

Chaddesden Ward Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on 30 January 2008 at Chesapeake Community Centre, Chesapeake Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

Present Councillor John Ahern – Chair
Councillor Sara Bolton – Vice Chair

Lorraine Howe – Neighbourhood Manager
Inspector Richard Keene – Police
Adam Hind – Station Manager, Fire Service
Carrie Bria – Neighbourhood Safety Manager
Karen Minto – Community Safety and Engagement Officer

Susan Barber – resident
Joy Bond – Resident
Vince Mills – Resident
Carol Palmer – Resident
Phil Raffle – Resident
Janet Warner – Resident

Apologies: Councillor Grimadell
Jean Moss – Resident

1/08	Welcome and introductions	Action
2/08	Declarations of Interest Phil Raffle stated he is a member of the North Board	
3/08	Minutes and Matters Arising Minutes agreed. Councillor Bolton stated she was disappointed that the Youth sub-group meeting had not gone ahead and felt it was important to move forward with action as soon as possible. Lorraine advised that this matter would be discussed in Item 6 on the agenda.	
4/08	Application for Funding Lorraine advised that an application for funding had been received from Nottingham Road & District Allotments Association. Vince Mills declared an interest, as he is the treasurer for the group. The application was discussed and the Board agreed it would be useful to request quotes for the items listed. Lorraine explained that at the present time the Chaddesden Ward Neighbourhood Team has no funding, but that this situation may change, therefore applications will have to be put on hold until the new financial year in April. Lorraine explained that in any event it is the responsibility of Board	

	members to source funding. Lorraine stated she would write to the applicant to advise of the current situation.	
5/08	<p>Issues Raised from Neighbourhood Forum</p> <p>Transport and Highways</p> <p>Lorraine advised that an invite had been extended to Highways and Transport to attend the Forum, but that the invite had been declined and a suggestion was made that the Neighbourhood Team forward any questions or issues raised and that these could be answered at the Board. Issues were forwarded after the Forum with a request that Highways and Transport could send a representative to the Board. Emails were received in response to the questions, but no confirmation that a representative would attend the Board. Councillors Ahern and Bolton both stated that they did not think this was acceptable and that it is both useful and necessary to have a representative at the Board or Forum. Lorraine suggested that having reviewed the type of questions raised it would be most useful if they could attend the Forum. Lorraine proposed that she send a letter on behalf of the Board requesting that a representative attend the Forum. Councillors Ahern and Bolton also stated they would contact the Highways and Transport Department. It was acknowledged by the Board that one representative may not be able to answer all questions at the Forum, but that they could take issues away to investigate and report back after the meeting. Other services and agencies follow this same action.</p> <p>Action: Lorraine to send letter to Highways and Transport Councillors Ahern and Bolton to contact Highways and Transport</p> <p>Karen reported back on the responses received by Transport and Highways as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue: Morley Road - road service is breaking up and potholes are evident. Residents believe this may have been partly caused by contractors working at Lees Brook School and recent wet weather. Response: The road will be inspected and patch work will be undertaken where required. Resurfacing of the road will be considered at a later date. <p>Janet stated that there were potholes around the Cherry Tree Hill area. Karen advised to contact Highways directly to report damaged areas or Lorraine stated to contact Derby Direct. Janet advised that she had found it difficult to get through to either of these sections. Other Board members acknowledged that it is sometimes difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue: Nottingham Road (Chip shop) - water gathering on pavement outside. Response: This area has already been identified as having a problem with pooling. Work will be carried out on the sunken kerbs. It is hoped this will alleviate the problem. • Issue: Wood Road and Maine Drive - vehicles have been parked on grass verges causing the areas to become churned up and muddy. Response: Wood Road – Highways inspector will check this area to assess possible work. Maine Drive – on further investigation the local housing officer confirmed that the worst area was to the front of 69 Maine Drive. The 	

occupier has applied for a dropped kerb. This work will mean that the verge will be removed. Councillor Bolton had contacted the local schools regarding parents/carers parking on the grassed areas when they picked up children from school. Messages have been sent to parents via the school and the situation has been much improved.

• **Issue:** Ongoing problems with nuisance parking particularly on match days in the Chaddesden ward. **Response:** Karen read out email response received from Traffic Management as follows: In 1998, following investigations into possible options to deal with the parking problems experienced on match days in the Meadow Lane and Highfield Lane areas, match day waiting restrictions were introduced. These restrictions were introduced for road safety reasons, to prevent parking in unsuitable locations and to ensure that access is maintained. These restrictions continue to be enforced by our Parking team who also monitor the parking situation in the surrounding area. On a more general note Derby County FC have had a Traffic Management Plan in place since moving to Pride Park. This seeks to control parking and match day congestion in general by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport other than the motor car. Work is currently underway to update this plan in consultation with the Police and the City Council.

Further discussion took place regarding problems with the parking. Richard advised that the Police are fully aware of the problems and that officers deal with contravention of traffic laws. He also confirmed that Derby City Council's Parking Team are tenacious in their enforcement of parking violations. Richard discussed various options that could be considered and their pros and cons. For example - Access Only streets, enforcement can be difficult as situations can easily be disputed. Residents only parking - cost incurred to residents. Adam also confirmed that the Fire Service had carried out checks and that on several occasions emergency vehicles would have restricted or no access along some roads.

(Adam Hind left the meeting at this point. He stated that he would endeavour to attend the Board meetings but that due to shifts and other Fire Service commitments he may not always be in attendance. However he advised that should any issues arise concerning the Fire Service the Board could contact him and he would do his uppermost to provide a response in his absence. The Board acknowledged Adams positive contribution to the Neighbourhood.)

• **Issue:** A "camper van" is permanently parked on Sunny Grove adjacent to Cherry Tree Hill Infant School and it is believed a man is living in it? **Response:** Karen read out email response received from Traffic Management as follows: With regard to the camper van parked on Sunny Grove is there a particular concern about vehicles parking in this location? As long as it is taxed, in a road worthy condition and is not parked on any waiting restrictions or in such a manner as to cause a danger or actual obstruction then I'm afraid there is little that can be done by us or the Police. Although in law nobody has a right to do anything on the highway except to travel along it, and in theory parking on the highway is an obstruction; in reality on street parking on most roads is condoned where the level of obstruction is considered reasonable, and the Police will generally only take action where

someone is actually prevented from passing along the highway. As there is a school crossing patrol operating in this area I have spoken with the School Crossing Patrol Manager who is not aware of any concerns being raised about this camper van, let me know if there are any particular road safety concerns and I will arrange to take a look at the situation.

Board members discussed concerns regarding the van. The key issue appears to be proving that the owner is living in the vehicle. Councillor Bolton stated she had spoken with Michael Foote about the situation. She stated that a meeting would be arranged with Councillors, Police, Community Safety Partnership and Highways to decide what action could be taken.

Action: Councillor Bolton to arrange meeting with relevant agencies.

Nuisance Youths

Issues had been raised regarding youths causing a nuisance at various locations in the Chaddesen Ward. Hot spot areas were identified as the shops on Roosevelt Avenue and at Cavan Drive, Shannon Square and Waterford Drive. The Board discussed Chesapeake Youth Club. Following liaison with local Councillors, Youth Service, Parks, Police and Derby Homes the club started at the end of October 2007. The club has approximately 35 regular attendees and has been received positively in the area. Councillors asked if Richard would be able to provide statistics showing calls for service for the period 1 November 2006 – 31 January 2007 compared to the same period for 2007/2008 to show whether there had been a reduction in line with the opening of the Youth Club. Richard stated he would look into this. Further Richard stated he would arrange for a PCSO or PC to drop into the Youth Club each Friday. Carrie Bria also stated that she would arrange for Derby Homes Community Watch Patrol Officers to drop in each Friday.

Action: Richard Keene to provide statistics re calls for service and to arrange for PCSO or Police Officers to drop into Chesapeake Youth Club each Friday.

Carrie Bria to arrange for Community Watch Patrol to drop into Chesapeake Youth Club.

Martin/Audrey Drive Garages

Lorraine explained that Derby Homes had identified five sites to be used for new build.

One of these sites was Martin/Audrey Drive Garages. Councillor Bolton had received a 'petition' from residents opposing this proposal and asking Derby Homes to look at alternative sites. The 'petition' has been forwarded to the Regeneration Team at Derby Homes.

Richard Keene left the meeting at this point

6/08	<p>Update – Sub Groups</p> <p>Lorraine explained that it is the responsibility of Board Members to take the lead on issues affecting the Chaddesden Ward and develop ideas and strategies. To this end sub-groups need to be formed to address specific issues.</p> <p>Youth Sub Group - Lorraine stated that the Board recognises that problems concerning youths in the area is a priority. Councillor Bolton suggested that a meeting of sub group members concerning youths be arranged following the Youth meeting on 7 February 2008. Councillors, Joy Bond, Susan Barber, Carol Palmer all expressed an interest in being involved in this group. Jean Moss had also stated in her letter to the Board that she would like to be a part of this sub group. Councillors Ahern and Bolton invited all those expressing an interest to attend the Youth Meeting on 7 February 2008.</p> <p>Communications Sub Group – Lorraine explained that is crucial for the Chaddesden Board to promote neighbourhood working and that a communications sub group should also be set up.</p>	
7/08	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>6.00pm, 26 March 2008 at Chesapeake Community Centre</p>	