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PLAY AREAS - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SPROTBROUGH & Cusworth Parish Council is gearing up to start its most ambitious community development project to date - and we need your ideas and help to make it happen.

We want to modernise the parish council's four children's play areas and equip them with modern facilities that meet the leisure needs of today's children and young people.

It's an exciting proposal, but one that is going to take some time and commitment to make happen as the entire project is likely to cost up to £500,000 - money the parish council doesn't have. But we do know that there are various funding sources - such as the Big Lottery - which communities like ours can tap into.

Spearheading the way will be the New Lane/Melton Road site, under the guidance of local resident Lisa Honeybone, who has kindly volunteered her expertise to kick-start the process. Lisa, a Community First officer with Doncaster Council, comes with glowing references. She successfully masterminded the development of a similar project at Denton's Green Lane, Kirk Sandall,



Denton's Green Lane, Kirk Sandall

where she secured funding to create a new playground, multi-use games apparatus and youth shelter.

Lisa said: "The Kirk Sandall scheme was a success because local people got involved in the consultation process and their ideas helped shape the final design. Each of the four play area sites in Sprotbrough and Cusworth will require their own consultation process."

The consultation process for New Lane/Melton Road will start on Saturday 10 November, when representatives of the parish council and Lisa host a 'drop-in' session in the committee room at the Goldsmith Centre, 259, Sprotbrough Road, from 10am to 2pm. There will be initial ideas and sketch designs to look at and make comments about. This is your opportunity to have your say about what you would like to see, so please spare the time to pop-in and let us know. If you're a parent, bring your children. If you're a young person, ask mum or dad to come along with you or, if you're old enough, come on your own.

Coun Doreen Woodhouse, Chairperson of the parish council, said: "We're grateful that Lisa is generously giving up her own time to help the local community. Please show your support and help us to improve play facilities in the parish."

DIARY DATE : Saturday 10 November, committee room, Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Road. Drop-in any time between 10am and 2pm and have your say. For more information ring the parish council office on Doncaster 788093.

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council play areas:

***Anchorage Lane, Sprotbrough • Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough
New Lane/Melton Road, Sprotbrough • Newlands Park, Cusworth***



New Lane/Melton Road play area



PARISH COUNCIL OPPOSES INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT

PARISH councillors have formally objected to Strata Homes' plans to build 36 apartments on half an acre of land on Melton Road, Sprotbrough.

Councillors feel the proposed three-storey development is out of character with the rest of the village and question the need for such accommodation when properties of a similar design at the 'town end' of Sprotbrough Road remain unsold.

Strata Homes want to demolish three bungalows adjacent to the A1 motorway bridge - 113 to 117 Melton Road - to create the space needed to build five separate blocks of two-bedroom apartments.

Parish councillors listed a number of points of concern when submitting their formal objection to Doncaster Council's Development and Planning Directorate, including:

- Potential parking problems - the plans allow for only one vehicle space per apartment.
- Drainage issues - is the local infrastructure able to cope with such increased capacity?
- Clarification of a planning support statement which refers to a proposed financial contribution towards off-site provision of affordable housing. Councillors want to know what exactly has been agreed between Doncaster Council and the developers and the proposed location of 'affordable' housing within the parish.
- What, if any, provision has been made for disabled/elderly accommodation within the development?

Councillors have also asked that Doncaster Council officers responsible for trees and bio-diversity produce a report on the developers' proposals to cut down trees on the site and the consequences of removing them. In addition, they have also requested that the chair of the parish council's Planning Committee address Doncaster Council's Development Control Committee when the application is considered.

RESIDENTS' GROUP'S VILLAGE DESIGN PLANS

SPROTBOUGH Residents Action Group (SPRAG) want to produce a set of local planning 'rules' to help prevent the village area being suffocated through overdevelopment.

The Group, which actively campaigned against the recently approved Barratts development behind Park Drive and is opposing the current Strata Homes application, have written to the parish council asking for support to produce a Village Design Statement.

This would serve as a formal supplementary guidance document when planning applications are being considered by the parish

council and Doncaster Council.

To shape the content of the document, SPRAG members plan to survey people living in Sprotbrough village as part of a detailed consultation programme to determine the kind of building developments residents want to see in the local conservation area.

The parish council has nominated councillors Kim Rolt and Alan Smith to meet with SPRAG to consider the issues raised.

- More on this in the next issue of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News.

Thrills and spills at the skate park's latest showcase event

SKATEBOARDERS and bikers put their fears to one side to tackle a huge portable display ramp when the popular Anchorage Lane skate park hosted its latest showcase event.

There was no shortage of youngsters willing to have a go, prompting onlookers to watch in amazement at the skills displayed by boarders and riders as they tackled the Vert Halfpipe Ramp, supplied by Team Extreme.

Organisers reckoned that more than 200 youngsters took part in the day-long event, which was jointly organised by Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council and Groundwork Dearne Valley and funded by Barclays Spaces for Sports.

As well as braving the half-pipe, youngsters also took part in competitions and workshops under the watchful eyes of Team Extreme's expert tutors.

It was the latest event to be funded thanks to a £25,000 development grant from Barclays Spaces for Sports, a three-year £30 million community sponsorship programme to create and improve sports facilities in communities across the UK. The programme is a partnership between Barclays, Groundwork and the Football Foundation.

Anchorage Lane skate park opened in May 2005 and since then the development grant has created many opportunities for young people in the parish to take up or develop an interest in BMX and skateboarding sports. The first sports development event took place at the skate park in November 2005 and featured training sessions, workshops and a display by professional skaters and BMX riders.

This was followed by two trips to Liverpool's Rampworx skate park, four sports development events at Anchorage Lane skate park and an outing to the National adventure Sports Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, in July last year.

Parish Chairperson Doreen Woodhouse said: "The development grant has proved a big success. It has achieved its aims of encouraging young people to take up sport and improve their health as well as bringing residents together to strengthen community spirit. The funds have also provided coaching kit and equipment to encourage residents to take part and get the most out of the new facilities."

● SADLY, two BMX bikes bought with Barclay Spaces for Sports funds for community use were stolen during the 23 September event. Both have been security marked with Smartwater. If you know where they are please contact the police or the parish council.

Competition results - Sunday 23 September 2007

Inline

- 1 lee Morris
- 2 Kai Foster
- 3 Ian Kendall

Over-15s BMX

- 1 Lil Dan
- 2 Pete (Pigeon)
- 3 Daz Rushton

Over-15s skateboarding

- 1 Crazy Dan
- 2 Adam Collingburn
- 3 Tony Watson

Under-15s BMX

- 1 Mikey Walker
- 2 Dan Herbert
- 3 Daniel Norton

Under-15s skateboarding

- 1 Josh Glossop
- 2 Shiboo
- 3 Niall Troop

URBAN ARTWORK AT THE PARK

THE skate park has been given a makeover by authorised urban artists, under the supervision of Doncaster-based community arts organisation, DARTS. The parish council funded the project, which has resulted in artwork being added to various concrete sections. Doncaster Council coated the surface prior to the artwork being added, then sealed it with an anti-graffiti top glaze.



Distinctive new designs on
the skate park



Competition time on the halfpipe ramp

Friends in the south dig deep

KIND-HEARTED residents of a village more than 200 miles away have dug deep into their pockets to help local victims of the summer floods.

After hearing of the damage and devastation caused by the rising waters, Coun Roger Tym, Chairman of Stockbridge Parish Council in Hampshire, wrote to our parish council offering to mount a public appeal to raise money for those whose homes had been hit.

The collection buckets then started rattling in Stockbridge raising a staggering £810 from public and business donations, which was sent to the South Yorkshire Flood Relief Appeal with the request that it be distributed within our parish.

Coun Tym said it was an old English tradition for parishes to link up. He said: "It's just to let you in the north know that we in the south are aware that you have been through a hard time and that you're not forgotten."

The fund-raising appeal was widely reported in the Hampshire Chronicle and Romsey Advertiser, two of the local newspapers

serving the Stockbridge area.

Coun Doreen Woodhouse, Chairperson of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council, wrote to Coun Tym saying: "On behalf of the parish council and our residents I would like to thank you all sincerely for your spontaneous act of goodwill and caring. I understand that many in your community have been involved in this fund-raising initiative and that grateful thanks are also due to members of St Peter's church community."

- SIR Michael Pitt, the independent chair overseeing the Lessons Learned review into this summer's floods, is calling on those affected to log on and share their experiences.

The review, which is being led by the Cabinet Office, will study the emergency response to the floods which hit our parish in June and July and look at ways to reduce the risk and impact of flooding in the future.

Go to www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/floodingreview to submit your comments.

RECYCLE CARDBOARD HERE

A NEW cardboard recycling point has been introduced in Sprotbrough.

The special red container is the latest addition to the recycling collection point in the car park at Sainsbury's supermarket on Sprotbrough Road.

It's ideal for disposing of the heavier weight cardboard boxes that that are unsuitable for placing in your green bin collection. All you need to do is flatten the cardboard before placing it in the container.



Vandals strike again

VANDALS have been systematically destroying the boundary wall adjacent to the Goldsmith Centre playing fields, as this photo shows. If you see any damage taking place and can give police a description of the culprits, please contact our community constable PC Lynne Walker on :

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PUPILS BUILD TOWN OF THE FUTURE

CREATIVE pupils at Scawsby's Ridgewood School designed a 'Doncaster of the future' as their entry for a schools-based technology challenge competition.

The youngsters came up with the idea of an environmentally-friendly community, which included a mono-rail powered by people doing exercise at a gym and a swimming pool heated by solar power. They built a scale model of their 'green' design

Pictured with teacher Mrs Brookfield are the young designers - Matthew Foster, Jake Fisherwood, Chris Green, Mark Scallan, George Watling, Aaron White, Peter Graves, Connor Bennett, Brad Carpenter, Oliver Watson, Kate Johnson and Hannah Strut-Hughes.

● RIDGEWOOD'S reputation for being a top class technology school was cemented in the last round of GCSE results. Of the top 10 marks scored across the country in the Construction and Manufacturing examination, nine were achieved by Ridgewood pupils.



Interestingly, five of the nine were girls, with one of them getting the country's highest mark in the subject.

Head of Department, Steve Manley, said: "Such results are well deserved and make us feel very proud. The pupils worked very hard, bringing flair and imagination to their projects. Our specialist school status has provided new opportunities for pupils to be brought into the curriculum and we hope they continue to gain success with further studies in construction or architecture."

Bloomin' marvellous

THE parish is set to look blooming lovely again next Spring - thanks to the efforts of local schoolchildren.

Green-fingered pupils from Orchard Infants, Copley Junior, Richmond Hill Primary, Anchorage Special and Saltersgate schools have agreed to roll up their sleeves and help our Autumn bulb-planting programme.

The parish council has forked out over £150 to buy over 3,500 bulbs which will flower at various points across the parish. Councillors will also help with the planting.

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council

We have a vacancy for a :

PART TIME CARETAKER/CLEANER

at

NEWLANDS PAVILION (off Fernlea Close, Cusworth)

We need a caretaker/cleaner to look after this modern pavilion for four hours each week. This involves cleaning, security and general maintenance of the interior and exterior of the building, mostly at weekends during the football season. The successful candidate will also be required to open the building to contractors and utility representatives as required. Rates of pay and conditions are in accordance with nationally agreed local council scales.

Applications are welcomed from all sections of the community, who should be aged over 18. Please apply by letter stating suitability for the post and giving the names and details of two referees.

Further information about this post can be obtained from :

A. Unsworth, Clerk to the Council or T. Hinds Deputy Clerk to the Council
on (01302) **788093**

Closing date for applications : **Friday 16 November 2007**. Please send your application to :
Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council, Goldsmith Centre,
259, Sprotbrough Road, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, DN5 8BP

USEFUL NUMBERS

Citizens' Advice Bureau	735225
Civic Theatre	342349
Customer Service Centre (Sprotbrough Library)	782436
(for enquiries about Doncaster Council services)	
Dome	370777
Doncaster Council - main switchboard.....	7344444
Doncaster Primary Care Trust.....	320111
Doncaster Royal Infirmary.....	366666
FLAG (to clean up dumped rubbish, graffiti etc)	736000
NHS Direct.....	0845 4647
South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive	762000
South Yorkshire Police (non urgent)	01142 202020
Train enquiries	0845 748 4950
Yorkshire Electricity	0800 073 3000
Yorkshire Water - water supply enquiries.....	0845 124 2424
Yorkshire Water - drains, sewer, flooding enquiries.....	0845 1242429

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at The Goldsmith Centre, starting at 7.30pm, with the exception of March and September when it meets at Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, Scawsby, at the same start time. No meetings are held in August. The Planning Committee meet immediately before the Parish Council, at 6.45pm.

The Finance Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November at the Goldsmith Centre at 7pm. The Policy, General Purposes and Local Agenda 21 Committee also meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with the exception of August and December. Starting time is usually between 7pm and 7.30pm, depending on whether there has been a Finance Committee meeting immediately before.

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