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Town Clerk
Susan Smith

Prior to the meeting of 19 September 2011, Derbyshire Dales District Council held a confidential session with Town Council members in which Mike Hase, Planning Policy Manager gave details of the Expressions of Interest documents received for Bakewell Road, Matlock.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the shortlisted submissions.

Minutes of a meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 19 September 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Imperial Rooms.

Present: Cllr B Hopkinson, in the Chair
Councillors: P Wildgoose, G Stevens, B Tipping, Mrs A Elliott, C Woodward, D Jones, S Flitter

In Attendance: Susan Smith (Town Clerk)
Catherine Rawas (Community Development Officer)

327/11 APOLOGIES

Cllrs: D Barker and S Cowley (Personal Commitments), Cllr Mrs S Burfoot (Training)

328/11 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - None

329/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

District Councillors G Stevens, S Flitter, B Tipping and Mrs A Elliott individually made the following declaration:

"I will participate on the basis that this is a preliminary view only. At the District Council I will consider the matter afresh, taking account of all evidence available at that time".

<i>COUNCILLOR</i>	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>TYPE OF INTEREST</i>	<i>NATURE OF INTEREST</i>
S Flitter	Agenda Item 13 – Winter Services	PREJUDICIAL, making representations then leaving meeting	DCC Scrutiny Committee Member

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

330/11 a) PUBLIC SPEAKING – None

b) POLICE MATTERS - None

The Clerk to enquire as to what was happening about 'Boy Racers' at the bottom of Steep Turnpike which had been reported previously

c) REPRESENTATIONS OR EVIDENCE FROM MEMBERS DECLARING A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

COUNCILLOR	COMMENTS MADE:
S Flitter	Unsure as to what roads are being downgraded. Unclear as to what roads are going to be gritted. Concerns over reduction of gritting fleet.

The meeting was re-opened.

331/11 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11 September 2011 *Derbyshire Dales District Council Civic Service at Bakewell*
- 13 September 2011 *Blue Plaque dedication at Matlock Town Hall and Station Masters House*
- 14 September 2011 *East Midlands in Bloom presentation at Oadby and Wigston in which Matlock was awarded Silver for both the Town and Matlock Station Adoption Group.*
- 16 September 2011 *Matlock in Bloom Presentation Evening – presented prizes to winning entries*
- 17 September 2011 *Rainbows Hospice - Loughborough*

332/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 5 September 2011

The Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting

Amendment:

312/11 Wishingstone Way Trees

The Clerk had been asked by 2 Council members to check the recording of the last meeting to ascertain whether the resolution had been stated correctly in the minutes. After checking the recording the resolution should read:

Resolved that

- a) **the quotation for £456.00 plus vat from Derwent Treescapes for pollarding of the Limes and Norway Maple be accepted.**
- b) **Council members visit the site to assess the remaining trees, specifically the silver birches**

The Clerk write to the residents adjacent to the site and the group maintaining the land.

Resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 5 September 2011 be approved.

COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

333/11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

as supplied by Catherine Rawas, Community Development Officer – appendix 1

The Community Development Officer answered questions on the content of the report which was then **NOTED**.

334/11 ADDITIONAL ITEM

Members were asked to consider the following additional item as Derbyshire Dales District Council requires a response by 23 September 2011. It is understood that the item is to be discussed at their Planning meeting of 4 October 2011.

Resolved: to accept the additional item

335/11 TO CONSIDER AN URGENT RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING:

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS
n/a	11/00519/REM	Extension to foodstore and erection of decked (single storey) car park with associated alterations to access and car parking arrangements and landscaping (approval of reserved matters), Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd. Cawdor Way, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3SP

Resolved that

- **this Council has no objection to the revisions as supplied, however would like to see any initiatives with regards to the reduction of external lighting considered and incorporated in future.**
- **the inclusion of a Section 106 agreement, providing a commuted sum for enhancement of the impact/retaining walls on the approaches to the store access on the A6, as indicated by Sainsbury's, is also welcomed.**
- **The Clerk to enquire of DDDC as to the procedure to take should the commuted sum be forthcoming.**

336/11 SIGNAGE – referral from Community Working Party

a) It is suggested that Derbyshire Dales District Council be requested to consider 'brown' Hall Leys Park signs around the area.

Resolved to write to Derbyshire Dales District Council asking them to consider placing 'brown' information signs around the area, informing tourists of Hall Leys Park.

b) It is also suggested that Derbyshire County Council be requested to alter their signage to direct public to the Town Centre.

Resolved that the Mayor and Clerk take the matter forward, keeping the Town Council informed of their actions.

337/11 QUEEN'S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE – referral from Community Working Party

To consider how to mark the event

Resolved: that the Community Working Party continue develop ideas for the Jubilee, working with the Community Development Officer as appropriate.

Cllr Mrs S Burfoot joined the meeting at 8.10pm and stated that she had no declarations to make at this stage.

338/11 SPRING BULBS

To consider planting of daffodil bulbs for next spring. Locations need to be identified and bulbs purchased.

Resolved: that the Clerk supply costs/1,000 for the purchase of Daffodil Bulbs and a list of any locations at the next meeting.

339/11 GROUNDWORK – QUARTER 1 REPORT (April – June 2011) – appendix 2 – Noted

340/11 DARLEY BIRTH CENTRE – appendix 3

To consider a response to the latest NHS questionnaire.

Resolved:

- a) that members complete the questionnaire as individuals should they wish, the Clerk to email them a copy.
- b) To reiterate our previous letter, adding that all Councillors would respond individually.

Cllr Flitter left the meeting.

341/11 WINTER SERVICES

- a) **CONSULTATION BY DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – Gritting the Roads of Derbyshire – appendix 4**

Response required by Wednesday 12 October 2011

Resolved:

- a) That the Clerk reply, asking what roads will be gritted in Matlock, (primary, secondary and tertiary routes) and whether the gradient of the road could be taken into account when assessing roads. Safety of residents living on steep roads is paramount.
- b) All Council members to complete the questionnaire individually.
- b) **GRIT BIN REQUEST FROM LOCAL RESIDENT**

Resolved: that the request be referred to Derbyshire County Council, according to our current policy.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

S. C. Smith.

Susan Smith
Town Clerk

Chairman:

Date:

Matlock Town Council Strategy - Community Development

TO SUPPORT A STRONG AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY THE COUNCIL WILL:

Improve communications with the local community via regular Community meetings

Work within our schools, encouraging youth activities Continue to provide a Small Grants Scheme

Publish a quarterly Newsletter for residents of the Town

Appoint representatives of the Council to serve on a wide range of outside organisations, when requested

Consult the local people when required

Continue to look at provision of a new / improved community building to provide facilities for young people, entertainment and the arts as identified

Continue to support Annual Events held in the Town and encourage development of an annual events

Discover Marvellous Matlock – Events

The Hall Leys 100 events programme in 2010 provided an opportunity for residents and groups to stage their own events in Hall Leys Park. **Discover Marvellous Matlock** aims to build on that programme and widen the invitation to traders in the Town. Using the principle of operating the calendar and promoting events Matlock Town Council will be able to support a lively and active programme of events in and around the town.

Events in the park will be included, along with events set up by local businesses – shopping events, tasting events in restaurants and coffee shops, trails set up around various shops. The aim will be to engage the business community as well as groups and charities in developing their own events to promote their own businesses.

Promotion of **Discover Marvellous Matlock** will principally take place via the revamped Matlock Town Council Website, the facebook page, the blog and a via a twitter account – these have been used to some effect over the last 12 months to promote the farmers market and are having some impact. There will also need to be some promotional material to promote the social media marketing and an updated version of the Matlock traders map would represent a cost effective method of providing this and of course fixed dates can be included – for example the Farmers Markets, the Victorian Christmas Weekend etc.

There will be an opportunity to develop and promote additional Matlock Town Council events and use the project to promote these, examples can be found below.

The benefits of developing the **Discover Marvellous Matlock** project will be in demonstrating that Matlock is a lively place with a huge variety of different events with something to suit everybody from bands playing in local bars to educational events at the Library.

There is currently, no single resource that successfully brings together information about the full range of groups, activities and events in Matlock. People have to visit different websites and venues to find out what is happening, Matlock Town Council is ideally placed to draw together all the resources and build on the experience gathered from the Hall Leys 100 project in 2011 to develop this.

Farmers Market and Local Producer development

Traders at Matlock Farmers Market are keen to get involved with development work promoting the Market and have responded positively to the opportunity to hold a food festival at the Victorian Weekend with a view to holding 4 food festivals a year in Matlock.

The Farmers Market will be re-launched in early 2012 offering 6 outdoor pitches which will make use of the outdoor space at the Imperial Rooms. The aim is to set up a system where producers may offer samples of their goods on a taster plate which can be bought by customers for a nominal fee, customers can then see how produce from the different stalls can be combined which will hopefully lead to increased sales for the producers.

Issues still to be resolved:

- *Using more banners in Matlock to promote the Farmers Market.*
- *Including car-parking charges for stallholders in the stall fee.*

The Food hub will continue to be promoted via Matlock Farmers Market.

The Gazebos being purchased for the Farmers Market can be used to provide opportunities for Matlock Town Council to be seen 'out and about' in Matlock promoting the events and being available to speak to and hear from residents.

The Gazebos can also be hired out for events both in Matlock and other areas to recoup the purchase costs.

Outdoor classrooms

Working with Groundwork and the local schools it should be possible to set up environmental projects and outdoor classrooms providing opportunities for new project work with Groundwork and provide additional project work for Matlock In Bloom.

Matlock Photographer of the Year

There was a very positive response to the competition run jointly with the Matlock Mercury this year and it will not be complicated to re-run the competition next summer. Each year a theme needs to be decided, judges appointed and the trophies obtained. The competition can be run via the website inviting entries throughout the year.

Wifi in the Park. Providing free wifi access in Hall Leys Park would support access to information about Discover Marvellous Matlock, whilst this project had not been progressed by The Matlock Partnership the equipment is available and it may be possible to provide and promote the service for minimal outlay by Matlock Town Council.

Matlock Alive Newsletter

The newsletter schedule has already been approved by Council.

Resources required:

6, 3mtr3mtr pop up gazebos	6 x £250	£1,500
Budget for re-development of website		??
Budget for updating traders map		£ 750
General Budget for promotion and events		£1,000
	Total	£3,250 + website

Potential Income

Christmas 2011 (Income to go to Christmas Market Budget)		£1,200
£100 hire charge (per gazebo for external Hires)		£1,000
£240 per food festival	£240 x 3 times/year	£ 720
Stalls at ad hoc events in the park we sell space for	£20 per stall	£ 960
	Total	£3,380



Denefields Volunteer Rangers Quarter 1 SLA Report April – June 2011

The project continues to be delivered by Project Officer, Jo Stanistreet.

Volunteer Ranger Activities

During this quarter we have run 12 volunteer sessions on a Thursday morning. Volunteers have also helped with events.

Tasks carried out by the volunteer rangers

- Weekly litter pick
- Sweeping and weeding paths
- Weeding and repairing steps
- Installing a beneficial insect tower
- Planting native meadow plants (see appendix 1)
- Cutting back vegetation from paths and steps
- Himalayan Balsam Pulling along River Derwent
- Maintained pond area
- Half Day Wild Thyme Maintenance Day
- Made bug kits for children to assemble
- Tidied top entrance, weeded, cut back vegetation
- Removed Ash saplings and cut back brambles
- Glade clearance
- Path Mowing

Volunteer numbers have been good during Q1, and the group has worked on three sites; Denefields, Wild Thyme Community Garden and River Derwent Riverside.



We have had the addition to the team of a young local volunteer who is undertaking his Duke of Edinburgh Award. See appendix 2 for a breakdown of activities.

DDCVS continues to support the project fully with both signposting volunteers to the scheme and through the Hurst Farm Community Centre Family Worker.

Community Events

Easter Holiday Activities

We held two events in Hall Leys Park during the Easter Holidays. We worked in partnership with DDCVS and Sporting Derbyshire to hold afternoon activities for families.

Hall Leys 100th Birthday Party

We held a Birthday Bug Hunt around the Park, and made a giant butterfly collage with flowers and leaves.



Schools

All Matlock Schools have been sent information detailing what we can deliver on the local green sites around Matlock.

Planned Events

We have 4 afternoon events planned with DDCVS during the summer holidays (see appendix 3 for details). The events have been posted on GDD website and have been sent to The Peak Advertiser and The Matlock Mercury for printing during August.

Funding

Duffield Claw Arts Fund

Unfortunately the £18,000 bid for signs and art installations was unsuccessful.

North Face Explore Fund

We have recently put a bid into an international pot from North Face to encourage children into the great outdoors. We should find out the results of the application by mid August.

Future Bids

We are reworking a bid to improve access to the site, and looking at possible funding sources for such physical improvements.

Summary Statistics Q1 2011

	Quarter 2
Total No. of voluntary participants	12
Total no. of training days provided (6hrs per day)	3
Total no. of volunteer days contributed by adult volunteers (6hrs per day)	29
Total no. of volunteer days contributed by young people (6 hours per day)	4
Total no of activities delivered (volunteer sessions + events)	16

Regular Volunteers Information Quarter 1 (where information available)

Male volunteers	8
Female Volunteers	4
Unemployed	2
Employed	0
Retired	7
Students	1
Registered Disabled / Health problem	4
Aged 18-25	1
Aged 26-40	2
Aged 41-65	9

Publicity

Please find attached copies of the posters used to advertise events at Denefields this financial year. They were distributed by post and email to:

- The Library
- The Mental Health Team
- Adult Education Centre
- Sure Start

- Hurst Farm Residents Association
- Derbyshire Dales CVS
- The Job Centre
- Connexions
- Sainsbury's
- Our list of individuals who are interested in events
- Derbyshire Mental Health Federation
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Matlock Town Council Notice Boards publicise our events and volunteering programme.

This is the distribution list I currently use for publicity if you have further suggestions of agencies or groups who should receive publicity for events please let me know.

Press Release

We had information regarding our half term activities printed by the Matlock Mercury.

Denefield Ranger Volunteer information and contact details have been updated and sent to the Peak Advertiser for their 'What's On' Listings.

See Appendix 4 for a copy of a Q1 press release

Appendix 1

Native Plants introduced into Deanfield during Q1

Cowslip
 Teasel
 Ox Eye Daisy
 Gipsywort
 Autumn Hawkbit
 Lesser Knapweed
 Bladder Campion
 Coltsfoot
 Rough Hawkbit
 White Clover
 Great Burnet
 Nottingham Catchfly
 White Campion
 Meadow Cranesbill

Appendix 2

Activities for the Denefield Project

Q 1 April 2011 onwards

Date	Location	Activity	Numbers
07/04/11	Denefield	Brambles & Bonfire	7 adults
14/04	Denefield	Harrow Fields	8 adults
21/04	Denefield	Bug Box Kit Making	5 adults
PM	Hall Leys	Bug Box making	43 children 19 adults
28/04	Denefield	Top Gate	6 adults
PM	Hall Leys	Royal Wedding activities	38 children 17 adults
05/05	Denefield	Meadow Maintenance	4 adults
12/05	Denefield	Step maintenace	5 adults
19/05	Denefield	Plug plants meadow	4 adults
26/05	Wild Thyme	General Tidy Up	7 adults
02/06	No session		
09/06	Denefield	Glade clearance	4 adults
16/06	Derwent River	Himalayan Balsam Pulling	3 adults
23/06	Denefield	Bug Hotel	6 adults
PM	Hall Leys	Birthday Bug Hunt	12 children 11 adults
30/06	Denefield	Bug Hotel	5 adults
Volunteers in Q1 John, Roger, Peter, David, Freddy, Alex, Brynn, Bill Judith, Gill, Pam, Janet			

Appendix 3

SUMMER HOLIDAY ECO CLUB

THURSDAY 11TH OF AUGUST 2.30—3.30

HALL LEYS PARK— MAKE YOUR OWN SALAD GARDEN TO TAKE HOME

THURSDAY 18TH OF AUGUST 2.30—3.30

HALL LEYS PARK— MAKE A MINI SCARECROW

THURSDAY 25TH OF AUGUST 2.00—2.30

DENEFIELDS—BUG HUNT & POND DIPPING

THURSDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2.00—2.30

DENEFIELDS—DEN BUILDING & SUMMER PICNIC

Appendix 4

Press Release

THANK YOU DENESFIELD VOLUNTEERS

The Denesfield Ranger Project aims to improve local green spaces for wildlife and to increase the public use of a number of locations across Matlock, including Denefields, Bailey's Thump, Community Wild Thyme and a range of local allotments. It has been funded by Matlock Town Council and delivered by Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire since November 2006.

The majority of our time is spent undertaking practical improvements to keep Denesfield meadow and woodlands (situated on the hillside behind Matlock Town Football Club) tidy and managed for wildlife. This year's springtime efforts have been focused on improvements in the meadow area, including harrowing in April to remove the build up of thatch from previous years.

Previous year's sowings of Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus Minor*), an attractive, semi-parasitic grass have now established in the lower areas of the site. In the past, this plant was a problem for farmers as it weakens grasses - lowering hay yields by as much as 50%. For us and others trying to establish wildflower meadows, the suppression of broad-leaved plants is welcomed as it thins the grass and allows wildflowers the space to establish, producing a healthier population and better display of our native flora.

Jo Stanistreet from Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire who runs the volunteer group said: *"We are really encouraged by the increased diversity at Denesfield and can make reference to the species list at the site which has been recorded over the past 14 years. The volunteers that come along are a wonderful, enthusiastic, friendly group and we are so grateful for their efforts and support"*.

We have a well established population of Meadowsweet (*Filipendula Ulmaria*) which thrives in the damp soil on site, and are encouraging other wildflowers that enjoy the damper soil as well. Last week, our volunteers plug-planted the lower meadow with a range of native flowering species to improve the biodiversity of the site and project is now reaping the benefits of all the hard work from their committed local volunteers.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact Jo Stanistreet on Tel: 07800752152 or E-Mail: jo.stanistreet@groundwork.org.uk.

PHOTOS



Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus Minor*)



Meadowsweet (*Filipendula Ulmaria*)

APPENDIX 3

Dear Town Councillors,

As you may be aware, NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County Primary Care Trusts are reviewing the future of Darley Birth Centre in Darley Dale and Corbar Birth Centre in Buxton. As part of the review, we are asking people across Derbyshire for their views on the birth centres and what their concerns would be if either or both of the centres were to close.

Corbar and Darley are the only two stand-alone midwifery units in Derbyshire. They exist for historical reasons rather than because of particular evidence-based health need in those communities. It is also the case that only women assessed as 'low-risk' can give birth at these centres, and these women would also be able to opt for a home birth.

The possible outcomes of this review are:

- No change
- Close Corbar Birth Centre and keep Darley Birth Centre open
- Close Darley Birth Centre and keep Corbar Birth Centre open
- Both centres are closed

We are opening up this review to the entire county because if we do not close these birthing centres, we will have to identify money from other services.

People can have their say online, by email, post, or by attending one of the four public meetings that will be held. The engagement document is attached and asks for people's views on the services received, the PCT's funding of the services and for their concerns and how they can be addressed should either or both of the centres close in the future. It is also available online at www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk or on request by calling 0800 032 32 35.

In addition to the engagement document, public meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday 7th September - 12.30pm -2.30pm
Joseph Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale

Monday 26th September - 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Joseph Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale

Friday 30th September - 9.30am -11.30am
Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Monday 3rd October - 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

All are welcome and we would appreciate it if you would make others aware of these meetings.

If you would like representatives from the PCT to come speak to your council about the review, please email me at katie.donley@derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk or call 01298 212281.

We are asking for both individual responses and formal group/organisational responses to the review to be sent by 23 October to nedcpals@derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk or posted to:

PALS
Derbyshire County PCT
FREEPOST SF1298
Scarsdale
Nightingale Close, off Newbold Road
Derbyshire
S41 7BR.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Katie

Katie Donley
Public/Patient Involvement Manager
NHS Derbyshire County & NHS Derby City Cluster Organisation

(From DALC circular 41/2011 – see also separate document)

CONSULTATION BY DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – GRITTING THE ROADS OF DERBYSHIRE

“Derbyshire County Council have issued the following consultation document – Improving the way we grit Derbyshire’s roads – we want your views.

Over the past two winters we've faced some of the worst weather we've ever seen. Last year we spent £4.5 million on gritting and clearing snow from our roads.

We can't afford to keep spending that much because we need to cut our spending by £90 million over the next four years as part of the big squeeze on public spending.

This year we want to change the way we grit our roads and we want to know what you think of our plans to:

- make gritting our roads easier to manage
- help prevent overspending our gritting budget
- clear snow from more of the county's roads
- make better use of our staff and equipment

We're still planning to grit the same amount of roads - 1,555 miles. That's around half of the roads we look after in Derbyshire. But we want to split them into two categories - primary and secondary - and add a third 'tertiary' category.

The primary network would:

- be treated during the day and night and would be 'pre-treated' before bad weather hits. Gritting would continue 24 hours a day if necessary, as at present.
- be made up of around 60 percent of roads currently on gritting routes - approximately 1,000 miles.
- include major roads including all A roads and heavily used B roads, major bus routes, roads linking towns and larger villages and roads outside bus, train, police, fire and ambulance stations and hospitals.
- include at least one route into villages and at least one route no more than 500m from schools, where possible.

Roads within residential areas would generally not be included.

The secondary network would:

- include around 40 percent of roads currently on gritting routes - approximately 550 miles.
- only be treated in the day, with the first run being completed by mid-morning. This would help overcome problems of parked cars getting in the way of gritter vehicles being able to do their job on residential roads at night.

- include some bus routes not covered in the primary network, particularly in residential areas, and roads to smaller villages.
- include well-used main roads through housing estates and villages.
- be pre-treated before bad weather hits, where possible, but primary routes will take priority.

The tertiary network would:

- mainly involve external contractors such as farmers clearing snow, but not necessarily gritting, on some roads we don't currently cover.
- where practicable, include at least one route to isolated villages not already covered on the gritting network.
- include roads to some industrial areas and roads to schools not covered on the primary or secondary routes.

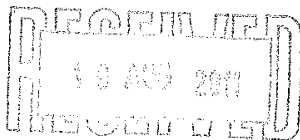
We'd like to know what your organisation thinks about introducing these three categories and your views about the types of roads we think should be covered in each of them.

A map of how the gritting routes **might** look in your area if the proposals were implemented is also available online but no decisions have been made.

TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN -

[Please complete the online questionnaire](#) by **Wednesday 12 October 2011**

If you need help completing the questionnaire Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058 or 01629 533190.



18th August 2011

**Ms S Smith
Town Clerk
Matlock Town Council
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Dear Ms Smith,

Re: Grit Bin Wishingstone Way

With further reference to my letter earlier in the year regarding one or more grit bins for Wishingstone Way, I have during the past months discussed the problem further with local residents and have been reminded that for a number of years a grit bin had in fact been in position at the junction of Asker Lane and Wishingstone Way. I understand that some years ago this was removed by "person or persons unknown"! I make this point, so that when the question of bin is discussed by whichever authority, it is from the point of replacement as opposed to the introduction a new facility.

If there is council agreement with our request, I understand that there may be other factors to consider, not least that of responsibility for maintaining the sand level in the bin(s) and the cleanliness of same. Would there be a cost implication for the residents of Wishingstone Way?

If bins are provided, then will there be a choice as to their size, and to where they are sited? I think you will agree that no one in a pleasant residential road would readily agree to have a large yellow/black plastic bin in front of his or her house. Yes, I know.....the "Not in my back yard/front drive" syndrome again!!

In view of the above comments, if the County Council does agree to provide (a) bin(s), I will be grateful if the residents of Wishingstone Way be given a further opportunity to give their views re the positioning etc referred to above, before any final action is taken.

I will be pleased to receive comments re costs and positioning as soon as possible, irrespective of the Council's final decision, as these may, from a resident's point of view, prove to be deciding factors.

Yours sincerely,