

**Outer East Area Committee
Garforth & Swillington Forum
& PACT meeting**

Meeting held 23 July 2013
at Garforth Liberal Club

Present: Cllr Andrea McKenna (Chair,) Cllr Mark Dobson, PC Dodd (WYP), Jacqui Smith (Chair – Swillington Parish Council), Ken Woodhead (Garforth & District Lions Club), Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth), Martin Eggington (Garforth & District Lions Club), Philip Dunwell (Garforth In Bloom), Ian Forster (Resident), Stuart McKenna (Swillington Resident), David LeRoy (Garforth Community Association), Keith Dunwell (Aberford & District Parish Council), David Howson (Aberford & District Parish Council), Susan Ashworth (Garforth In Bloom), Shirley Raisey (resident), Adrian Lee (Youth Service), Paul Spandler (LCC - Environmental Action Service), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies: Cllr Tom Murray, Nick Borrás (Highways), Sharon Elliott (Garforth Cluster), Alison Lane (Precious Bridal), Eric Pepper.

1.0	Introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor McKenna welcomed everyone. The apologies were noted.	
2.0	Community Safety PACT – Sgt Dodd	
2.1	Sgt Dodd said that crime figures for the last three months have been comparable with the same time last year.	
2.2	The last three months saw: 4 people arrested for burglaries and car theft, 4 other burglaries, 8 assaults, 3 criminal damage, 5 motor vehicle break ins, 2 thefts from people, 1 motor cycle theft, 10 non-specific offences and 7 thefts from shops. As a result of the shop thefts patrols in the shopping areas have been increased.	
2.3	It is noticeable that priority crimes have reduced and this is seen as a very positive marker. It is also positive that PCSOs have gained a higher profile and this is being recognised across the force.	
2.4	The Immobilise Scheme is being rolled out to the area and forum attendees were asked to tell others. Under this scheme, people's possessions are recorded so that if they are stolen, images of them can be quickly sent to relevant organisations to increase the chance of being identified and retrieved.	
2.5	Q) Speeding continues on the A642 – what is being done to fight this? A) We have two new speed guns and PCSOs can now use these however they have to get other officers to issue the tickets. Q) The banning orders in pubs and clubs are supposed to mean banned from one, banned from all however I understand someone is still getting into a pub despite being banned from the rest. A) If a pub is not a member of the scheme they can let the person in. Q) Could a scheme be launched between shops where pictures of thieves or trouble causers are circulated? A) Something similar could be launched whereby a ringaround or walki-talki system is used to warn people of trouble on the way. Agreed to invite PC Dodd to the next Traders Meeting to discuss the potential.	WYP PM/GP/ WYP
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	

3.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	Cllr D
3.2	Matters Arising: Cllr Dobson is happy to speak to the newly appointed member of Aberford Parish Council and arrange another meeting for residents of East Garforth explaining why their area is not included in the Aberford Neighbourhood Plan.	
3.3	Cllr Dobson said a Neighbourhood Plan was needed for Garforth to ensure the footprint stays roughly the same after new housing arrives. The Plan would propose where schools, roads, community centres, shops etc are placed in order to keep the community strong. The A642 has a pinch point at Town End and this should stop development on Wakefield Road or Barrowby Lane. He said at least one developer has a major scheme ready to roll out and therefore it is important Garforth residents come together to form a Neighbourhood Plan team. (The Neighbourhood Plan is developed by a minimum of 21 residents working as a group to develop the plan with the local community. Once complete a referendum is held and to become law a government inspector must approve the plan.) Supporters of a neighbourhood plane should start a broader consultation with Garforth Public as to what is wanted and make themselves known to Cllr McKenna, Dobson or Area Support.	
4.0	Area Panel – Cllr McKenna	
4.1	The Panel is managed by Aire Valley Homes to fund community projects and groups helping improve the lives of tenants and Council properties. Applications for funding are progressing for Barley Hill play area and improved shower facilities at Swillington Miners Welfare.	All
4.2	Cllr McKenna said if any forum attendees knew of any project which may be suitable for the funding they should contact Cllrs or Area Support.	
5.0	Main Street traffic – Pete Mudge	
5.1	The majority of pavement relaying and road marking on Main Street has been completed. Once finished, work will get underway on opening the new, privately owned car park linking to Wakefield Road. Once that is operational, time limited parking will start in the council's two car parks which should draw more shoppers to Garforth and provide a strong offer along the entire Main Street.	
6.0	Environmental Services – Paul Spandler	
6.1	In the last 5½ months the Locality Team has received and dealt with 272 requests for service from residents and Councillors in the Ward. This is in addition to the routine cleaning and enforcement patrols across the ward. Most common requests were: flytipping - 38 incidents in areas including Newsam Green Pontefract Lane, Astley Lane, Woodland Drive, Cyprus Grove and Beech Grove Avenue. 36 reports of dog fouling, 29 requests for path and road sweeping, 28 concerning overgrown vegetation blocking the highway have also been dealt with. 28 other areas of activity include additional road gulley cleaning on Selby Road, Main Street, Wakefield Road, Church Lane and Moorland Terrace, graffiti removal on Queensway, Grange Avenue and Inverness Road and removal of illegal roadside advertising on Wakefield Road, Aberford Road and Bullerthorpe Lane. Enforcement notices have been served for; illegal roadside advertising, fly tipping overgrown vegetation and wheelie bins left out on the street. Enforcement patrols by Environmental Action Officers and Dog Wardens have resulted in 4 Fixed Penalty Notices (fpn) being issued for dog fouling around Neville Grove and littering on Barleyhill Road. There is a prosecution ongoing for flytipping in Garforth. Next enforcement patrol will take place on 13 th August and Environmental Action will be pleased to take referrals for areas to visit.	PS

6.2	Street cleaning rotas have been reviewed resulting in the frequency of road and path sweeping being increased from 14 to every 8 weeks.	
6.3	<p>Q) The Parish Council sometimes resolves issues directly with help from residents and contractors, should these figures be reported to Environmental Services? A) Yes that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Q) How many dog wardens are there? A) Currently there are just two for each area – the South East stretches from Morley to Crossgates. Cllr Dobson said a company is being piloted in the city centre to provide fixed penalty notices to anyone letting their dog foul. Currently this three month trial seems to be working and so a second trial area may be tested.</p> <p>Q) There are ongoing environmental issues on Lindsey Rd and Church Lane. Can a cctv camera be used to capture culprits? A) Area Committee has bought some portable cameras and so Locality Working will investigate this.</p> <p>Q) A Path on Cedar Ridge beside number 642 needs maintenance however nothing is ever done. A) Paul said he will investigate and take appropriate action.</p>	<p>JS/PS</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
7.0	Services for Young People – Adrian Lee	
7.1	<p>Youth Service is now doing four mobile sessions per week comprising two in Garforth and two in Swillington. These are usually held in parks. There is also 1-1 support work and drop ins for health matters and NEETs. (People at risk of dropping off the radar by being Not in Education, Employment of Training) During the school holidays youth service help to fund activities at Garforth Academy. A couple of issues have arisen at skateboard parks where rivalries have escalated. In both case youth workers have stepped in and provided long term solutions. In Swillington successful help has been provided for youths with CVs and college applications. Youth Leaders are now joining in central governments’ National Citizen Service and undertaking two residential courses.</p>	AL
7.2	Cllr Dobson said the Council needs to take some tough decisions and so he would be interested to get the forums views on whether they preferred available funds to provide support on specific projects such as NEETs or provide activities open to any young people. The forum nodded agreement to Cllr Dobson’s suggestion.	Cllr D / All
8.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
8.1	<p>Q) Are homes on Selby Rd, (refused by the Council yet overturned by the planning inspector,) moving leading to some people having to move out? A) We have heard this is the case. Sustainability is needed for buildings and under a Neighbourhood Plan communities would have a say on the best areas to develop.</p>	
8.2	<p>Q) What does the forum think about Garforth having a Parish Council? A) Garforth attendees were not sure if the town would benefit from this as it already has a robust city council representation.</p>	
11.0	AOB / Date of Next Meeting	
11.1	The Chair asked for the recently appointed Commissioner of Police to be invited to the next meeting.	
11.2	Thanks were given to the caretaker and club for making the facilities available.	
11.3	The next meeting will be held on <i>Tuesday 22nd October at 6pm.</i>	All

