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Convenience Store Plans Rejected

At a town hall planning meeting on the 2nd November, Councillors accepted planning officer's recommendation to reject a planning application, and its amendment, submitted by DLP Planning Ltd, for an extension to 340 Lydgate Lane, currently occupied by Motorworld and a flat above, to approximately three times its current size with the probability of it then being changed into a self service convenience store.



Of the 164 letters received by Sheffield Council objecting to the application, mainly on the grounds of the potential for additional traffic congestion and disruption at what is a **major junction, was one from Sheffield Hallam MP Mr Nick Clegg, who said, "I understand that many of my constituents have already written with their objections to the planning application."**

"I believe that one of their main concerns is about the increase of traffic at an already busy junction, and the dangers this will pose to the children who attend the local schools.

The other main concern is to the businesses who are already trading in the area."

There were just four letters submitted in support of the application, one of which said:

"I understand that the property will be converted to a convenience store, possibly Tesco. This will create local jobs, well-needed competition for the local Spar shop, and I look forward to its arrival."

Indications are that the developers will lodge an appeal in due course.

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Open Meeting 27th January 2011 7.00 pm

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CARLEXAG

Campaign against Retirement Leasehold Exploitation Action Group, a self-help group of leaseholders, their relatives and other interested persons in a loose association who are affected by or concerned about the actions, financial issues and operational practices of developers, landlords and management companies of retirement developments. Their aims on behalf of the elderly and vulnerable are to seek fairness and justice through the law and, ultimately, to achieve changes in legislation.

Elderly residents of retirement flats should reasonably be able to expect that having made the decision to move (possibly for the last time in their lives) into an environment that promises to be a relaxed carefree retirement, that is what they should get. However, that environment can become stressful, especially where problems arise due to the actions (or inactions) of the Landlord or the Managing Agent, the very people whose good faith and trust should be beyond doubt and reproach, when dealing with a vulnerable group like the elderly.

The provision of services is the principal issue. There can be no problem with people making a fair profit out of supplying goods and services; many of the elderly have done the same in their time whilst in business.

Deliberately to overcharge and obtain profit from commissions and secret payments via affinity agreements, the control

of supply companies and other methods, is both unethical and an abuse of a position of trust.

It is almost certain that such practices are illegal. For these reason CARLEXAG are campaigning for a fairer deal for people in retirement accommodation.

Area Advisor Tele 01724 841867

Crosspool Harvest project!!!

From disappointment to new hope mixed with opportunities to help shape the Big Society and an invitation for views.

Disappointment as a result of significant objections from a group of local residents, we have withdrawn from the land we had hoped to set up on, terminated the lease and withdrawn our funding application. We are hoping that those residents in the vicinity who do want to turn some of the allotments into growing spaces can do this, and are offering to help with that if we can.

We would like to set up a "supporters" group that identifies with a wider group other than our core members, who think what we do is worthwhile and want to give their support from time to time.

Colleagues across Government are quite interested in our little project as an example of Big Society (communities doing things for themselves) and I am planning a couple of seminars in Sheffield and London to talk about how it is going.

Nick Rousseau Chair

crosspoolharvest.org.uk



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New Green Waste Collection System Announced

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The city-wide scheme, which includes Crosspool, will see the introduction of reusable Waxed Hessian Sacks, instead of the present green plastic bags. Households in Crosspool can expect delivery of the reusable Waxed Hessian Sacks, and a collection calendar, in February and March next year. The first collections will be in April and every four weeks there after. The new system means that residents will no longer need to collect sacks from distribution outlets or contact Veolia to arrange for collection.

After the November collection, and before the new system is introduced in 2011, the service will revert back to the previous procedure, whereby residents are required to phone Veolia on 0114 2734 567 option 1 to arrange for collection of their green bags before leaving them outside property boundaries for collection on the arranged date.

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Tavern Service Station Extension

Looking for a permanent solution to the inadequacy of space, currently forcing work and repairs to be undertaken (in good weather) on the front forecourt, and having to turn away customers when busy, the owner of the Tavern Service Station, Sean Murphy applied for planning permission to extend his current premises .

The proposed new extension is to be built, at the same level as the existing workshop and office, on the overgrown area to the rear of the workshop, of 16-20 Sandygate Road, currently used for the disposal of unwanted goods. Access for pedestrians and vehicles, off road parking for a dozen cars, and the three exits within the present work stations will remain as now, via

Manchester Road.

A right-of-way for both the current owners of the 16-20 Sandygate Road property and the service station will be retained as a landscaped and paved access.

The overall improved standard of facilities, will provide four additional vehicle work stations, with the MOT testing areas re-sited. For visual and aesthetic reasons, the extension will be constructed with facing materials to match the existing building. A pitched roof will incorporate lights to provide both light and ventilation.

Granting permission for the extension the planning officer specified that the workshop should not be used on any Sundays or any public Holidays, used only between 8.00 to 1600 hrs Monday to Friday, and 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs on Saturdays.

Do you have a Crosspool news story for our website?

We're always on the lookout for news stories to feature in the Clarion, and on our Crosspool community website, crosspool.info

If you think you have something that people might be interested in, then please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

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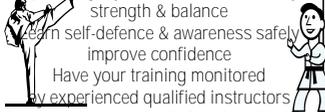


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Second oldest football club celebrate 150 years

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To mark the 150th anniversary of this historical Boxing Day match, a 2010 re-match of Hallam FC v Sheffield FC will be **played out at Hallam FC's Sandygate Road ground.**

The 1pm Kick off on the oldest ground in the World, promises to be the big match played by the two oldest Clubs in the world on Sunday 26th December 2010, a day when it is believed there will be no

other games of significance played in Sheffield. There is already international interest for this historic event, which is limited to 1000 spectators.

The day will include refreshments plus pre-match and half-time entertainment. And of course the Plough pub is just over the road from the ground.

It is anticipated that the bigger than average crowd will make for a great atmosphere. If you want to be part of this historic occasion, send for your tickets online from theoldestfootballgroundintheworld.com

Standing is £10/£7 concessions,

Seating is £15/£12 concessions.

The Trustees of the nearby CDYST (*Sports complex*) Coldwell Lane, have kindly given their permission for ticketholders to use their Car Park on the day.



BBC First Click

First Click is major new media literacy campaign to encourage the estimated 9.2 million people in the UK who have never used the internet to take the first steps to get online.

The Crosspool Forum is working with a local initiative to show the people of Crosspool who are complete novices to the internet to use the web effectively.

Learn the skills and you could be buying, banking, searching your family tree or

just catching up on missed TV programmes from the comfort of your own home.

For further information contact Carolyn; Tele: 01142309566 Mobile 07875 039887; or The Forum.

New "Welcome to Crosspool" flower box

Prepared by Valleyside Garden Centre and Funded by the Crosspool Forum.

As you enter Crosspool via Manchester Road, keep an eye out for the recently installed flower box under the Welcome to Crosspool





Look After Your Eyes

A closer look at your eyes. As we get older, like the rest of our bodies, our eyes begin to age. Just like the wrinkles around them there are also changes happening inside our eyes that are part of the normal ageing process.

Cataracts

Cataracts are extremely common, and are caused by areas of cloudiness in the lens. In other words, the lens becomes like frosted glass instead of a clear window and therefore vision can become blurred.

Cataracts are more common in old age, but they are also more common in people who smoke, have high blood pressure or diabetes, or in people whose parents have been affected.

Most cataracts produce only mild effects and so do not require any treatment: for the more severe cases, however, the cure is a short operation. The procedure involves removing the natural lens and replacing it with an artificial plastic one, therefore **restoring the clear window'. This takes around 20 minutes and the patient remains awake during the operation before going home the same day.**

Glaucoma

Glaucoma happens when the pressure inside the eye is too high, and so the contents of the eye press on the retina and the optic nerve, potentially damaging them. The pressure builds up if excess fluid in the aqueous humour is unable to drain away properly. This is more common in old age and in people with high blood pressure. At first there may be no symptoms of glaucoma, but with time there may be a subtle deterioration in vision and eventually it can lead to blindness if not treated.

The main treatment for this chronic kind of glaucoma is eye drops. Some, for example latanoprost, increase the amount of fluid that leaves the pool, whereas others such as timolol decrease the amount of fluid which enters the pool.

Both, therefore, serve to decrease the pressure within the eye and therefore the damage done to the retina and optic nerve. If, however, these treatments do not work, there are other possibilities such as a form of bypass operation, where a new channel is formed for the aqueous humour to drain away. This is called a trabeculectomy.

Glaucoma illustrates the importance of regular eye tests, as there are often no symptoms in the earlier stages and any small deterioration in vision is often put down to **old age'.**

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Macular degeneration

Macular degeneration is the most common cause of blindness in the UK. The macula is the most sensitive part of the retina. So, when the cells of the macula begin to age, it can make detailed things like reading and recognising faces a little more difficult. **Sometimes a patient may also see things that aren't there, or may see a dark patch** when they first wake up; these visual effects can be quite frightening unless the patient realises that they are all caused by damage to the macula rather than anything real.

There are two types of macular degeneration: wet and dry. The dry form happens first, and involves the breaking down of those sensitive cells of the macula. Sometimes these broken cells will release fatty substances onto the retina, which may block the blood supply. The retina then grows new blood vessels to compensate, but these are often weaker and may therefore leak, again damaging the retina and **causing scarring. This is the wet form of macular degeneration. It's difficult to treat** this condition, but there is an exciting treatment called ranibizumab which can stop those new leaky blood vessels from forming. It involves having injections into the eye once a month for three months. Apart from this new treatment, other helpful measures are to stop smoking, control high blood pressure, eat a healthy diet and protect the eyes from sun damage.

The eyes are our window to the outside world and we can sometimes forget how precious they are. Thankfully, we have medications and surgical procedures which can deal with many eye problems, but it is also important to try and prevent them from happening in the first place.

The best way to do this is to stop smoking and to treat blood pressure and diabetes effectively. Perhaps the most important message, however, is that regular eye tests are essential to catch any new problems as early as possible.

Dr Nicolle Green,
 MBCIIB BSc (Hons)

Although Dr Green cannot reply to personal requests for information, if there is any subject you would like to be covered in future articles, please contact Clarion who will be pleased to pass on any correspondence.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Crosspool Forum welcomes an investigation by the schools, Police and the bus companies, into the ongoing **problem of litter, student's anti social behaviour** at lunchtimes and when arriving and departing from local schools. Following one particular incident a culprit has been helping the Police with their investigations.

Drug dealing is also of concern, and the Police would welcome any information that you may have, where and when and description of those involved.

Lead thefts continue, but progress has been made although on a small scale.

The Police would like registration number of ANY vehicles looking for or carrying scrap metal etc. They may well be innocent traders dealing in recycling metal waste but the Police would like to build up a database of information, and in doing so gain a better picture of this activity. In addition, it may also be an idea to log the date and time.

Graffiti is to be cleaned off the play area equipment in Spider Park. Please report any Anti-Social Behaviour you may witness around this area.

Operation Christingle:

A Police initiative will be active between 11th and 18th December, which covers end of term for Universities, schools and possibly office parties.

With any of the above you can contact 2202020 or 999 if the incident is live and happening at that

time, as a rapid response team may be able to catch the criminals in the act. 101 is useful if reporting non-urgent issues such as graffiti, lights out, abandoned cars, etc.

Christmas, and sadly yet again pickpockets are operating, not only in the city centre, but at all busy shopping areas. So do keep your purses/wallets in a safe place.

Banking phishing (a name given to scams where fraudsters attempt to trick a user into disclosing private information, such as credit card details, account names and passwords over the Internet) is possibly going around again. Please commit the following to memory; **"Your bank will never ask you to confirm your details over the internet or over the telephone (unless you phone them)".**

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Open Meeting 28th October

Introduction: Ian Hague welcomed everyone. There being no management resignations received, he asked

whether everyone present had any objection to the present committee being re-elected en-bloc, (there being no objections, the present committee was re-elected) and for nominations for the one committee vacancy (officers elected at next Management Meeting).

Chairman's Report: reference was made to the significance and value in attending SWCA meetings. New committee member Robin Byles was thanked for his work in making the Forum's website into a frontrunner.

Friday morning's beginners computer course, is proving very popular, and hopes are that there will be funding for next term.

SYPTÉ's public consultation on a new bus that would cover the old No2 route, is still on going.

Another successful Crosspool Summer Fayre and Festival if you would like to be involved in either contact Rev. Frances Eccleston or Ian. On the first Saturday in December **Barrie Clay's Precinct Christmas trees spectacular will go up — your help please.**

Another 4000 'daffs' & crocus blubs planted to complement the 20,000 already planted.

The Forum's Precinct planters and hanging baskets earned Crosspool the Lord Mayors Community Silver Award!

Two Forum benches, dedicated to Hugh Buxton, have been installed at the junctions of Manchester Road with Stephen Hill, and with Sandygate Rd

The Crosspool Harvest team have had a setback in their plans for a community farm but are hopeful of realizing their aspiration.

Planning officers recommend rejection of Motorworld shop planning application. (see front page)

Treasurer's Report Chris Batchelor presented an analysis of Income & Expenditure, showing a healthy balance which should cover next year's budget.

Police Report & Discussion. PCSO Garry Hizam mentioned the following matters of interest to Crosspool;

Graffiti 'artists'; several of these have been dealt with by 'restorative justice' i.e. Having a face-to-face meeting with those they have offended, and recompensing them by e.g. repairing damaged property at their own expense. (If the miscreant will not accept this, there are other routes available as punishment).

School children's behaviour around Crosspool, has been steadily worsening, and during the new term there is to be an operation in the shopping precinct involving plain clothes, uniformed police, and probably CCTV cameras observing their behaviour. The names of the children and the videos will be taken back to the schools involved.

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The police are being issued with some 'new kit', a phone on which photos can be taken and sent immediately to HQ, and messages and downloads received. This is the 'future of policing' and means the radio is not occupied and can be kept free for other contact use. Garry answered queries from the floor, such as, what to do if a car-driver is seen using a mobile phone? Take the car reg. number & pass this on for Garry or Louise to deal with. Ian Hague said the Forum wishes to organize a meeting with the school Heads about pupil behaviour out of school. Garry said there were just a few 'ring-leaders' who must be caught and stopped, and the other kids would then fall into line and the behaviour would improve.

There was a query about skateboarding and its legality on the pavement. This is illegal, and ideally the police would have liked to see provision at Lydgate Park for skateboarders.

A query was raised about scrap merchants. A resident whose house has a private lane at the rear (Cairns Rd) said every evening at 7.30pm an enclosed long-wheel-base vehicle cruises this lane and removes anything it can find. The scrap dealers are now beginning to come on-board and check before buying anything.

Ian then asked Andrew Ashforth to speak on his role as

Environmental Enforcement Officer (Sheffield City Council) for non-domestic sites:

Crosspool waste disposal; Andrew has been looking at the businesses from Dynasty down to Archers and the problems with the rear of these premises, talking to the landlords and ensuring that any wrong use of domestic bins or street litter bins is stopped. Some have been sent litter-clearing notices, and if these are not complied with the Council will do the job and send them the bill. Businesses can use Veolia or other waste companies to remove their rubbish — and are therefore able to show receipts for how their waste is collected. (in some cases this is just a special bag and not a 'bin'). This is checked regularly by Andrew's team. Shops and businesses have a legal requirement to sweep their frontages and collect up any waste their activities have generated. If they fail to do this they can be served a notice and fined.

Waste-collecting companies; these have to be licenced to convey waste, and Andrew's team can stop & search them — he has stopped 6 in the last 4 days. If householders want to have waste removed they must check that the firm they employ has a licence — it is their duty of care, and they can be held accountable if the firm just fly tips the item. If an item is reported to collecting companies, and a time of collection agreed, the item must be on the edge of the residents' property and not on the footpath.

Streetforce has had a Tapton School has littering issues with



'Wicked Waste' scheme in place for some time and been visited by officers to talk about waste and the pupils.

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Questions put to Andrew included, how to help over-zealous burners of garden waste in allotments. He said they have asked people to get together and do one big bonfire, or pile up the materials into a compost heap. If the problem persists on a given site a Statutory Nuisance notice can be served, but he suggested talking first to the chair of the allotment association. Sheffield apparently has no rules in place as to days of the week or times of day when bonfires can or cannot be lit.

Green Bag Garden Waste Scheme Steve Reynolds said that to date, the Council had sent out over half million bags, and recycled over 200 tons of green waste. Though of these half million, only three-quarters have actually been used and emptied. Unused bags will need to be used by the Spring. (See article on page 3) The libraries etc will have their last deliveries of bags shortly. As a question from the floor was of problems with availability of the bags, it was suggested that anyone needing bags ask Ian Hague and the Forum to put them in touch with anyone with spares. There were concerns over the weight of the new sacks, and the number any household can have, **and how emptied ones will find their way back to their 'owners' and not blow away down the streets.** Ian H requested that the SWCA be asked to give residents full details of the scheme.

Planning Issues: Various questions were put to Sylvia in her role as councillor;

Vernon Terrace: What progress on the installation of a bus shelter? *to report back*

Crosspool Tavern's no longer used Manchester Rd entrance; When will the promised grassing over of access drive take place? *to report back*

Benty Lane-Stephen Hill junction & accidents! almost one every week here, and it was felt to be only a matter of time before someone is killed. Sylvia said the SWCA has a small budget for highways matters, and a submission for some sort of roundabout or junction alteration could be put to them. There is no consensus of opinion as to which direction Benty Lane might be made one-way, **but possibly there could be a "No Right Turn" sign for cars exiting Benty Lane onto the Manchester Rd. Residents requested a visit from a Highways engineer and feasibility study;** Sylvia will do this.

Tapton Hill Road pavement work? Resident had received a letter about these repairs, the work has yet to start. Sylvia will look into this.

AOB

Crosspool Coffee shop; Planning permission has been granted to allow this to be changed into a house. People were concerned that this would mean losing their toilet.

The poor state of some of the white line markings on the roads was raised,

2011 Crosspool Festival; Chris Batchelor made a request for helpers and activity ideas.

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They can't promise to provide everything that might be suggested, but you can give them your ideas of what the community would like to see on this site, and so what they can work towards acquiring.

Current proposals include the erection of a set of permanent junior-size steel goal-posts; long embankment slides near the playground, and the suggestion of a running track for athletics.

Send your ideas to:

Trust Secretary 59 Tapton Crescent Road, S105DB; or email your ideas to liz@cdyst.co.uk and, if you wish to reach a wider audience, leave your comments on the Crosspool Forum website: Crosspool.info



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Christmas Eve: 12noon–01:00am Christmas Day: 12noon–16:00 & 18:00–midnight

Boxing Day: 12noon–midnight 27th 28th, 29th, 30th December: 12:00–15:00 & 17:30–midnight

New Years Eve: 12noon- 03:00am New Years Day: 12noon- 01:00am

Festive menu 3 courses for £13.95 or 2 courses for £11.95

Christmas day menu £39.95

All our food is Homemade with meat from Philip James - Crosspool and products from other local suppliers

Short Crust Pastry, Meat & Potato pie, Steak & Ale pie & Chicken, Ham & Leek pie

All for just £6.95 each

Opening hours: Monday 17:30–23:30, Tuesday-Thursday 12noon – 15:00 & 17:30– 23:20

Friday & Saturday 12noon – 01:00 | Sunday - 12noon-midnight

Food served from 12noon-14:00 & 18:00-20:00 Tuesday to Saturday. 12noon-15:00 Sunday.

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