

North Ward Updates

Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods & Housing

1. Purpose of the Briefing Paper

1.1 To update the Committee on the work of the Neighbourhood Team.

2. Issues for Consideration

2.1 The Neighbourhood Teams have been central to the Council's community response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Work is continuing to support our residents during the present wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.2 Beverley & Newland Ward

Achievements

2.2.1 New lighting has been installed on Oak Road Playing Fields to improve the car park area and reduce nuisance parking in the vicinity.

2.2.2 Due to the success of cycle racks on Newland Avenue, additional cycle racks have now been approved for Beverley road.

2.2.3 The Neighbourhood Team are working with voluntary groups, partners and individual residents to improve the environment around Oak Road Playing Fields. The area has been planted with lavender and snowdrops. Ward funding has been secured to continue planting with wild flowers.

2.2.4 In response to resident's concerns regarding speeding on Sutton Road, a speed survey had been undertaken which resulted in a flashing speed sign being agreed. The new post has now been installed and electric power supply has been connected. The speed sign will be erected shortly.

- 2.2.5 Plans have been developed to improve the lighting on May Street and an order has been raised to ensure lighting is of the required improved standard.
- 2.2.6 A feasibility study is being completed to investigate linking existing cycle tracks through Oak Road Playing Fields. Currently, flood solutions are being investigated to enable a project to be developed.
- 2.2.7 Footpath improvements have been completed on Compass Road and Sextant Road that also included extended work to improve disability access.

Future Plans

- 2.2.8 Letters have been posted to residents regarding gating schemes at various locations to eliminate anti-social behaviour and fly tipping issues.
- 2.2.9 Safety has been identified as a priority for residents. As a result, the Neighbourhood Team will continue to develop schemes to improve lighting and signage. The team will investigate ways to reduce speed on busy main routes within the Ward and also be working with partners and schools around road safety awareness.
- 2.2.10 Project work, including wall art, is being explored with local artists to improve areas of the Ward. The Neighbourhood Coordinator is consulting with residents to identify suitable locations for the artwork. Permission to add wrapping to junction boxes has been granted by KCom and designs are being voted on via social media platforms.
- 2.2.11 Existing Community Notice Boards have been repaired and additional boards ordered; these will be used to communicate effectively with residents. Due to the increased usage of local parks and open spaces during COVID-19 restrictions, information will be regularly updated.
- 2.2.12 CCTV is being investigated to cover Oak Road Play area. A feasibility study is currently being undertaken. Additional lighting to improve visibility and security is being costed.
- 2.2.13 Consultation has been undertaken with residents of Ash Grove to plant trees along the Grove. Further funding solutions are being investigated after the first bid was unsuccessful.
- 2.2.14 Two BOYRD's (Bring out Your Rubbish Days) are scheduled for May/June which will encourage residents to dispose of unwanted household waste responsibly, therefore reducing incidents of flytipping within the Ward.

2.3 Orchard Park Ward

Achievements

- 2.3.1 Following approaches made by children, parents and staff from both St Anthony's and The Parks Primary School, a new children's play area has been installed in the Quillcourt/ Nashcourt area. Planning funds from the Milldane housing development were utilised to finance the project.
- 2.3.2 Ward budget was awarded to purchase Easter treats for young people living in the ward who have been involved in positive community projects.
- 2.3.3 The Neighbourhood Team and Ward Councillors worked closely with colleagues in the Parks & Open Spaces Team to develop the 5th Avenue green space. New play equipment was installed in December which has been so well received by local families a decision has since been taken to develop the area further including the installation of additional equipment for younger children, picnic benches and a noticeboard with improvements to the footpath due to take place in May.
- 2.3.4 All 6,565 households in the Orchard Park Ward have received a spring newsletter during March bringing them up to speed on what has been achieved during the winter months with additional information on the different ways residents can still get in touch and involved in developing their neighbourhood until normal methods of engagement recommence.
- 2.3.5 The Neighbourhood Team have worked with colleagues in Housing and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to progress a scheme to install additional bollards, fencing and concrete blocks in ASB hotspot areas along Hall Road.
- 2.3.6 The Orchard Park Ward continues to support PROBE with funding so they are able to offer target hardening advice and equipment to those residents living in the ward who are victims or crime.

Future Plans

- 2.3.7 The Neighbourhood Team are working with Thorpe Park Primary School to create a safer route to school. Ward funds have been allocated to create a safe pedestrian walkway from Hall Road through Laxthorpe.
- 2.3.8 The Neighbourhood Team, Love you Street Team and Ward Councillors are supporting a newly formed community group on Orchard Park. The Orchard Park Litter Crew are getting young people out exercising and cleaning up their area. Equipment to

support them with this has been purchased from the Ward Budget. The group are working with the Neighbourhood Network to become constituted after which the Neighbourhood Team will support them in exploring other funding opportunities.

- 2.3.9 Plans to deliver new energy efficient Council homes on the former Dane Park school site are being progressed. The full planning application was heard at the March Planning Committee meeting held 16th March with start date on site planned for August 2021.
- 2.3.10 Additional fencing and chicanes are due to be installed in the Feldane area funded by the Ward budget in response to concerns raised by local residents and the Neighbourhood Policing team about the use of nuisance motorcycles in this area.
- 2.3.11 A Home Office pilot project focussing on child criminal exploitation and serious organised crime (SOC) is being implemented in Orchard Park. An application process whereby community groups were invited to apply for funding for projects that reduce SOC and build community resilience has now been completed. Three organisations were successful; Sirius North, AFC Pulse and Play to Potential. The Neighbourhood Team are working closely with the Police and applicants and keeping elected members informed of progress.
- 2.3.12 Work is ongoing with NPS Humber and the Council's Property and Assets Team to facilitate the occupation of 'Sports Traider' at the Orchard Park Shopping Centre later in 2021. Sports Traider have been awarded a capital grant from the Orchard Park Ward Budget and an application for additional funding from the Hull Crime Reduction Fund is being progressed.
- 2.3.13 A 'Bring Our Your Rubbish Day' is scheduled to take place on 25th April 2021; the event which was originally due to take place on 6th March was rescheduled in line with national Covid restrictions.

2.4 University Ward

Achievements

- 2.4.1 Due to the relaxing of restrictions and the road map detailed by the government, the extremely popular Beach Day has been confirmed and scheduled for 1100 -15.00 on Friday 23rd July 2021. All partners have been invited to join the event and work has started to plan the family fun day which will launch the summer programme of activities for the Northern Area. (Further COVID updates will be considered)
- 2.4.2 Investigations are completed on rolling-out the dropped crossing project to further areas. The HATS (Housing Action Trust) amount of available funding is not sufficient to complete a full scheme, and as

funding for 2020/21 is fully committed, members are discussing Ward priorities for the start of the new financial year.

- 2.4.3 King George V Playing field has been continuously monitored and is well used by families. We are continuing to work with local residents and partners to identify the perpetrators of recent vandalism and fly-tipping. Additional security measures are being discussed.
- 2.4.4 Further work to improve the drainage has been identified during the schedule of work, which will enhance the traffic calming measures along Inglemire Lane. The scheme is progressing well.
- 2.4.5 Due to COVID delays, discussions are still ongoing regarding the further development of the facilities at Quaddy Gardens and the installation of a permanent water supply which has been fully costed and agreed.
- 2.4.6 Further discussions have continued to find suitable volunteers to manage the community garden at Marton Grove/Inglemire Lane corner.
- 2.4.7 Work has been completed on Philip Larkin Close, a socially distant outdoor meeting took place for residents to give feedback and their thanks for the valued improvements.
- 2.4.8 We are advertising and working with local people to build a 'Friends of King George V' to help reduce local vandalism and report ASB/criminal incidents. Residents have played a major role in developing the new facilities and we are keen to keep local people involved in supporting the future investment of the park.
- 2.4.9 A 6-page newsletter supporting residents, giving important information during the pandemic and updating residents on the work within the ward was delivered to every household during January/February 2021.

Future Plans

- 2.4.10 The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator has been regularly liaising with The Parkrun Association and University of Hull to progress a rescheduled start date for the Hull North Junior Parkrun. As restrictions are slowly lifted, Parkrun have now advised that the start date for the new group can be agreed. The launch date will be advertised in local schools and within the Ward, once websites have been uploaded and volunteers re-trained.
- 2.4.11 Partnership work with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Primary Schools will be re-instated as soon as possible to improve safety at our local schools by reducing nuisance parking and checking vehicle speeds. All equipment has now been purchased and is stored in the Neighbourhood Office.

- 2.4.12 The recent newsletter informed local residents of the new build bungalows being built on Bainton Grove. We are working with housing colleagues to ensure residents within the ward are given the opportunity to apply for the new properties, releasing family homes for new tenants.
- 2.4.13 Speed surveys have been agreed for Cranbrook Avenue and Hall Road to investigate resident's concerns of vehicles travelling at excess speeds in a 20/30 zone near to local schools. We will be fully consulting with all residents further to discuss options when results are available.
- 2.4.14 Plans are being finalised to provide a family Christmas event to celebrate the local community and the support residents have given to the area.
- 2.4.15 Funding has been allocated to support community Easter holiday events.

3. North Area

- 3.1 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators have worked to prioritise discussions with Ward Members to identify potential Ward budget projects. Funding has been allocated and agreed to complete this year's budget spend for 2020/21.
- 3.2 Ward and Area Tasking Partnership meetings are continuing through the holding of virtual tasking meetings. Updates will be provided to Ward Members through Ward briefings.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Team continues to work closely with Ward Councillors, local residents, community groups and partner agencies to identify issues and deliver solutions. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, resident meetings are on hold pending relaxation of national restrictions. However, meetings and events with partners continue mainly through remote discussions ensuring local priorities are addressed for the benefit of local neighbourhoods and the wider community.

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