outlining current activity being undertaken by each of the action teams.

Clarification was provided on Emma Julian's role as Community Drugs Officer. She spoke of the multi-agency approach to deliver a range of projects and commented particularly on the Communities Against Drugs initiative. This sought to reduce crime through stopping the supply of drugs, identifying and prosecuting criminals and providing support services to drug users.

It was noted that a Newhall and Midway Local Crime Reduction Group was to be established to improve life for the residents of the area. Accordingly, residents were encouraged to attend the first Meeting at the Old Post Centre on 13th November 2002 and funds for the Group had been secured. Following a question on action taken on the reasons why people became involved with drugs, it was advised that a Drugs Worker already attended

Primary Schools. With regard to Secondary Schools, consideration was currently being given into the method of educating at this level.

MRS. J. MEAD

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.05 p.m.

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL****NEWHALL AREA MEETING****(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)****Wednesday, 5th February 2003****REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last meeting held on 6th November 2002 at the Rowland Memorial Methodist Church Community Hall, the following issues were raised.

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>
1. Fireworks	<p>The following motion was carried at the full meeting of the District Council held on 23rd January 2003:-</p> <p>"The firework season has developed to such an extent that the traditional bonfire night celebrations have become almost irrelevant to the purchase and use of fireworks.</p> <p>Spectacular displays and ad hoc use of fireworks take place many weeks before and after November 5th. The result of freely available and irresponsible use of fireworks has caused a massive increase in firework-related injuries and resulted in the distress and traumatising of animals; including family pets, guide dogs for the blind and hearing dogs for the deaf.</p> <p>This Council calls upon the Department of Trade and Industry to introduce more severe restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks to and by the general public; and asks the Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire, Mark Todd to make strong representations to the Consumer Minister to this effect".</p>	Neil Betteridge Principal Democratic Services Officer (01283) 595895

