

NEWGATE ACTION GROUP

The Community Forum of the Newgate Lane Urban Renewal Scheme
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Dear resident,

Please find enclosed the agenda for the next meeting. Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome, however, if you cannot attend, the minutes will be available to view and/or download from the NAG website.

Invitation to attend the next meeting

Date: 6.30pm Tue Feb 11th 2003

Venue: 110 Newgate Lane

AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Reports and updates
 - a. Newgate Lane drains update
 - b. Children's playground update
 - c. Jackson's Park
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

Have a question for the next meeting?

Use the space below to remind yourself of questions or comments you wish to raise 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 or you can leave comments in our online forum.

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Minutes of the meeting of the
Newgate Action Group

held 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th January 2003 at 110 Newgate Lane

1. Attendees

Michele Ward (Chair)	Resident
Ian Lilliman (Secretary)	Resident
Gary Jones (Vice Chairman)	Resident
John Pickering (Treasurer)	Resident
Andy Sissons	Resident
Max Banks	Resident
David Clay	Resident
Pat Gallagher	Resident
Samatha Raggart	Mansfield District Council
Councillor Malcolm Sage	Mansfield District Council
Councillor Chris Winterton	Nottinghamshire District Council

2. Apologies

Councillor Barbara Nestor	Mansfield District Council
Courtney Nangle	Mansfield CVS (Council for Voluntary Services)
Ann Norman	Resident
Caroline Beastall	Resident
Barbara Miller	Resident
Margaret Wheat	Resident
Ron Carlin	Resident

3. Introductions

3.1. The meeting began at 6.30pm and all were welcomed by Michelle Ward. Michelle also thanked Councillor Chris Winterton for attending.

4. Previous Minutes

4.1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

5. Reports & Updates

5.1. Jackson's Park Signage (No Dog Fouling) – Samantha Raggart said that new stickers had been placed on the majority of the bins, but it was noted that these were the same as the previous ones that peeled off in wet weather due to poor adhesive. It was anticipated that these new stickers would also meet the same fate. She also commented that more durable plastic signs would be installed on the lampposts. Ian Lilliman said that although these may be the traditional signage used by the council, time and experience has shown these to be totally ineffective due to their locations (on lampposts) and lack of size. The council talk of 'Best Practice' so why don't they implement it, i.e. bigger signs at each entrance to the park!

Also, Samantha was asked about the role of the dog warden. She remarked that perhaps we as a group should contact the dog warden directly to discuss the problem.

Action – Michelle / Ian (NAG)

5.2. Jackson's Park Waste Bins – Samantha Raggart said our comments had been passed on to the relevant department and the bins should ALL now be emptied.

5.3. Jackson's Park Vandalised Trees – Resident Andy Sissons raised the issue of the vandalised trees, saying that more thought should have gone into protecting the trees during the park's design. Perhaps more mature trees should have been planted which would have resisted vandalism or perhaps install taller support posts. Samantha said that these were laid down in the plans originally designed by Ian Rose from Groundwork. Ian Lilliman (NAG Secretary) remarked that even when Jonathon Dix took over Ian's role, he was equally as reluctant as Jonathon Dix to alter the plans despite repeated requests during the consultation process. Samantha said that Groundwork is to review work on the park in January and a decision will be made in the near future. Samantha also remarked that there were no monies for repairs caused by vandalism, much to the amazement of the group! **Action – Samantha Raggart (MDC) / Fiona Clark (Groundwork)**

5.4. Jackson's Park Play Arena Cleaning – Samantha Raggart insisted that there is a planned scheme for the cleaning of the play arena and the equipment, but the group said that this was not being fulfilled, or if it was, then it was to a very poor standard. The maintenance of the park was also raised, particularly the removal of litter and other debris. Ian Lilliman (NAG Secretary) said that he had reported a number of issues to Barbara Nestor who had confirmed she had passed them on to the PIN (Pride in Neighbourhood) team. Councillor Malcolm Sage suggested the group write to Mike Farley in Leisure services for a copy of the park's cleaning, bin emptying and maintenance schedule. **Action – Michelle Ward (NAG).**

5.5. Jackson's Park Children's Playground – Playground is still in progress, with work concentrating on laying new foundations for play equipment and the refurbishment of the perimeter fence.

5.6. Housing Renewal – Ian Lilliman read out a statement from Rob Purser. It read as follows:

'we are currently working on Empire Street and finishing off on Coronation Street (hopefully this will be finished this financial year). We are anticipating carrying out work to about 40 properties next year. This will finish Empire Street and make a start on (if not just about finish) Bentinck Street. If we are able, we will also start on Birkland Street towards the end of the financial year however, I can't promise this. As Don has already said to you, the resources will be subject to Cabinet approval. It is difficult to forecast beyond next year given that our borrowing permission is announced on a yearly basis. We are unable to predict what the Government will allow us for 2004/05.'

5.7. Flooding on Newgate Lane – Michelle Ward invited County Councillor Chris Winterton to listen to complaints about the flooding of Newgate Lane during heavy rain and the continuing problem of flooded cellars in the cottages on Newgate Lane. An additional problem is that because the water is so close to the cottages, as traffic passes by, the water is thrown up against the buildings. Despite previous consultations with Richard Goad and the Council's technical department, the problem of the road flooding remains. At present it has not been determined as to whether the drains lead to sewers or are soakaways. NAG would like the system examined to see why the water does not drain away and to establish a course of action that will eradicate the problem
Action – Cllr. Chris Winterton (Notts County Council)

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1. Jackson's Park Access Road**– Ian Lilliman mentioned that a number of holes had appeared in the access road at the top of the park. These were close to the 'no through road' sign. Currently these holes are only small but require urgent attention to prevent the problem exacerbating and costing even more to repair. In addition, at the point where the access road meets Mill Street, the road is beginning to suffer damage by cars turning. Ian has previously suggested that this be repaired with a more durable surface such as tarmac. **Action – Samantha Raggart (MDC)**
- 6.2. Residents personal experience of the housing renewal** – Michelle said that she had obtained information related to residents personal experiences of the housing renewal and that she would pass on this information to Don Smith / Rob Purser.
Action – Michelle Ward (NAG).
- 6.3. Diversion burglaries** – Michelle spoke about cold callers, such as those collecting for charities, gas/electric salesmen, etc saying that these people should not be calling after working hours. The Police have recorded an increase in the number of distraction burglaries where the resident is distracted whilst someone enters the property from the rear. The police are asking that should anyone be called upon late at night that they should contact the Police and report it.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

Next Meeting

Tue 11th February 2003, 6.30pm, 110 Newgate Lane

STOP PRESS - STOP PRESS

It has been reported to NAG that during a routine surveillance by the dog warden, a dog owner was observed failing to clean up. The offender has been formally charged with breaching local byelaws and will receive a hefty fine.

If you are a dog owner, bags are available FREE from your local vets, from Sandy Lane Housing Office, from the Civic centre and from Mansfield Library.