



**Outer East Area Committee
Halton Forum
Minutes from 18 July 2013
held at Christ Church, Halton**

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Catherine Mitchell, Sgt Vicky Cocliff (WYP), PCSO Matt Rogerson (WYP) Mike & Jenny Marshall (Halton in Bloom), Edward Fryer (Resident), Fiona Illingworth (resident), Jennifer Dring (resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Clare Deacon (Halton Traders Group / Post Office,) Terry Dennis (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), James Morrow (Woodland & Whitkirk Neighbourhood Watch), A Linley (resident), D MacQueen / M Burton (residents), Colin & Denise Wilsher, (resident), Gwen Green (resident) Patricia Wynter (resident), M Harrison (Resident), Barbara Ambler (Resident), A Fretwell (resident), Edward Fryer (resident), Mrs Joan Boucher (resident), Mrs Maria Thornton (resident), Paul Spandler (LCC Locality Working), Mona Illingworth (resident), J McGlynn (Resident), Mrs Heather Sanderson (resident), Ian Mackay (LCC Planning), Bobby Viridi (LCC - Highways), Pete Mudge (Area Support Team)

Apologies:

Cllr Judith Cummins, Coullin Meikle (Youth Service), Margaret Ward (resident), Margaret Walsh, J Schofield (Resident), P Huison (W&WNW),

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	PACT meeting for the Halton Area – Sgt Cocliff	
2.1	Compared with previous years crime levels continue to fall and since June 2013 there have been 9 car break-ins, reports of asb in Colton Retail Park and 5 burglaries of dwellings. While not a high figure, Sgt Cocliff recommended everyone should be encouraged to ensure their exterior doors are fitted with an Anti-Snap lock as opposed to a Euro Profile ones. She said anti-snap were a real deterrent and could deter thieves as they will not wish to make noise by breaking windows	
2.2	which will also leave shards of glass on their clothes and can cause cuts and injure people trying to climb through.	
2.3	Forum members said there were also reports of smashed doorbells and litter around Conniston Court, car paintwork being scratched on Birch Avenue and barbeques scorching the grass in parkland behind Templegate Crescent.	
2.4	Discussion was also held over noise and swearing outside the Leodis pub. Sgt Cocliff said matters of obscene language should be reported to the police and noise issues should be reported to locality working for environmental services.	
2.5	She assured the forum that all appropriate incidents should be reported as records were maintained. Locality Working said they will keep a check on the noise levels. A question was asked regarding ongoing monitoring of vehicle speeds on Selby Road. Sgt Cocliff confirmed speed checks are still undertaken on Selby Road.	
3.0	Forum Minutes from 6 April 2013	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	All are covered in other agenda items.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	The cctv cameras on the Ring Road at the end of Green Lane are monitored by a specialist team and therefore the police and council cannot provide any technical	

5.2	information about them. Their siting will be reviewed after 6 months. Discussion about Templegate Crescent will feature as a separate item further down the agenda.	
6.0	Neighbourhood Planning – Ian Mackay	
6.1	<p>Central government's Localism Act 2010 meant groups of residents could work together to prepare a "neighbourhood plan." Currently 39 areas of Leeds are developing NPs with a view to having them added to the citywide Core Strategy when that becomes implemented in late 2014. It is noticeable that areas doing NPs around the UK tend to be the more affluent and more organised ones. It is extremely important less affluent areas undertake similar projects or they will have no say over how their areas is developed outside the Core Strategy. To undertake an NP, a group of 21 volunteers must be registered for this project with the City Council Planners. The group then liaises with the local community to develop their NP and once complete a referendum is held of affected people. To become law a government inspector must approve the plan. First steps to preparing a plan is what is the defined geographic area and what will be the key issues. These should be identified through a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. Ian said the forum may decide to encourage development of an organising group.</p>	
7.0	Halton In Bloom – Jenny and Mike Marshall	
7.1	<p>The Halton In Bloom group has 9 active workers and in a fantastic range of completed projects the group has now installed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 hanging baskets, • 6 flower beds, • 16 half barrels • 2 floral containers. <p>Sponsors have included ward councillors, Leeds in Bloom, Tescos, Dodgsons, schools and the roofing company. Watering of the displays by local businesses is a condition of them being installed. Jenny said funding is now being sought for autumn planting. It was suggested a suitable venue could be found where people can buy and donate bulbs to help spread out the support.</p>	
8.0	Halton Traders Group – Clare Deacon	
8.1	<p>Following the last forum, Clare was approached to be chair of the newly formed traders group and agreed having formerly been chair of Bradford Chamber of Commerce. Clare said the idea is for traders to work together to help improve the appearance and efficiency of the town centre. The group would be kept small until it decided what area it would cover and whether it was willing to act as an advisory point for the other parts of Temple Newsam. (Whitkirk, Colton, Wykebeck, Halton Moor, Temple Newsam.) Items raised at their latest meeting include identifying what signage should be installed to encourage through traffic to shop in Halton. Signage to the main car parks and welcoming people to Halton town centre was enthusiastically agreed by the group. Consideration is now underway on how that can be provided. Another item to be considered is what steps could be taken to reduce the proliferation of shutters. Clare pointed out cash machines do not need them so questions should be asked over why so many shops use them.</p>	
9.0	Traffic Management – Bobby Virdi	
9.1	<p>Templegate Walk: Consultation has been undertaken with the streets' 17 residences. 7 replies were received, 2 want single lineage, one wants traffic banned from one side in the morning and the other in the afternoon and the others do not want traffic banned</p>	

9.2	<p>by road markings as this would mean they would also be affected. Bobby said the only cure to stopping vehicles would be to provide double yellow lines on both sides however no-one would want that as it would mean no on street parking at any time. Another disadvantage would be that it would simply make parents block neighbouring streets.</p> <p>A resident pointed out the Walk and neighbouring Crescent often have 88 cars and an ice cream van parked in front of their homes waiting for children.</p> <p>If it can be arranged, an option would be to have a turning circle in the school with a drop off point and parking restrictions down the street. This would need to be advanced through Highways and the school.</p> <p>It was also suggested a road could access the school from Colton Lane.</p> <p>It was requested for a meeting to be held at the school and open to all residents.</p> <p>On the related topic of the lack of school places in local schools meaning some 4 year olds have to catch two buses to get to the nearest available school, Cllr Lyons said he and George Mudie MP are meeting the head of education that week.</p> <p>Green Lane:</p> <p>Bobby said he had inspected Green Lane to see problems faced at the bend near Leodis. Residents parking on the roadside mean drivers have to cross to the other side and face ongoing traffic around the bend.</p> <p>He said he saw scope to improve signage and road markings to warn drivers of the bend and problems. He also said he will investigate the possibility of the bus stop being moved further up the road.</p> <p>Forum members suggested placing double yellow lines around the bend as the people who park there have spaces behind their homes.</p> <p>It was also asked whether flashing signs or a speed camera could be installed.</p> <p>Bobby explained funding would be needed to undertake anything more complex than additional signage and allowed road markings.</p>	
10.0	Environmental issues – Paul Spandler	
10.1	<p>In addition to the on-going street cleaning and environmental enforcement there have been 130 additional requests for support to Halton. This has included fly tipping, overgrown hedges, dog fouling, littering and waste left in gardens.</p>	
10.2	<p>22 legal notices have been served which have included rubbish left around takeaways and wheelybins being left out.</p>	
10.3	<p>Forum members said the rubbish bins at Dial House, the entrance to Primrose Valley park and beside the Leodis have all been overflowing for some time. Paul said he will ensure these are quickly dealt with and any problem resolved.</p>	
10.4	<p>The new officer responsible for Temple Newsam will be starting on 27th August.</p>	
10.5	<p>Following a question about dog waste Paul explained that the council no longer provided dedicated dog bins and people should now place the doggie bags in normal litter bins.</p>	
11.0	Youth Service – Coullin Meikle	
11.1	<p>Youth Service had given advance apologies for this meeting</p>	
12.0	Any other business	
12.1	<p>The annual cricket coaching course is being held at Whitkirk Cricket Pitch from 12-16th August this year. The event is funded by Area Committee and this year's event is being arranged by Yorkshire Cricket Club.</p>	
12.2	<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th October.</p>	