

NEWGATE ACTION GROUP

The Community Forum of the Newgate Lane Urban Renewal Scheme
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Please find enclosed the agenda for the next meeting. Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome.

IMPORTANT

The next meeting will be held on

Tue 18th Sept 2005 at 6.30pm

Venue: 110 Newgate Lane

AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Any other business
4. Date and time of next meeting

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Ward
Chairperson, Newgate Action Group

Do you have a question you wish to raise at a future meeting?

Use the space below to remind yourself of questions or comments you wish to bring up at the next meeting. If you can't make it to the next meeting you can submit questions from the 'Contact Us' page on our website at:

www.the-nag.org.uk

Minutes of the meeting of the
Newgate Action Group
held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th September 2005 at 110 Newgate Lane

1. Attendees

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| Ian Lilliman (Secretary) | Resident |
| John Pickering (Treasurer) | Resident |
| Michelle Ward (Chair) | Resident |
| Janet Smith | Resident |
| Lee Marshall | Resident |
| Kevin Mason | Resident |
| Sherry Mason | Resident |
| Gwen Morson | Resident |
| Dave Morson | Resident |
| Pat Gallagher | Resident |
| Barbara Miller | Resident |
| Margaret Wheat | Resident |
| Cllr Albert Haynes | Eakring Ward - Notts County Councillor |

2. Apologies

Cllr Malcolm Sage, Beryl Bircumshaw

3. Introductions

3.1. The meeting began at 6.30pm and all were welcomed by Michelle Ward

3.2. The last minutes were agreed as a true record.

4. Previous Minutes

4.1. **Birkland Street Flats** – Residents report that since the flats have been completed, there has been a lot of ‘nuisance’ activity by local youths and younger kids such as breaking of windows.

4.2. **Graffiti on steps to Rock Hill** – Gwen and Dave Morson again raised the issue of graffiti on the steps leading from Mill Street to Rock Hill, saying they were still getting graffiti on their fencing panels, with a number of them also damaged. They repeated their dismay that nothing was being done by the authorities to tackle the issue and said they had had enough. Dave asked Ian to provide contact details for the relevant department responsible for graffiti removal and said he would continually request their services whenever his fencing or boundary wall was defaced with graffiti. Dave also mentioned that if the Council worked proactively and painted their fencing with clear anti-graffiti paint such as the type made by Dacrylate at Kikby in Ashfield, they would not have to use expensive graffiti removal chemicals. **Action – Ian to forward graffiti team contact details to Dave Morson.**

5. Agenda Items

5.1. **Footpath Update (Mill St to Jacksons Park)** - Ian reported that he had spoken with someone from the Notts Highways department who said that it would be almost impossible to close the short footpath between Mill St and Jacksons Park because it is classified by Notts County Council as a highway and as such, would be as difficult to close as a major highway like Southwell Road. A discussion took place about this outcome and it was decided that wherever possible, residents would report any anti-social behaviour taking

place on the footpath such as graffiti, urinating in public, drug taking or taking part in sexual activities to the Police every time to highlight the continuing problems with this area.

- 5.2. Scarcliffe Street Garages Demolition** - Ian reported to the group that the Council's review of council garages in the tow has resulted in the decision to demolish those on Scarcliffe Street in the next 12 to 18 months. The reasons given were there was insufficient need by residents and the fact that the rent charged did not cover the costs of maintenance. Residents discussed this further saying that this was a vicious circle as local residents did not want the garages BECAUSE they were not being maintained and were in such a poor state, being left to the mindless youth to systematically destroy without fear of punishment by the authorities.
- 5.3. Drain and Sewage Problems** – Ian addressed the group about issues concerning the responsibilities of blocked drains. During research into this issue for a future newsletter, he discovered that if your house was built before 1937, there was a good chance that Severn Trent was responsible for the repair and maintenance of your drains. Ian suggested that your first port of call should be Severn Trent - 0800 783 4444 (24hr) to see if they are responsible or not. If not, then MDC offer a drain cleaning service (01623 463288) at £50 for the first hour and £50 for each subsequent hour.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1. Drains problem on Birkland Street** – Birkland Street residents reported issues with the drains from a Council property on Birkland Street.. **Action – Ian to contact Sandy Lane housing office with the house number.**
- 6.2. Junction Issues, Newgate Lane & Birkland Street** - Birkland Street residents again raised the issues of the poor design of the junction of their street with Newgate Lane. The wide pavements and parking bays directly across from Birkland Street make it very difficult to exit Birkland Street at peak times. Resident would like some of the pavement to be taken away to widen the road and ease the problem. **Action – Cllr Albert Haynes said he would get in touch with Peter Thom at the Highways Department.**
- 6.3. Letters** – Ian said the group had received a letter from a resident living at Rock Gardens praising the newsletter, but complaining about the state of the grass from Redcliffe Road up to Rock Gardens, asking who was responsible for its cutting. **Action – Ian to write back to the resident with details of the relevant department at the Council.**

NAG are trying to make your neighbourhood a nicer, safer, better place to live but we need your help to tell us what the local problems are. Why not take the time to come to one of our meetings and tell us what you don't like about where you live.

Can't make it?

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