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MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 25 September 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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Items for Discussion

- 6 Public Health Update (Sac.25.09.2020/6)

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

Councillors Daniel Griffin (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe and Sumner

Area Council Support Officers:

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Thursday, 17 September 2020

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TIME:	10.00 am
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MINUTES

Present

Councillors Daniel Griffin (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe and Sumner

47 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Frost and Markham both declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 52, 53 and 54 due to their positions as board members of Age UK Barnsley.

Councillors Franklin, Lamb and Shepherd each declared non-pecuniary interests in minute numbers 53 and 54 due to their positions on the board of Forge Community Partnership.

48 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 5th June, 2020 (Sac.31.07.2020/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 5th June, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 5th June, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

49 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.31.07.2020/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance held on 4th March and 1st July, 2020.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliance be received.

50 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.31.07.2020/4)

Members considered the report and it was noted that three applications had been funded by Darfield Ward Alliance, which had £16,417.84 remaining to allocate. Wombwell Ward Alliance had also funded three applications and had £16,808.29 remaining. Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance had yet to allocate any finance and therefore the full balance remained.

It was acknowledged that Ward Alliance Funds were to be used to support recovery efforts to help overcome the impact of Covid-19.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

51 Lucy Rayner - Private Sector Housing Officer (Sac.31.07.2020/5)

Lucy Rayner, Private Sector Housing Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to give an overview of the work undertaken to date in the South Area.

Work had been proactive, searching out issues, working with tenants and landlords. A number of multi-agency meetings had been attended and strong links had been made with the Police, Fire Service, Social Care, and with agencies such as CAB and Age UK. Though hot-spot areas had been targeted, work had taken place throughout the area.

The service had been promoted through community events, where a number of contacts had been made. Members heard that to date contacts had been made with 205 households, with 39 being identified as vulnerable. Members were made aware of the types of issues dealt with, which included waste on premises, and issues with disrepair. A number of case studies were considered which showed the complexity of issues and the impact being seen both visually and in the quality of life of residents from the intervention of the officer.

Members gave praise for the service and the impact this had made in the area. Praise was also given for the work undertaken by the officer to support the Community Responder service, providing much required local intelligence.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and continued hard work in providing the service.

52 Jayne Holliday- Age UK Barnsley (Sac.31.07.2020/6)

Jayne Holliday, Chief Executive Officer - Age UK Barnsley, was welcomed to the meeting. An update was provided about work undertaken during the first 10 months of the service, which included the work done post lockdown.

To March 2020 work was undertaken to promote the service through such as GPs, chemists and supermarkets. Up to lockdown the service worked with 54 individuals, with 14 of these matched with a Good Neighbour volunteer for befriending. Other users were supported to attend community activities and services, with excellent feedback from users reporting significant reductions in social isolation.

With the organisation being small and locally based, it was able to respond quickly to lockdown and make necessary changes. Since lockdown 115 vulnerable older people had been supported to stay safe. Regular befriending calls were made, wellbeing parcels distributed. VE day tea packages were also support in lieu of a group afternoon tea.

Reports were extremely positive with some residents calling the service a lifesaver, as the service supported older and vulnerable residents to stay at home as per the guidance.

50 volunteers had been engaged to provide the service, with 24 offering support due to the Covid situation. 576 hours of support had been provided over the course of 10 months which equated to a monetary value of £7,793.

Members were made aware of the Information and Advice element of the service, which had been provided via telephone and email from March. The accredited service had dealt with a myriad of different issues and had supported 56 older people in the area to claim £119,625 in benefits.

Up to March, 18 community events had been held in the area and, working with Barnsley U3A, staff had enabled the establishment of 9 new groups including Men in Sheds and the Parkside Group. However, this had to be curtailed due to Covid-19. As only 35% of the client group had access to the internet, the need to be imaginative was stressed. Parcels were delivered with a number activities and menu of clubs people could join was circulated. This included such as a pudding club, exercise club, creative writers and wildlife clubs. Consideration had also been given to how the outcomes could be shared between clients. These types of intervention had offered much welcomed opportunities for stimulation.

Members noted the support given in establishing the Community Responders scheme. Also noted was the issue of Mental Health which had been identified across a wide age range. In addition, issues around confidence, and around mobility and balance had also been identified. Members were assured that these would be areas of focused support moving forward.

It was noted that, consideration was also being given to what support could be provided face to face in a safe environment in the future, however it was acknowledged that there was a reluctance for many venue operators to reopen at this current time.

Noted was the work to fund raise and apply for grant funding. Those present discussed the Age UK shops around Barnsley and the difficulties being faced on the high street. However, the added value the shops provided as a community venue for many residents was acknowledged.

Members praised the work of the team in such difficult conditions, and the impact this had on the lives of many residents was noted.

RESOLVED That thanks be given for the presentation and continued hard work of those involved in the delivery of the service.

53 South Area Council priorities and forward plan (Sac.31.07.2020/7)

Members received the report and considered the recommendations in light of the presentations received and the discussions earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the information on the South Area Council Workshops be noted;
- (ii) That commitment be reaffirmed to the existing South Area Council priorities, with the addition of a sixth priority 'Health and Wellbeing for all';
- (iii) That work is undertaken with Public Health to provide a better insight into the impact of social distancing in the South Area;
- (iv) That decisions regarding any use of South Area Council budgets is put on hold until the work with Public Health is completed;

- (v) That ward briefings take place to discuss the opportunities for South Area Council and Ward Alliance to support the inclusive economy agenda;
- (vi) That commissioning intentions and areas of work in development prior to Covid-19 be revisited at future date in light of the outcome of the work with Public Health.

54 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.31.07.2020/8)

Members received the report and considered the recommendations.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the content of the presentations earlier in the meeting be noted;
- (ii) That the performance information in relation to the Private Sector Housing Officer and contract with Age UK Barnsley be noted;
- (iii) That approval be given to continue the Age UK Barnsley Better Together Service for a further year at a cost of £59,560'
- (iv) That the Service Level Agreement for the Private Sector Housing Officer post be continued for a further year at a cost of £32,580 with the hours being increased from 30 to 37 per week.

Chair

Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance meeting

Held Wednesday 2 September 2020

Via Microsoft Teams

Present

Cllr Nicola Sumner
Cllr Tim Shepherd

Rockingham Ward (Chair)
Hoyland Milton Ward

Allan Wood
Peter Latham
Joy Hart
Leanne Cook
Dawn Grayton

Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden

Berneslai Homes
BMBC South Area Team (Secretary)

Apologies

Cllr Jim Andrews
Cllr Chris Lamb
Cllr Mick Stowe
Cllr Robin Franklin
Janet Cartwright
Anne Sanderson

Rockingham Ward
Rockingham Ward
Hoyland Milton Ward
Hoyland Milton Ward
Friends of Elsecar Park
Neighbourhood Watch

1. Welcomes and introductions

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Unfortunately the meeting is not quorate and therefore no decisions can be taken at this time.

2. Notes from the Ward Alliance meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2020

The notes are accepted as a true record.

3. Tidy Team Update

An update was not given.

4. Promotion of Ward Alliance spending.

Discussed how much money is in the fund.

5. New Projects

- Rockingham Brass Band
- Autumn Winter planting at Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Cenotaph
- Jump Valley - deferred until the next meeting

Those present agreed that that the applications for the autumn planting and Rockingham band cannot be deferred further. The next meeting will be too late for the planting to take place. A

question was asked if the planting included the costs of the PA system, it was confirmed that it does not. The British Legion website currently states that processions cannot take place due to Government guidelines and restrictions but a decision will be made early autumn. Dawn will circulate an extract from their website with the notes.

The original application from Rockingham Band was submitted in time for the meeting scheduled to take place in May and withheld until such time it can be considered. It is therefore considered unreasonable to withhold it any longer.

Those present agreed with both applications and suggested that the applications should be circulated to all Ward Alliance members for consideration. Once all members had time to respond a decision shall be given to the band and the planting can be given the go ahead.

6 Any other business.

- The Chair checked on the Welfare to ensure members present were doing ok.
- There was a question about whether Stars of Hoyland can still go ahead towards the end of the year. It was agreed it is good to recognise the work done throughout this period, particularly by the Community Responders, consideration needs to be given to how this can happen. A meeting will be arranged for Dawn, Cllr Sumner and Cllr Shepherd to discuss whether it is feasible and how it can be done.
- A question was asked about the tree planting event that had taken place in Elsecar Park. Some Ward Alliance members would have liked to attend but the event was not advertised. Cllr Shepherd explained that the tree had been brought back as a gift from an official trip abroad when he was Mayor but was too small to plant out at that time. The parks team have looked after it for 4 years until such time that it was strong enough to be planted outdoors. It was thought to be a suitable time to plant it to mark the recent VE celebrations. The event was not widely promoted to ensure that social distancing took place. This explanation was accepted.
- New Members. We have potentially a couple of new members waiting to join, they need to be discussed initially at a member's briefing and then full Ward Alliance. New membership needs to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Date of the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 4 November, however this is inconvenient for some members so those present agreed to move the meeting to **Wednesday 11 November 2020. The location is to be agreed.**

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Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of informal meeting held 16th July 2020 via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Mike Fenna, John Davies, Cllr Trevor Smith, Barbara Tindle and Tanya Dickinson

Apologies: Margaret Barlow, Brian Fenna, Colin Ward and Cllr Pauline Markham

Due to the pandemic Darfield Ward Alliance has not met since January 2020 instead email updates have been provided by Tanya as an alternative measure on current WA projects. Updates were sent in March and May 2020. Please see attached. This virtual meeting is the first time the Alliance has come together as a group since lockdown.

1. Healthy Holidays Update

In November 2019, Darfield Ward Alliance agreed to ringfence funding to deliver this project during 2020 / 2021. Building upon the work of last year's project, a funding application was recently approved via email by the Ward Alliance for £1625 to provide support during the summer months in the form of Family Wellbeing Packs, Cook & Eat Packages and Table Tennis as an outdoor activity within Darfield Park.

Since the application was agreed, additional funding has been secured by Stronger Communities which will now be used to fund the Cook & Eat packages as well as the Aldi shopping vouchers being included within the Family Wellbeing Packs. This will allow £905 of Ward Alliance funding to be carried forward to Autumn time.

- Family Wellbeing Packs – We received a response from 4 out of the 5 primary schools serving Darfield families as well as the Exodus Project who between them have identified 41 families to receive a Wellbeing pack. Each pack will contain activities for both children and adults to help improve mental health as well as the above £10 Aldi shopping voucher. The packs will be delivered to 8 of these families next week with the rest being collected on the 5th August from Darfield Community Centre.
- Cook & Eat Packages – With added funding secured a total of 10 packages will now be funded for families identified by Darfield Family Centre.
- Table Tennis – Conversations are currently taking place with Parks about this. John agreed to help monitor the usage of the table as required by Table Tennis England. Darfield Bowls Club has also agreed to help look after the tables and any surplus equipment.

2. Billingley Village History Group

This group was awarded £240 back in March. As part of this they requested £90 to cover some software which they have not needed to purchase. They are asking if they can instead utilise this money to stock up on stationery. The Alliance were happy for this to be the case.

3. Ward Alliance Funding

Tanya reminded the WA that Ward Alliance Funding can only be spent in response to helping the community recover from Covid-19. It can also fund costs which would otherwise result in groups having to fold due to not being able to fundraise / loss of income during lockdown etc.

If anyone has any ideas for WA specific projects in relation to this, please let Tanya know.

Tanya raised the idea of looking to deliver something around family budgeting with many families being financially affected by Covid-19. She also suggested that some targeting work with community groups to ensure they have the funds to continue with their work.

Funding currently available is as follows:

£9,484 carried forward from 2019/2020

£10,000 new allocation for 2020/2021

£19,484 WAF less:

£240 agreed by email for Billingley Village History Group in March

£1315 ringfenced for Darfield Summer Gala

£1625 agreed by email for Healthy Holidays 2020/2021

£16,304 Total WAF available

4. Update on Darfield Ring

A 2nd consultation event was due to take place in March regarding the Ring which was cancelled for obvious reasons. Work on Principal Towns is slowly starting to resume. Tanya to meet with Principal Towns officers to progress this piece of work.

5. Any other business

Tanya and the rest of the South Area Team continue to work from home. The best form of contact is email or mobile numbers.

The next scheduled meeting of the Ward Alliance is Thursday 17th September at 4pm. Guidelines at that time will determine if and how this meeting will go ahead as planned. Tanya to make contact nearer the time.

2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of any remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£9,597.84	carried forward from 2019/20
£19,597.84	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £19,597.84
Billingley Village History group	£240	£756	£9,799	£19,357.84
Darfield Summer Gala	£1315	£1334	£9,799	£18,042.84
Healthy holidays Covid 19	£1625	£324	£9,799	£16,417.84

HOYLAND MILTON/ROCKINGHAM WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£20,000 base allocation
£10,692.30 carried forward from 2019/20
£30,692.30 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£15,346	£30,692.30

WOMBWELL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
£12,058.29 carried forward from 2019/20
£22,058.29 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£11,029.14	£22,058.29
Childrens Activity Packs – Covid 19	£750	£0	£10,279.14	£21,308.29
Healthy Holidays Covid 19 Recovery	£2,000	£743	£10,279.14	£19,308.29
Healthy Holidays 20/21	£2500	£2296	£10,279.14	£16,808.29

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Briefings:
25th September 2020

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide a procurement update and a number of recommendations for consideration in order to inform and provide a steer on future commissioning intentions for the Environmental, Education Tidy Team contract.

1.2 To provide information on a request for funding from the remaining £1180 Environmental Enforcement income in order to tackling issues and erosion caused by quad bikes riding alongside the River Dove.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members consider the recommendations within the report regarding the Environmental, Education Tidy team contract and provide a steer.

2.2 That Members are asked to consider and agree the recommendation at 4.4 of a **maximum contract value of £181,721** per year for a new Environmental, Educational Tidy Team service.

2.3 That Members are asked to agree the recommendation at 4.5 for a contract length for the Environmental, Educational Tidy Team of **3 years**. This would be an initial one year plus one year plus a finale third year. This would allow an annual review of performance, continued evidence of need and funding availability.

2.4 That Members are asked to agree the procurement timescale set out at 4.6 with a **YORtender deadline for submissions of 22nd December 20** and a **contract award date of 5th February 2021**.

2.5 That Members are asked at 4.7 to **nominate two Members to take part in the tender process, scoring and sit on the tender interview panel**.

2.6 That Members are asked to approve the recommendation at 5.4 that the **South Area Council Manager pulls together a specification for consideration by Members** following details from this meeting and prior to the next Area council meeting in October 20.

2.7 That Members are asked to **delegate authority to the Executive Director Communities to agree the final specification and tender information for all commissioning work outlined in this report following consultation with Members of South Area Council**.

2.8 That Members are asked to consider the proposal for **allocating £1050 of the remaining £1180 Environmental Enforcement income** in order to install fencing and barrier outlined in 6.4 to tackle problems with quad bikes causing damage by entering the nature reserve at the side of Netherwood Road and along the River Dove.

3. Environmental, Education Tidy Team update

- 3.1 The South Area Council currently commission the Anvil CIC South Tidy team to deliver an Environmental and Education service for the South Area. The contract was commissioned on a one year plus a further year basis.
- 3.2 The second year of the contract will terminate on the 31st March 2021. If the South Area Council wish to continue to fund this type of service then the opportunity to tender for the service must be advertised on YORtender to the market as a full, open and competitive tender opportunity as in previous years.
- 3.3 The value of the contract for the first year was £189,955 and £181,721 for the second year which reflected a variation to contract for the second year to amend targets for Apprenticeships.

Contract	Start date	End date	Total Contract Value
South Tidy Team	01/04/19	31/03/2021	£189,955 + £181,721
Advice service	01/07/2019	30/06/2021	£79,572 + £79,572
Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£14,956 + £18,220
BMBC Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£2735 + £5000
Private Sector Housing officer	02/09/2019	30/09/2021	£26,480 + £26,480
Tackling Social Isolation	01/09/19 Contract review TBC	31/08/21	£59,960 + £59.960
Healthy Holidays – WA top up	01/02/19	Ongoing	£10,000 (£2500 per ward)
Functional fitness MOT Training	TBC	TBC	£1200
South Health and Wellbeing Fund:			£24,870 public health, £938 SAC
- TADS for Wellbeing	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,110
- Young Wellbeing Ambassadors	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,450
- DIAL Community workshops	01/07/19	30/06/200	£2,400
- Fairshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme	01/12/19 01/11/19	30/06/2020	£4,850 £4998
- Reds in the community	01/11/19	30/06/2020	£5000
- Wombwell men in sheds			

4. Environmental, Education Tidy Team – proposed way forward and timescales

- 4.1 In this report Members are being asked to provide a steer on the future commissioning intentions for an Environmental, Education Tidy Team service.
- 4.2 Members confirmed their intentions to retender this contract at Members briefings held the week commencing 7th September 2021.
- 4.3 Members are asked below to consider the timescales, contract value amount, contract length and commissioning panel representatives in order to run a competitive retendering process for a new service.

Contract Value

- 4.4 Members are asked to consider and agree the maximum contract value for a new Environmental, Educational Tidy Team contract. Currently the annual contract value is £181,721. The contract value recommended in this report is **£181,721**. This was the consensus discussed at the members briefings and is recommended in order to facilitate the inclusion of training, apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience opportunities, in particular, looking to support and address skills gaps and reskilling needs following the pandemic.

Contract length

- 4.5 Members are asked to agree the length of a new Environmental, Educational Tidy Team contract. A two year and three-year contract length was discussed at

members briefings and based on a majority consensus a **three year contract** is being recommended. The contract length is being recommended in recognition that this contract can add a great deal of value to the Council's 5-point recovery plan by supporting community groups, volunteering and educational projects throughout the pandemic and acknowledgement that this will take time to deliver.

Tendering timescale

4.6 Working alongside the procurement team the following timescale has been developed. In previous years Members have always been keen to allow sufficient time between contract award and start date to allow a new provider or existing contractor to manage staffing arrangements and prepare for the contract start date. **Members are asked to agree the recommended timescale below:**

EVENT	DATE
Publication of OJEU Notice	16/11/2020
Publication of Tender	18/11/2020
Deadline for Clarifications – through YORtender only	15/12/2020
Submission Deadline	22/12/2020
Evaluation of Tenders	4/01/2021 – 22/01/2021
Presentation	TBC
Notification of Intent to Award (Start of Standstill period)	25/01/2021 – 4/02/2021
Contract Award – Issue of Contracts for signature	5/02/2021
Start Date	01/04/2021

Tender Interview Panel

4.7 Previously two Members have formed part of the tender interview panel alongside the South Area Council Manager and an additional officer. Tender interviews and presentations will be carried out by Microsoft teams and tender scoring and paperwork will need to be completed individually and submitted prior to the tender panel meeting. Informal training through the procurement team will be available. **It is recommended that two Members are nominated to sit on the tender interview panel.**

5. Developing a specification

5.1 During the pandemic the South Area Council contracts, including the South Tidy Team, have been able to flex their contracts in order to continue to offer appropriate and emerging support across the community. A new specification is going to have to take into consideration that we are still working through a Covid 19 recovery stage which has impacted on how all our contracts are able to deliver services.

5.2 Any new specification will need to reflect social distancing and anticipate / provide flexibility in how services can be delivered and follow the up to date Government guidelines. Currently there are a number of educational targets which include working with schools. Whilst the educational element of the contract has always been key to the work, the specific target numbers will need

to better reflect how the service can work with communities, schools and groups in a different way.

5.3 There are opportunities and amazing examples in our communities of how activities have been adapted and delivered, such as digital resources. The contract holds a great deal of value in supporting the Councils 5-point recovery plan and Public Health '5 ways to wellbeing'. As such there is an opportunity to build targets around these as criteria. Information, reassurance and guidance can also be built in providing opportunities for people to be more physically active, working outdoors and improving the local environment and health and wellbeing and which is safe and relevant to the current Government guidance while maintaining the environment.

5.4 This report is recommending that the **South Area Council Manager pulls together a specification for consideration by Members** following details from this meeting and prior to the next Area council meeting in October 20.

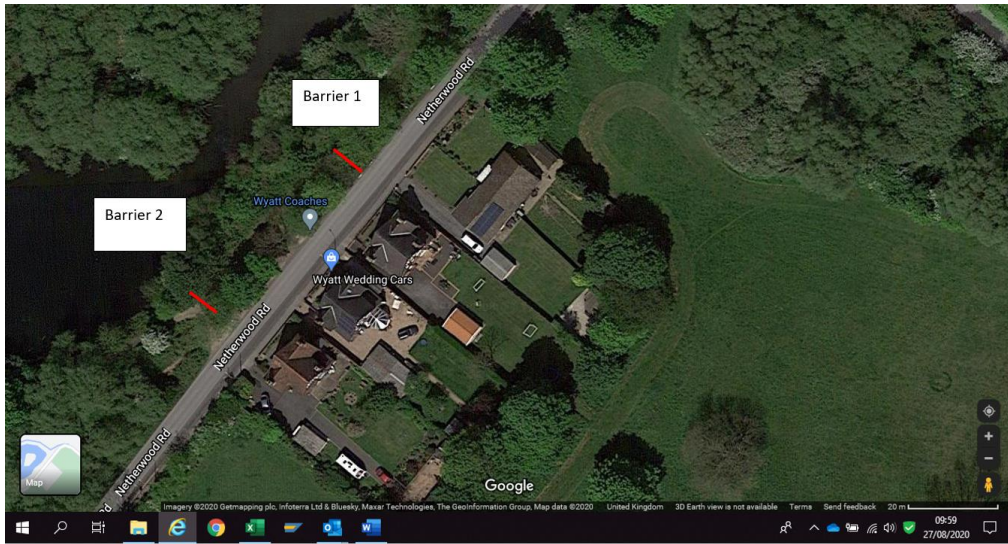
6. South Area Council funding request

6.1 The Darfield Councillors have been in discussion with Parks regarding reports received of quad bikes entering the nature reserve at the side of Netherwood Road and then riding along the River Dove.

6.2 On inspection Parks have reported that the quad bikes are not only causing anti-social behaviour but also damaging and eroding the River Dove river bed and river banks. This a high-risk flood area, damage has already been caused to a resident's septic tank which is positioned on the river bed and is due to the damage and river backing up to the site. Parks are concerned that further damage will result in very costly repairs to put right.

6.3 Parks have advised that steel fencing would prevent access to the river and help secure the whole site, preventing access by quad bikes. Currently the side of the road is wide open.

6.4 The cost of the fencing is £1050 for 2 100mm x 100mm galvanized posts, 1.6m high with a gap in-between of 1m and a 1.2m high double rail galvanized tube clamp barrier. Parks have advised that they do not have the budget to fund these works. Images below:



6.5 The South Area Council have £1180 remaining in the budget from Environmental Enforcement income. The recommendation is that Members consider this proposal for allocating £1050 in order to install the fencing and barrier outlined in 6.4.

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