

## **Drove Road Neighbourhood Watch Group**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

In addition to residents, the meeting was attended by:

Idwal John, Chairman and local resident  
Linda Wright, Ward Councillor,  
Alistair Grant Community Support Officer,  
Dorothy Dobson, Throckley Residents Action Group (TRAG)

#### **1. Road Issues**

Linda explained about the proposal to put speed humps and an advisory 20 mph speed restriction. Funding and agreement by other ward councillors still to be confirmed. The money would come from the Stewardship fund. After some discussion it was agreed that Linda would try to get Derek Ord, the officer involved, to a Neighbourhood Watch meeting to discuss this proposal.

#### **2. Consultation exercise re stables in Birks Road**

This relates to the planning application notified in June. The applicant was asked to provide a traffic forecast and this has been done by a consultant. Newcastle City Council were also asked for a traffic report, and Linda agreed to chase this up, and if it seemed unlikely to be completed in the near future, to write to Castle Morpeth requesting the application be deferred again until this was available.

Residents were asked to write individually again to object, particularly as it was now evident that the applicant wished to make permanent the current temporary permission for the stable buildings. Ian circulated a model letter which could be adapted.

Idwal will also write on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

***IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS IS DONE BY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2008***

#### **3. Crime Issues**

Alistair reported that he had followed up the noise nuisance discussed at the last meeting and it was agreed there had been improvement. The school field appeared to have been more secure this summer. Measures to pursue speeding problems were discussed. Residents going on holiday should phone Northumbria Police with exact dates and give name of key holder.

#### **4. *Henderson Water Treatment Works***

Dorothy reported that no application had been submitted for the water works. An application for development at Prospect House had been rejected. An application to develop the Humbles petrol station was going to committee on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **5. *UDecide***

Idwal explained procedure for putting bids in to this project and it was agreed that ideas from the Neighbourhood Watch Group would be submitted.

The Throckley Bank Top Club is to be thanked for making the room available to meet, and members noted that a 50/50 dance is to be held at the club on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

#### **6. *Close of meeting comments by Chairman***

The Chairman, Idwal John, thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting- TBA as this is dependant upon Mr Ord's availability.