

Oakwood Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held Monday 20 October 2008 at The Church on Oakwood.

	<p>Present: Councillor Robin Wood (Chairman) Derby City Council Councillor Frank Harwood Derby City Council Ruth Hardy Youth Service Inspector Richard Keene Derbyshire Constabulary Rob Fenton Springwood Leisure Centre Nikolai Garbutt Resident Jack Andrews Resident Chris Fairhall Resident Terry Parker Resident Rachael Peckham Resident Rev Lindsay Hughes Church on Oakwood David Bryant Resident Ben Parker Young resident Joseph Weston Young resident Kristian Hardy-Hughes Young resident Richard Smail Neighbourhood Manager Helen Griffiths Minute Taker - DACP</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Councillor Latham,</p>	
41/08	<p>Welcome and introductions Cllr Robin Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited brief introductions around the room. The Board noted the recent memorial service to Clare Griffiths, who had been headteacher at Parkview primary school. Action: Write to Mr Griffiths recognising the Boards thanks and appreciation for work done by Clare in Oakwood</p>	Richard Smail
42/08	<p>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record. Matters arising from the previous meeting. Item 35/08 – Councillor Harwood reported that the Oakwood Mother and Toddler Group had not yet received their £500 funding. Action: Richard Smail to check payment made</p>	Richard Smail
43/08	<p>Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest made.</p>	
44/08	<p>Neighbourhood Forum Update and Police Update Richard Smail presented the Neighbourhood Forum Update report for the Board to note. The report included 'you said we did' listing the latest</p>	

information on issues previously raised at the forum.

It was agreed to note the report

Inspector Keene gave a verbal update on the latest Police activities and local information on crime statistics.

PCSO Sally Willison has now joined the Oakwood team.

Inspector Keene provided a summary, he:

- praised the work being done by Sporting Futures providing activities twice a week at Springwood leisure centre, this has been successful at attracting growing numbers of young people and the Safer neighbourhood Team are attending to make links.
- confirmed officers are patrolling the new play area in response to recent complaints. Councillor Harwood confirmed his appreciation and commented that this was more evidence that young people needed somewhere else to go and a Youth Shelter on the park away from play area was needed
- confirmed a fall the in level of anti social behaviour and referrals were being made to the Anti Social behaviour team.
- noted there had been recent complaints about motorbikes and will be monitored.

Regarding the crime statistics he confirmed:

- 2 car key burglaries in area
- Recent anti social behaviour at the Youth Club on Monday nights when up to 50 young people from outside the area had gathered causing intimidation and harassment to the youth club members and staff. Referrals being made and the situation will now be monitored with Police attending the club
- Burglary committed at Springwood leisure centre
- Generally the Crime figures are low and are 10% down however, the burglary of dwellings has risen by 43%, representing 23 crimes since April 2008. This is still low in comparison to other similar sized areas. There has been one recent arrest.
- Detecting 1 in 3 burglaries
- Anti social behaviour rose in the summer, but overall show a decrease.
- That any crimes committed in Oakwood who lives outside Oakwood are counted as Oakwood

45/08

Petition Response to Oakwood Neighbourhood Board – Wayfaring Road

Richard Smail presented the report outlining the final response to the petition requesting double yellow lines on Wayfaring Road. The speed surveys previously reported had now been completed. The outcome was that the mean speed for vehicles travelling up Wayfaring Road towards Bishops Drive was 28.1 mph and for vehicles travelling down towards Wood Road, it was 29.5 mph. Having analysed the speed data, it is clear that only a minority of drivers are exceeding the speed limit. About 5% of drivers were travelling at a speed that would warrant a fixed penalty from the Police. The highest recorded speeds were between 41 and 46mph however this involved less than 0.5% of all vehicle speeds recorded. A copy of the speed readings were forwarded to Derbyshire Constabulary, who it is understood have categorised the site for local safer neighbourhood team monitoring and enforcement.

	<p>During the site investigations, Highways Officers observed that pedestrians were experiencing difficulty in crossing Wayfaring road from the district centre to the bus stop due to the absence of a dropped crossing, particularly wheelchair users and those with pushchairs and prams. In response a pair of dropped crossings are proposed.</p> <p>The Board agreed with the recommendations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No yellow lines are implemented on Wayfaring Road as there are no traffic management or road safety grounds and that the advisory white lines are not extended towards Bishops's Drive. ▪ Traffic Management continues to monitor the parking on Wayfaring Road. ▪ Derbyshire Constabulary categorise the site for the necessary speed enforcement mechanisms ▪ A dropped crossing is to be installed on Wayfaring Road in close proximity to the bus stop lay-bys in this financial year 2008/9. <p>Inspector Keene confirmed that this location was one road that the safer neighbourhood can monitor.</p>	
<p>46/08</p>	<p>Highways and Transport Work programme 2009/10</p> <p>The Board received a report from Highways and Transport presented by Christine Durrant, Assistant Director and Tim Banton including an overview of Highways and Transport Division, Highways and Transport Work Programme Development Process, Derby Joint Local Transport Plan Objectives and Strategy Areas, Highways and Transport Schemes and Funding Levels and Consultation and Prioritisation Process with Neighbourhood Boards. In addition, Christine outlined the progress on issues put forward by Oakwood Board during the consultation on last year's highways and transport working programme.</p> <p>Finally Christine provided details of the highways and transport issues that have been identified this year which could be considered for possible inclusion in the 2009/10 work programme.</p> <p>Christine provided a brief introduction to the division reporting that there are about 200 staff in the division and 80% of time is dealt with Statutory Functions such as drainage, bridges, coordination of road works, infrastructure and planning issues. Also cover areas such as: Home to school travel, elderly and disabled people concessions, Public Transport, council car parks, and Cycle Derby.</p> <p>Priorities identified by the Board need to be longer term issues that meet the priorities of the Local Transport Plan, LTP and not issues which can be dealt with through other means such as signs facing the wrong way or pavement maintenance issues.</p> <p>Four main area's covered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation - Planning programme 2. Traffic Management – four staff work in this area on a day to day basis with over 1600 enquires a year. Currently 370 issues outstanding. 	

3. Engineering - Planning programme

4. Highways - with four inspectors dealing with about 4,400 enquires each year.

Christine referred to the ten objectives set out within the LTP. She advised that the 3 priorities chosen by the Board should meet as many of these 10 objectives as possible to stand a better chance of being included in next years programme. All 17 Boards will be identifying three priorities which means that there will be 51 priorities competing for spend of between £300,000 and maybe £800,000. This clearly shows that even though the Board may prioritise 3 issues, there is a likelihood they will not all be included in the programme.

In response to questions about reporting complaints, Christine gave two email addresses that can be used rather than waiting for a forum meeting Traffic.management@derby.gov.uk Highway.maintance@derby.gov.uk for pavement repairs and pot holes

Christine explained the service is keen to identify local main concerns and while they are not all likely to be funded it helps ensure local issues are being tackled as a priority.

Christine summarised the work included in the current programme that was listed in Appendix 1. This was mainly the installation of a Vehicle Actuated Sign on Bishops Drive that will be installed by March 2009 near to Danebridge crescent.

Christine introduced the issues that have been raised this year in Appendix 2 for the Board to consider for 2009/10 programme. The Board agreed to the following three issues as their priorities:

- 1) A608 from Meteor Centre to County Boundary; traffic management study on main road network. This would include the junction with Bishops Drive that was specifically raised as an issue by the Board. There are major traffic problems especially in the morning
- 2) A608 Kings Corner to Lime Lane, accident reduction works
- 3) A608 Mansfield Road, near Windmill Public House problems with crossing the road. This will be included as part of the A608 traffic management study – item 1 above)

On being asked about speeding issues around Buxton Road the Board were not directly aware but did feel that as it is a long straight road then there could be problems.

Bus services changed? Bus service isn't direct, they wouldn't look at bus service as part of this, generally they would consider this as a separate issue. Decision is down to the Bus company, not the council. Bus company registers the service for a route. Trent could go into Oakwood but not realistic. Trent run a service up Morley road, private company from Ilkeston also, Black Cat.

The Board also commented that cyclists want a better cycle route in and out of Oakwood to link to other routes that are safer, it is too busy on Acorn way. Christine noted this request and thanked the Board for their comments.

Action: To confirm to Highways that the Three priorities are:

- **A608 from Meteor Centre to County Boundary; traffic**

	<p>management study on main road network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A608 Kings Corner to Lime Lane, ▪ A608 Mansfield Road, near Windmill Public House problems with crossing the road. 	Richard Smail
47/08	<p>Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups</p> <p>People and Community Sub Group</p> <p>Nik Garbutt provided a brief update. He referred to work being done to produce a newsletter that could be sent to local businesses and surgeries. David Bryant suggested that the same information could go into the Oakwood Little Book and the new C& C for Oakwood magazine. This will go to the majority of Oakwood residents every month. There was some concern that not all Oakwood residents would receive it and the there was view that the Board could help provide some funding.</p> <p>Nik reported that the website now has 12/13 pages now viewable. It can be seen at www.oakwooddistrict.co.uk and is always being developed. He reported that the Derby Telegraph will promote the website and will cover newsworthy items. A charge can be made on businesses for use of the website to help cover costs and other income would be put back into the community. Next meeting planned for 12 November.</p> <p>Suggested that the school is invited to help promote future meetings</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sub group to focus communications on existing magazines rather than producing own newsletter ▪ Sub group to explore costs of funding wider delivery of C&C ▪ Invite school to help promote forum meetings <p>Young People Sub Group</p> <p>Richard Smail reported that the group has not yet met. Younger members of board need to be confirmed and meetings arranged.</p> <p>Cllr Harwood commented that some young people had constructed a homemade BMX track in the woods. Because it was done without permission, was damaging the environment and could be dangerous the Council had levelled it. He considered that this showed there is a need for a BMX track in Oakwood.</p> <p>In response to a discussion about a suitable location and funding it was agreed that the long term planning of new facilities and activities should be taken on by the sub group – to consider type, location and funding.</p> <p>Cllr Harwood, Ruth Hardy and Rachael Peckham volunteered to join the group. A Police representative would be confirmed.</p> <p>Action: To arrange the first meetings</p>	Sub group members
48/08	<p>Neighbourhood Board Funding 2008/09</p> <p>The Board received a report outlining the current balance of the Community Budget. The Board noted there was £16,405 available to allocate in 2008/9</p>	Richard Smail

	<p>including the £10,000 which is specifically targeted at youth provision or safer and cleaner projects or some transport issues. Richard Smail explained that Board is able to commission work using this funding to help tackle issues relating to the Board priorities.</p> <p>There were no applications for funding to consider by the board. It was noted that it was very unlikely that the £10,000 one off funding could be carried forward to 2009/10 and therefore it was important to allocate by the next meeting.</p> <p>Ideas for funding included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BMX Track 2. Extension to Derby Homes Community Watch Patrol Service. 3. Youth Shelter, noted that £2,000 already allocated from Children and Young peoples Locality funding budget. 4. Website costs 5. Notice Boards 6. Newsletter articles by funding C&C for Oakwood 7. Creating a community - Gala Day/Carnival. Xmas Fair. Xmas Tree. Welcome to Oakwood signs. Music festival.... 8. Joint event with the school. 9. The Big One 2009 - Oakwood community is being encouraged to take part 10. Slide or climbing frame and more options for younger children especially up to 3 years. However Board agreed the priority is for facilities for teenagers <p>Action: Young peoples sub group to consider all suggestions relating to facilities for Oakwood parks to help prioritise.</p>	<p>Young Peoples Sub Group</p>
<p>49/08</p>	<p>Dates of Next Meetings Board meeting to be held at 7pm at the Church on Oakwood on 12 January 2009 and 23 March 2009.</p> <p>Forum meetings to be held at 7pm on 4 December at Oakwood Community Centre – with a focus on activities for young people and 12 March 2009</p>	