

**WENTWORTH CENTRAL AREA ASSEMBLY**  
**held at the Kilnhurst Community Centre**  
**on Wednesday 12th February, 2003**

Present:-

Councillor K. Goulty	Ward 17 (Rawmarsh West) (in the Chair)
Mrs. H. Anderson	Resident
Mrs. C. Bailey	Kilnhurst Action Group
Mrs. M. Ball	Area Assembly Support Officer, RMBC
Mrs. A. Brown	Rawmarsh Youth Centre
Mrs. K. Callear	Kilnhurst Action Group
Mr. D. Carr	Neighbourhood Warden
Councillor J. Carr	Ward 17 (Rawmarsh West)
B. Childs	Youth Area Representatives
Ms. J. Curran	Community Planning Officer, RMBC
Mr. M. Durham	Chair, Rawmarsh and Parkgate Partnership
Mr. R. Evans	Resident
Mr. W. Farrier	Manor Farm Tenants and Resident Association
Mrs. M. Frith	Resident
Mr. P. Frith	Resident
Miss L. Gaimster	Youth Area Representatives
Mr. M. Gazur	Resident
G. Gibson	Resident
Mrs. J. Harper	Resident
Mr. A. Harston	Legal and Democratic Services, RMBC
Mr. C. Hawley	Resident
Mrs. J. Hawley	Resident
Mrs. M. Heenan	Resident
Mrs. K. Henderson	Rotherham Primary Care Trust
Captain K. Hockley	Salvation Army – Rawmarsh and Parkgate
Mr. C. Hollingsworth	Rawmarsh and Parkgate Partnership
Mrs. J. Jones	Neighbourhood Manager, Housing Services, RMBC
Mr. D. Marsh	Resident
Miss P. Moss	Youth Area Representatives
Mr. E. Parkin	Resident
Mrs. E. Parkin	Resident
Mr. L. Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Mrs. E. Read	Resident
Mr. D. Ross	Resident
Mr. P. Rowe	Voluntary Action Rotherham,
	Community Development Work
Councillor G. A. Russell	Ward 16 (Rawmarsh East)
Ms. C. Searby	Rotherham Primary Care Trust
	(Wentworth Locality)
Mrs. G. Stones	Resident
Miss L. Stones	Resident
Mr. A. Tillotson	Environmental Warden, RMBC
Mrs. B. Turner	Resident

Mr. N. Westby  
Councillor G. Whelbourn

South Yorkshire Times  
Ward 17 (Rawmarsh West)

Apologies :-

Mr. S. Abson  
Ms. R. Barley  
Mr. A. Barnfield  
Mrs. S. Birkin

IDP Programme Manager, RMBC  
Rawmarsh Against Tipping  
Manor Farm Tenants and Residents Association  
Chair of Governors,  
Rawmarsh Thorogate J. and I. School  
Chair, Rawmarsh and Parkgate Community  
Action Group

Mrs. E. Booth

Resident  
Chair, Rawmarsh Hall Sub-Group  
Resident

Mrs. D. Brown  
Mr. M. Brown  
Mr. P. Brown

Mrs. H. Cahill  
Mr. G. Canby  
Mrs. J. Greenwood  
Mrs. L. Maltby  
Mrs. S. Mason  
Mrs. N. Platt  
Mrs. R. Reavey  
Mr. J. Robinson  
Mrs G. Sherrat  
Mr. S. Smith  
Councillor R. Stone  
Mr. V. Ward  
Mr. B. Williams  
Councillor S. Wright

Rawmarsh and Parkgate Partnership  
Fitzwilliam (Wentworth) Estates  
Neighbourhood Warden Manager  
Resident  
Rawmarsh and Parkgate Partnership  
Parkgate Youth Centre  
Young People's Services, RMBC  
Manor Farm Tenants and Residents Association  
Resident  
Ron Hull Group  
Ward 16 (Rawmarsh East)  
Resident  
Rawmarsh Allotments  
Ward 16 (Rawmarsh East)

## **66. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and several first time attendees introduced themselves.

## **67. MINUTES OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY**

Agreed:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2003 be approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Jim Staniforth's comments, supported by the Area Assembly, regarding the excellent manner in which the A Team representatives conduct themselves and present their reports.

## **68. MATTERS ARISING**

### **(i) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Wilf Farrier reported that the scrutiny panel sub-group meeting was taking place next Wednesday, 19th February, 2003.

## (ii) YELLOW LINES ON BELLOWS ROAD

The Chairman indicated that a meeting had taken place on site with Engineers and the Police who had felt there was no need to extend the existing yellow lines.

Alan Shaw indicated that the other issue raised was for the provision of suitably marked car parking bays for the disabled and mothers and toddlers adjacent to the Kwik Save store on the Bellows Road shopping centre. Alan undertook to thank John Hiley, Economic and Development Services, RMBC, for his efforts in facilitating the above provision.

## (iii) THE OLD RECTORY, RAWMARSH HILL

Alan Shaw referred to a meeting on site with the retiring Director of the South Yorkshire Building Preservation Trust who indicated they were in the process of taking over the Grade II listed building from the current owners.

Funding was available for a feasibility study regarding future use of the building for which ideas from the community would be welcome and sought. There was a determination to save the building.

Alan undertook to keep the Assembly informed of any progress.

## (iv) YOUTH UPDATE

Linzi Gaimster, Precious Moss and Ben Childs presented their youth update. The Assembly requested that the update be included in the minutes in its entirety and is set out below:-

### **YOUTH UPDATE**

#### **Information**

Firstly we are pleased to announce the recent development of the Rawmarsh and Parkgate Youth Forum. A brief meeting took place on 29th January, at Rawmarsh Youth Centre, where members of Parkgate Youth Centre attended, and we officially declared our union. Although we are now a Youth Forum, we still have our separate issues due to the different locations, but we will now share our designated spot on the Wentworth Area Assembly agenda. Until the Parkgate members feel confident enough to speak, the Area Youth representatives will support them in any issues they wish raised on their behalf.

We as a group have also decided on a name change due to the expansion of the group. At the last Area Assembly we felt there was a slight confusion of the A Team name, and who we represented. The A Team

was set up in 1999 by a group of young people from the Rawmarsh Youth Centre, who wanted to make a difference in the community for the future of the youth in this community. This group has now left school, and moved on to a working environment. We are the new recruits, who still want to carry on with that campaign and see some results, which will mean that our work and patience will not have been in vain. We feel that the name change is appropriate to our current situation and growth of the group, we hope you approve. We want to be known as the Area Representatives for Youth.

### **Issues**

On behalf of our Parkgate reps: Parkgate Youth Centre has been told that the Centre will stay open unless another round of cuts is made in April. Concerns are still high; any information would be welcome.

After the last Area Assembly we decided to set up a Youth Area Assembly, which will be for any issues that the young people in Rawmarsh and Parkgate wish to bring to us. It will then be fed into the Wentworth Area Assembly for discussion and action. We are only in our recruitment stage at the moment. We would appreciate any help that the Assembly can give us as far as publicity to other young people that they meet in their working capacity, this will help with our recruitment. When we are up and running, there may be times when we may want to invite people to our Assembly to answer questions, we hope that you will support us in attending these. Any young people who would like to become part of the Young People's Area Assembly can contact Ann Brown on 01709 512828, who will then pass on the information.

Thank you for listening.

The Area Representatives for Youth  
Lindsey Gaimster, Ben Childs, Precious Moss, Jude Stephenson and Michaela Dunker.

The Chairman thanked the Area Representatives for Youth for their update. He indicated that the budget was not yet fixed for 2003/2004 but understood an extra £130,000 was going to youth services to replace the £130,000 that was taken out of the budget two years ago.

### **69. ROTHERHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST (PCT) – COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTRES**

The Chairman welcomed Clare Searby and Kath Henderson from the Rotherham Primary Care Trust who gave a brief outline of proposals for community access centres and answered questions from the Assembly.

Clare submitted a paper indicating the background to the proposals, funding, outline brief, timescale and location.

It was noted that three centres were to be delivered, one each during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006. One centre would be in the town centre and one would be in the Wentworth locality. The projects offered opportunities for delivering new services as well as improving existing ones. The centres may be combined with the Primary Care Trust centres as diagnostic and treatment centres or as one stop primary care centres.

The Strategic Health Authority had considered the Capital Plan bid in January, 2003 and ranked the new centres as a high priority. This however did not guarantee funding. The PCT was to produce an outline business case taking approximately three months and, if successful, then produce a full business case within six months.

It was noted that the new centre may be a new building or the redevelopment and expansion of existing premises. It could also be a co-ordinated provision of services from a number of local premises in a geographical area. This would depend on local needs and the views of local people. A checklist outlining the range of potential services that may be offered by a centre was submitted in the form of a questionnaire that people were urged to complete and return.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered :-

- working with partners
- size of centres
- carrying out of minor operations
- numbers of general practitioners in the area
- development of general practitioner training
- siting of the centres
- accessibility
- consultation process
- costs and benefits

Clare concluded by indicating that the purpose was to raise early awareness of the proposals and seek the community's views regarding possible sites for the Wentworth locality centre and range of services provided at the centre. It was important to have the community's views so that such could be built into submitted bids for facilities etc.

Agreed:- (1) That Clare Searby and Kath Henderson be thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

(2) That everyone be encouraged to read the submitted paperwork and forward any views regarding site locations and required facilities to Clare Searby or Alan Shaw.

(3) That progress be monitored and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Assembly.

(Views/responses could be forwarded to Alan Shaw, Area Assembly Office, Dale Road People's Centre, Tel. Rotherham 526525, Clare Searby, Rotherham PCT, Bevan House, Oakwood Hall Drive, Rotherham, S60 3AQ, Tel. Rotherham 302344 )

## **70. RAWMARSH AND PARKGATE PARTNERSHIP**

Mel Durham reported :

- the appointment of a Partnership Development Manager and introduced Chris Hollingsworth
- the Equipment Co-op was on schedule to be up and running in April
- they were looking at staff accommodation facilities in the Park Hall but there were timescale issues
- the next open meeting for Friends of the Park was to be held tomorrow at the Titanic Club at 7.00 p.m.
- the development worker, Maxine, was developing a programme of summer events in the Park
- the fun day would be held on 20th July, 2003
- the possibility of some easter events for youngsters was being considered
- the Newsletter was due out in June, 2003 and the deadline for contributions was 16th May. Businesses were being sought to advertise in the Newsletter and there would be free advertising for any groups/community organisations wishing to advertise events
- there was to be a joint event with Kilnhurst Action Group both here in Kilnhurst and at Rawmarsh
- delivery arrangements for the Newsletter

In response to questions about bikers in the Park, Mel indicated that closed parks work. They had asked for the railings to be reinstated but this was very expensive. There was to be a meeting regarding wardens in the Park.

Alan Shaw indicated interest in utilising the Newsletter for a feature on the Community Plan.

## **71. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SCHEME**

The Assembly noted the submitted report outlining the complaints running totals up to and including 24th January, 2003.

The Chairman reported that the service was currently being assessed and some glowing accounts had been reported.

## **72. DRAFT AREA PLAN**

Alan Shaw gave a brief overview of the Area Plan indicating that this was the fifth version and it had been checked by the Rotherham Partnership. He reported that 98 copies had been distributed and there were spare copies available from the Area Assembly Office at Dale Road.

Comments were being sought and the deadline for such was Friday, 28th February, 2003.

## **73. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **(i) FENCING, HOMESTEAD DRIVE**

Mr. and Mrs. Parkin, thanked the Chairman and Alan Shaw for the erection of fencing on Homestead Drive at the entrance to Rosehill Victoria Park which had reduced nuisance problems considerably. Mel Durham reported that only 3 residents out of 32 had objected to the erection of fencing, only 1 of those lived on Homestead Drive.

Agreed:- That the action taken to erecting the fencing be endorsed.

### **(ii) MOTORCYCLE NUISANCE**

Mrs. Hawley referred to the continuing nuisance of motorcycles nuisance off Haugh Road and that quad bikes were now being brought on trailers.

The Chairman indicated that the matter was being addressed but that this was a long drawn out issue and a borough wide problem. Jill Jones indicated that this problem was being addressed in the Community Strategy and efforts were being made to find a proper site for off road motorcycling.

### **(iii) LITTER, HAUGH ROAD AND MONKWOOD ROAD**

Alan Shaw, on behalf of Liz Booth, raised the disgusting state of the above roads at lunchtime, being littered with chip papers etc. Reference was made to the possibility of utilising the neighbourhood wardens to alleviate the problem from an enforcement point of view.

The Chairman indicated that the mess was cleared up everyday and that by 2.00 p.m. there was no mess.

Agreed:- That Alan Shaw write to the headteacher at Rawmarsh Comprehensive School indicating how the Area Assembly values the efforts of the youngsters but asks that an address be given in school

assembly to try to make them more aware of the nuisance being caused by littering, particularly at lunchtimes.

(iv) LITTER – GREASBROUGH LANE

Mrs. Frith reported the litter problems on both sides of Greasbrough Lane.

Agreed:- That Alan Shaw pursue this matter.

(v) LETTING OF PROPERTIES

The Assembly was made aware of community concerns regarding potential problems that may arise through properties being let via South Yorkshire Housing Association to young inhabitants of Rush House. One specific proposed let amongst elderly residents was referred to.

The Chairman explained briefly the proposals but indicated it would be better to hear first hand from the organisations involved so that any perceived concerns may be allayed.

After a lengthy discussion it was :-

Agreed:- That representatives of South Yorkshire Housing Association, Rush House and Housing Services be invited to the Area Assembly to present the proposals.

(vi) GOODWIN AVENUE/GOODWIN CRESCENT

Wulf Farrier referred to the disgusting state of the site and pulled down fencing and the need to take action.

Jill Jones confirmed that the tenants did not want the fencing re-erected.

Agreed:- That Alan Shaw pursue the Assembly's wish that action be taken to improve the vandalised state of Goodwin Avenue/Goodwin Road and the surrounding area.

(vii) YORKSHIRE TRACTION DRIVERS – USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Concerns were raised at instances of Yorkshire Traction bus drivers using mobile phones whilst driving.

Agreed:- That Alan Shaw write to Yorkshire Traction expressing the Assembly's serious concerns at the dangerous practice of using a mobile phone whilst driving.

(viii) RAWMARSH SHOPPING CENTRE

Mrs. Turner asked what action was being taken regarding the state of the shopping centre.



The Chairman indicated that the site did not belong to the Council but it was not through lack of effort that the problems existed.

He confirmed that the dangerous structures unit had become involved.

(ix) SNICKET – HAUGH ROAD TO WEST AVENUE

Gillian Stones referred to the disgusting state of the above snicket.

Jill Jones undertook to look into this matter.

(x) SNICKETT – RUSSELL ROAD, KILNHURST VILLAGE

Jill Jones reported that fencing was being erected at the above site.

#### **74. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That the next scheduled meeting be held at the Manor Farm Community Centre on Wednesday, 26th March, 2003 at 4.30 p.m.

**(Please note that the start time of the next meeting was subsequently changed to 2.30pm)**