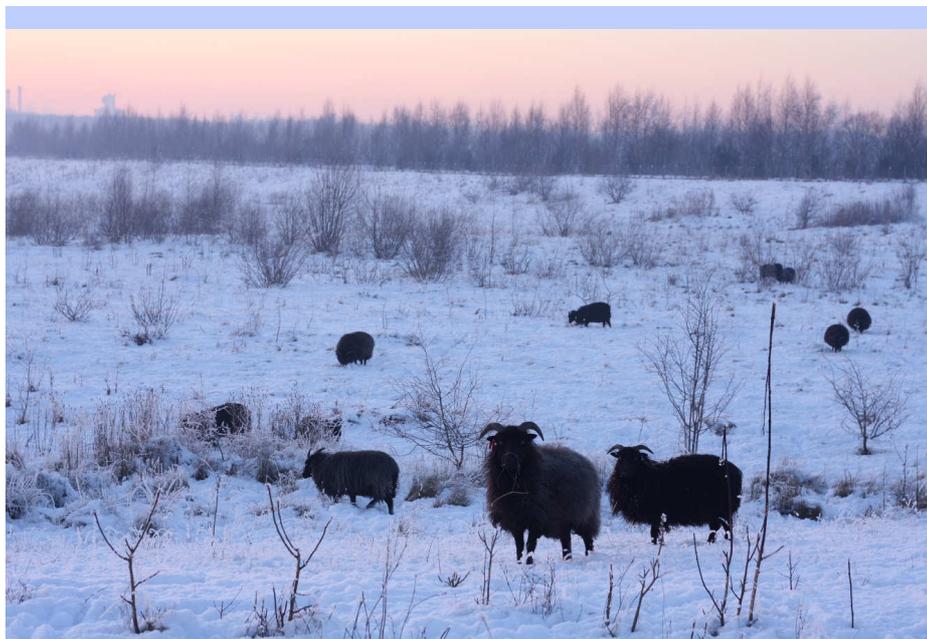


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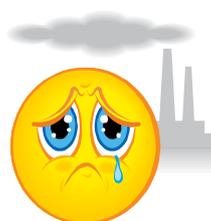
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WHAT'S SID BEEN UP TO?

Geoff Eden Chair of SID

A great deal has happened since the cold October night when over 300 people came to the Northwich Vic's stadium to be briefed upon the proposal to build an incinerator in Wincham.

Following the very clear mandate from the public meeting that as a community we wished to oppose the RRS proposal, SID has co-ordinated a factual campaign aimed at providing CWAC's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) with information which will ensure that the proposal is rejected. On 19th November 2009 RRS submitted their planning application to CWAC. Since then a full calendar of events has taken place:



- December 2009. SID mailshot in Wincham, Comberbach, Gt. Budworth, Pickmere, Antrobus and Stretton: informing residents that the RRS application has been submitted and how to object. Regular email messages are sent to all on database – keeping everyone informed.
- 7 December 2009. SID protests outside County Hall in Chester during an RRS briefing to the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 17 December 2009. SID attends full council meeting and voices the community's concerns.
- Christmas 2009. SID issues a new leaflet with example letter of how to object and publicises "Letter writing opportunities".
- Jan - Feb 2010. Letter writing events take place at the Red Lion, The Elms, The Café, Slow & Easy, Wincham Community Centre, The Windmill, and Spinner and Bergamot. SID 'Roadshow' goes to Northwich three times – chatting to Saturday 'shoppers', discussing concerns, helping with letter writing and signing petitions
- 26 January 2010. SID presents petition objecting to the proposal at full meeting of CWAC council. The petition now has over 1200 signatories.
- January 2010. SID supports Parish Council in compiling details for Formal Objection to RRS application.
- 5 February 2010. SID presents petition to George Osborne who is to present the petition to Parliament.
- 6 February 2010. SID supports CHAIN by attending a Public Meeting in Northwich to discuss the other incinerator plans in the area.
- 18 February 2010. SID presents the case against the proposed incinerator to the Strategic Planning Committee. The first such community pressure group to have ever done this.

So SID has been busy and we believe that our message is getting across. That being said we do not plan to slow down or ease the pressure. Further letter writing events are planned for Northwich Town centre plus other venues. So far over 1000 objection letters and emails have been sent to Jon Sutcliffe, the Strategic Planning Manager at CWAC.

In addition a further Public meeting will take place on **Thursday 11 March** at Northwich Vic's which will be attended by our President George Osborne. As Tatton's MP he has been active in his support of SID's campaign and wants the opportunity to hear our/your legitimate concerns regarding the RRS waste incinerator proposal.

Fund Raising – How YOU can help AND have some fun too!

We are now reaching the critical stage of the campaign and need to raise funds to cover:

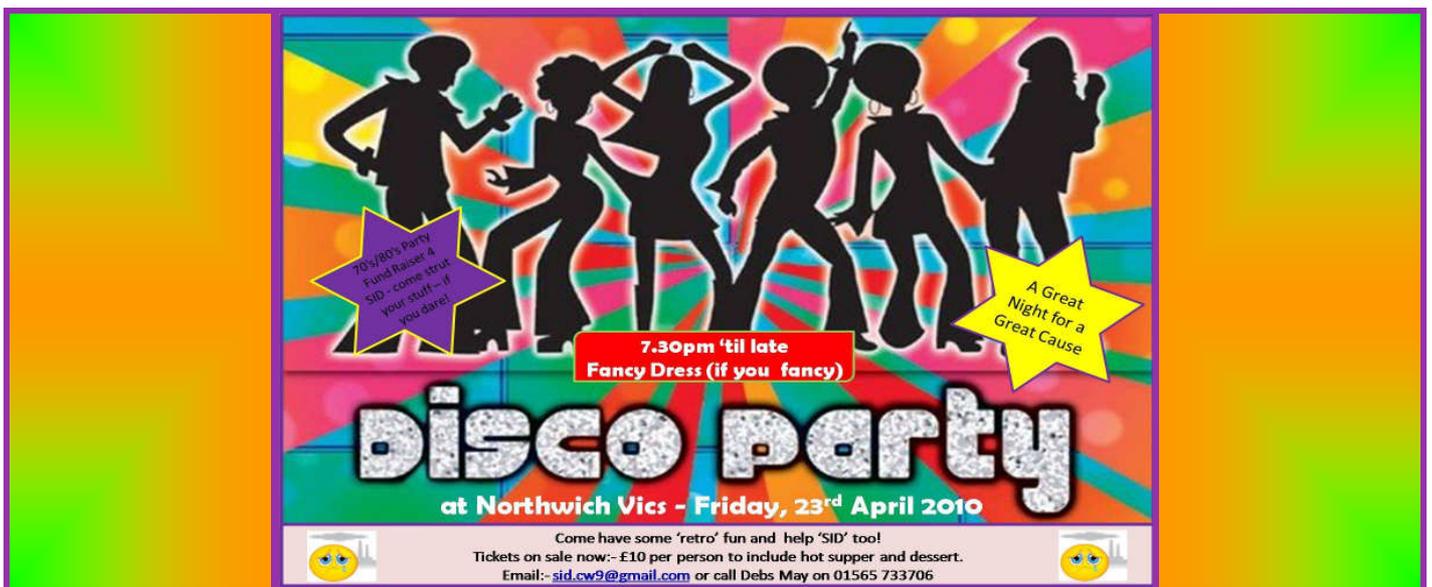
- Providing transport for local residents to the Council planning meeting
- Provision of a fighting fund to cover the cost of specialist representation

To achieve this we are organising a series of social events which will appeal to everybody – young and old! The primary objective of these events is to ensure everybody has a good time and, with your support, to raise some money too.

So two dates for your diaries:

Friday 26 March – Curry & Quiz Night at the Bengal Dynasty

Friday 23 April – 70s/80s Disco Night at Northwich Victoria Stadium. A great opportunity to dig out your 70s/80s gear (optional - but prizes for the best turned out!) and have some 'retro' fun. Tickets are £10 per person including a hot supper and dessert **and are available now.**



For details and tickets for either of these events and the Public Meeting email - sid.cw9@gmail.com or call Debs May on 01565 733706

Other events at the planning stage are:

Family Barn Dance at Wincham Community Centre
Summer BBQ in Wincham

Please come along and support SID. The donation of raffle prizes for these events would also be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate a prize, offer help/support – please **email** - sid.cw9@gmail.com or call John Barnes on 01565 733921.

Thank you for reading about SID and thank you all for your continued support and help. As a community we have all achieved a great deal in a very short period of time.

We shall continue to use the Facebook blog, email, website and further leaflets to keep everyone informed of what we need to do, when we need to do it and how we need to act to ensure the proposal is rejected.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the next Public meeting on 11 March, (timings and details to follow shortly).

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Kevin Davies

There are a number of serious issues which we will be covering in this edition. You will note that the Parish Plan Steering Group has been granted an extension based on a recommendation from Cheshire Community Action to enable the group to include your views on the proposed incinerator in the Parish Plan. I am aware that many of you have already signed the petition and sent objection letters against the proposal to the planning department, however the PPSG really require your input. When completed the Parish Plan will be a formidable document for use by the community and local government. This document will not only be distributed to every household and business, it will also be distributed to Cheshire West and Chester and other statutory bodies as a clear statement of the residents' views. I urge you to take a few minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire and return it to the designated drop off points in a timely matter.

The Parish Councillors have been carrying out weekly inspections of the Linnards Lane and the Chapel Street playing fields. We are finding incidences of litter and broken glass almost every week which the councillors are either disposing of themselves or using funds to have these areas cleared. Not only is this a sorry sight but highly dangerous especially to young children. These are YOUR areas, please keep them tidy and safe; there are a number of litter bins would you please use them before we have any serious accidents. If users of the parks do spot anything dangerous please contact one of the Parish Councillors or our Parish Clerk.

Finally, I should inform you that the Parish Council agreed that the precept should be increased this year, due to unforeseen circumstances. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the services of a professional planning consultant to deal with the threat of the RRS planning application. A detailed, informed and substantial objection document will be presented to the planning department in due course. In addition the Parish Council will be professionally represented at the planning meeting at which the application will be discussed. After past and failed experiences in objecting to planning applications, the Parish Council felt that the way to give the residents of Wincham the best chance of defeating this application was to engage professional help. We have also included in the precept request a sum of money to replace the swings that were condemned last year and to cover the cost of replacing other park furniture. In addition the Parish Council has agreed to continue to part fund a PCSO for the village and there is a small increase to cover this cost.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

As Wincham came a much improved 10th out of 12 in its category in the competition last year the Parish Council have decided to enter again in 2010. Preliminary judging will take place from early April to the end of June, intermediate judging will take place throughout the summer with final judging early September. It would be great if all members of the community could help to give a little TLC where needed throughout the judging period and at other times.

The judges will be looking at commercial premises, public areas ie telephone kiosks, noticeboards, the playing fields, grass verges and hedges. They will take into consideration absence of litter, graffiti, weeds, dog fouling and adequacy/condition of litter bins in all the sections that are judged. Just a reminder of the major problem identified by the judges last year. *Dog fouling is a major problem. The children's playing field (Linnards Lane) and the verges by the Spar shop and the school seem to have a real problem regarding fouling. This is despite there being dog bins close to these areas.* A big plea to all dog owners to clear up after your pets. Please observe and respect the notice on the Linnards Lane playing field where no dogs are allowed.

There is a new category this year for Best Village Newsletter and the Parish Council will be entering the Wincham Word which hopefully will give us a few extra marks!

WINCHAM PTA DOUBLES ITS MONEY!

Parents and friends at Wincham Community Primary School have raised over £800 on two projects; this sum will be doubled by Barclays Bank under their £4£ scheme which supports employee fundraising. A group of PTA mums prepared this year's school calendar and sales of this plus the Webb Ivory Christmas project which generates sales of Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping paper raised £827.00. Two Barclays' employees on the PTA were involved with these fund raising projects.

WINCHAM CP SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE will take place on SATURDAY 10 JULY. Everyone welcome!

PARISH PLAN—LATEST NEWS

Louise Henshall (Secretary Wincham Parish Plan Group)

After many months of analysing your responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire, a draft version of the Plan has now been written. However, as the questionnaire was prepared before the planning application for a waste treatment facility in Wincham was made public, we felt it appropriate to distribute a further short questionnaire, specifically on this proposed facility. You should receive a copy of the questionnaire soon, which we urge you to complete, so that we can form an accurate picture of views within the village on the proposed waste treatment facility.

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the original questionnaire. The information we have collected will be invaluable in planning action to improve the quality of life for everyone in the village. We had hoped to complete the Parish Plan by the end of March 2010; but to allow for the additional consultation, publication will be delayed by a month or so. The next step will be the formation of an implementation group, which will need many volunteers to put the Plan into practice.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to: 50 Shelley Avenue; 21 The Willows; 69 Linnards Lane; 21 Chapel Street; to Wincham CP School or to the Spar.

Thank you for your assistance!

UPDATE FROM OUR POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PCSO Jones

Unfortunately there were a number of burglaries in the area during December which tends to be a time where there is an increase in this type of crime. Thankfully, there haven't been any such incidents in the area since this period. However, the advice remains to be vigilant and security conscious.

Following a number of complaints of inconsiderate parking on Church Street, especially at school start and finish times, a number of fixed penalty notices have been issued. Please note that parking in the bus stop area is an offence. The area will be continually monitored.

Residents on Linnards Lane have expressed concerns regarding speeding motorists on the road. In response, the Unipar Speed Gun has been used on this road. Speed checks will continually be carried out on the road along with other areas in Wincham and offenders will be prosecuted.

An incident occurred recently on Linnards Lane by the Spar, where a vehicle collided with the barrier near the access point to the park. There were no injuries; however the matter was taken very seriously. The driver's identity was established and the company responsible will be dealing with the matter through an internal investigation. The highways department have been informed of the damage to the barrier and will hopefully replace it in the near future, however there is quite a demand on them currently due to problems which have arisen as a result of the recent bad weather.

Non-emergency 24-hr 0845 458 0000

Northwich Community Action Team Message Facility 0845 458 6392

WINCHAM WATER PRESSURE

Ros Casson

Do you have intermittent problems with low water pressure?

First, let United Utilities know on 0845 7462200, then e-mail me at:

alan_18c@live.co.uk, or ring/text 07818257043

We are asking the Parish Council to raise the concerns of the many villagers who are affected by low water pressure with United Utilities. We also will contact them directly with the names and addresses of all those who contact us and demand action.

AND FINALLY!

To report potholes, of which there are an increasing number in the village, or other highway problems please contact highways on 0300-1237036 or email: ENGVROYAL@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk