

# Brookhouse & Ubbberley Village Forum

*“Helping to build a better Bentilee”*

c/o 234 Wellfield Road  
Bentilee  
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3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009

Dear Resident,

## **Brookhouse & Ubbberley Village Forum Meeting**

Please note that the next meeting of the *Brookhouse & Ubbberley Village Forum* is on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, 7p.m., in the Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre meeting room 3, entrance on Dawlish Drive, Bentilee.**

The minutes of the last meeting, are enclosed for your information and the draft agenda includes:-

1. Apologies & Attendance
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Guest Speaker (if any)
5. Report Backs
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Correspondence
8. Any Other Business
9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

We hope that you will do your best to attend this meeting and look forward to seeing you on the night.

Yours faithfully,

***Ken Downs***

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***Brookhouse & Ubbberley Village Forum***

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on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, 7pm in Room 3, Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre

**Present:** Steven Griffiths, John Steele, John West, Dawn Rossi (Pinnacle), Jean Mayer, Wendy Johnson, Cllr Steve Batkin, Joan Bagnall, W. Gill, P. Wheat, Michelle Fahey, Cllr John Davis

- 1) **Apologies:** Ken Downs, Pauline Wheat, Winnie Gill
- 2) **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Passed as true record.
- 3) **Matters Arising from Last Meeting:**
  - John West asked if Cllr Davis had found out about the obligations of the Pizza shop, regarding keeping their shop front clean and tidy. Cllr Davis said that they do have a duty to do so, including providing “sufficient waste bins” and “food waste has to be cleared up”.
  - Cllr Davis asked if the gate has been done for Winnie Gill. Cllr Batkin said it is supposed to be being done out of the Housing Revenue Budget but there has been delays due to staff changes.
  - Jean asked about progress with the Park Hall Academy campaign. Cllr Davis reported that they’re still pushing for it to be built on the Mitchell High School site and there’s a protest walk been scheduled for Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July – start time to be confirmed.
- 4) **Guest Speaker:** None,.
- 5) **Report Backs:**
  - Jean Mayer reported that the take up on the local Immunization Programme has increased from 45% to 88%.
  - Cllr Davis reported on the article about the Fete that had appeared in The Sentinel and possible arrangements for next year’s event, and on an event at the next meeting of the North Staffs Pensioner’s Convention, on Monday from 10:15am to 12:30noon in the Potteries Museum.
  - Jean also reported that pensioners over 80 can get a “pendant” alarm from the Council free of charge.
- 6) **Treasurer’s Report:** John asked for a cheques to be signed (for £) for the mailshots for this meeting, and the account balance after that would be just over £705.
- 7) **Correspondence:** None though two new local newsletters were highlighted: one by the Treehouse Children’s Centre and one by the Berryhill Steering Group.
- 8) **Any Other Business:**
  - Jean Mayer reported that children often seem to mistake the road hump opposite the main/Boots entrance of the Bentilee Centre for a crossing and cross without looking.
  - John Steele raised three items:
    - The Brookhouse & Uubberley Forum website has been brought up to date and a blog has been added to make it easier for other members to add their own content to the site.
    - John asked about doing a funding application to do another Community Directory, such as he’d produced in 2003 and 2005 (for the *Five Villages Print Shop*) and sought the forum’s approval – Given but would need to check it over before sending. Possible funders suggested included Give It Sum, Awards for All and The Meakin Trust.

- Could he donate any unwanted items he'd inherited as Treasurer e.g. cashbox/adding machine to another group as they were no longer needed – Agreed.

8) **Any Other Business** contd:

- Joan Bagnall reported vandalism problem – Rita said it's being dealt with.
- Pauline Wheat thanked the forum for helping to get the police to patrol her area to deal with nuisance behaviour by children. She also reported a vermin problem caused by a neighbouring property, owned by a private landlord.
- Cllr Batkin has contacted a mobile phone mast expert who will take a reading of the mobile phone mast near the proposed Park Hall Academy. He also reported that he'd been asked about resources for Bucknall Park.
- Wendy reported a neighbour has been injured by stepping into a deep hole on the 3 Greens. A number of such holes have been found since.
- Jean reported a nuisance quad bike issue and that the hedges of 248 Dawlish need cutting back.
- Dawn Rossi reported that the Bentilee Centre's Open Day was on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2009.
- Steve Griffiths asked for confirmation that the forum is happy to take over the Citizen of the Year Award – Yes. Michelle Fahey asked for nomination for a similar award for this year's Respect Week. Steve suggested Peter Bruce of the Beverley Drive Volunteer Centre – all agreed.
- John West asked about a gate for the Swaythling Grove Garage Site entrance and reported that bags of rubbish had been left, uncollected, by litter pickers on Ubblerley Road.
- Problem with parked caravan causing traffic concerns.
- John West reported that he'd see newspaper reports that Sneyd Green residents had successfully fought against a phone mast application on the grounds that it was "higher than the street lights" yet ours are too. John also asked if the ones atop Heron Foods are powered or not – no, the only way to get power to them now they are forbidden to dig up the adjacent land would be via a satellite dish and no such dish has appeared on their roof. Rita Dale added that despite the incidence of cancer around the Shooter's Hill mast, the government don't accept health as a reason to stop phone mast applications going ahead.

- 9) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, 7pm**, Bentilee Centre meeting room 3, Dawlish Drive – 7 weeks (extra week added to allow report back from the Centre Open Day). Apologies were given in advance by Dawn Rossi, Rita Dale, and Joan Bagnall.

Meeting closed 8:30pm

## **Protest Walk Details**

According to the Willfield Village Forum website ([www.willfieldvillageforum.co.uk](http://www.willfieldvillageforum.co.uk)), the Protest Walk against the proposed Park Hall Academy is on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, at 1p.m. from the carpark of the Park Hall Golf Club (meet there around 12:30noon), from whence the walk will be to the Mitchell High School site, to arrive approximately 2.00 - 2.30pm. At Mitchell High School, refreshments will be available, music and entertainment which will last until approximately 4.30pm.

## **Online Petition**

There is also a petition against the proposed Academy on the Downing Street website at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/StokeAA/> These details have been added to our blog at [www.brookhouseandubberleyforum.org](http://www.brookhouseandubberleyforum.org)