



Outer East Area Committee
Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum & PACT meeting
7th October 2013
held at Fieldhead Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Debra Coupar, George Mudie MP, Simon Norman (LCC – Locality Team), Sgt Andy Hill (West Yorkshire Police), PCSO Michelle Hunton (WYP), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Wanderers), Norman Sunderland (Skeltons Woods Environmental Group), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch), David Burland (Wellington Hill Residents Association), Gary and Janet White (Farnham Close), Martin and Amanda Snaith (Farnham Croft), Chris Tebbutt (Farnham Close), Harry McLeod (Red Hall Lane), Robert W Preston (Skeltons Wood Environmental Group), Andrew Hall (LCC Highways & Transportation), Anne Longley (Farnham Close), Michelle Honey (Housing Leeds), S Moore (Farnham Close), Pete Mudge (LCC minutes)

Apologies:

Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Nick Borrás (LCC – Highways), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service), James Nundy (LCC Area Support)

1.0	PACT meeting	Action
1.1	Contact points for your local Neighbourhood Policing Team: Tel: 0113 285 5335 Email: banpt.cwt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt (then navigate via the map or add your postcode to the box)	
1.2	Since 8 August there have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 calls regarding ASB and in particular neighbourhood disputes and young people. (A drop in 7 on the previous period), stone throwing on Sherburn Road is decreasing and issues around the local shops appear to have died down. The worst asb is towards Stanks and Swarcliffe. • 10 burglaries were recorded which is a drop of 8 on the previous period. 	
1.3	Two new techniques are being trialled by police in the area: Operation Optimal predicts where crimes are likely to take place and allocates officers accordingly. Operation Premium lets officers patrol an area following a crime in order to reassure people and gather information.	
1.4	Q) What is the prime time for burglaries? A) Police are raising awareness of basic safety – especially with the dark nights closing in. Even a bin left out can be a tell-tale sign to would be thieves. Thefts happen so quickly and reports indicate around 40% are opportunistic. However people should not get too despondent as crime figures were hugely down last year and this year’s figures are similar or even better.	
1.5	Q) At Skeltons Woods a wide array of people are going in with some no older than 12. Residents believe drugs play a key part but are not sure whether they should keep ringing 101 as nothing seems to happen. A) If you think anything suspicious is going on ring 101.	All
1.6	Q) Motorbikes are racing up and down Cole Road. Some seem to be going around 80mph. What can be done? A) Police off-road bikes (part funded by OE Area Committee) can target the areas if approximate times are known. Ultimately bikes can be seized and destroyed.	Sgt H/ All

2.0	North Whinmoor Forum - welcome, introductions and apologies	
2.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made around the table and the above apologies were noted.	
3.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013	
3.1	<p>(4.1) Fieldhead Community Centre kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Leeds can provide the cupboards requested but due to their staff availability, will probably not be able to fit them. Janice said the other aspects of the scheme remained as noted at the last forum. 	JL / JL
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	<p>(4.5) New housing development: North East quadrant</p> <p>Concerns have been expressed that the agreed Orbital Road would effectively cut off areas in the North East Quadrant. Highways are aware a solution must be found to traffic issues before the development progresses. George Mudie has offered to liaise with Alec Shelbrooke to jointly lobby the Government to seek funding for infrastructure needs. It is probable public funds would be used to progress the infrastructure and reimbursement would be received from the developers.</p>	H'ways/ Cllrs/GM
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No matters were raised in this section	
6.0	Coal Road traffic issues – Andrew Hall	
6.1	<p>Cole Road:</p> <p>Issues centre on speeding, increase in HGV use and the unpopular mini-roundabout where it is unclear who goes first.</p>	
6.2	The mini roundabout is the problem in terms of road safety as of the last 9 accidents on the road, 8 were at the mini roundabout. An option would be to use chicanes on Cole Road and also place some new speed humps to reduce traffic speed between. A suggestion was made that the mini roundabout be replaced with traffic lights.	
6.3	George Mudie suggested a group should be formed to work with highways to get action outside the meeting and ensure progress is made and the problem of HGVs addressed. This was agreed and names were collected of people interested in joining this group.	
6.4	<p>Q) The road is being used as a rat-run by many drivers and residents note the noise levels are causing nuisance and reducing the value of local homes. One resident said they had counted 1078 cars using the roundabout in a 50 minute period with 410 going down Skeltons Lane, 310 up Cole Road, 214 on Red Hill Lane and 132 up Wetherby Road.</p> <p>Although 8 accidents were noted above, they only represent those requiring 999 calls. In addition there are weekly occurrences of more minor instances.</p>	
6.5	<p>Q) Could Cole Lane be permanently blocked off?</p> <p>A) No as it would be in conflict with the Eastern Quadrant development.</p>	
6.6	Q) Cllr Gruen asked how Cole Road fits with development of the East Quadrant	

6.7	<p>and the Persimmon proposal. A) It will be a long time before these developments progress and so the Cole Road scheme should be implemented in advance.</p> <p>Agreed - A separate meeting will be held between residents confirming they wish to be involved and Councillors and Highways Officers. All aspects including speed, chicanes, blocking, lights and HGVs will be discussed and progress is expected before the forum's January meeting.</p>	AST/NB
7.0	Youth work in Whinmoor	
7.1 7.2 7.3	<p>Glen O'Malley has recently been appointed Outer South East Youth Manager.</p> <p>Cllr Coupar provided an update on the recently launched Area Lead role in which she is Area Lead for Children and Young People. Cllr Coupar explained Area Committee has taken on general provision and the youth service will retain responsibility for specialist provision. Area Committee has set up a Children and Young People sub-committee and anyone working with children or young people is welcome to say what they would like the available money to be spent on. The group is currently taking applications for spending. Updates on spend will be given at future forums.</p> <p>The cricket weeks funded by Outer East Area Committee and held at Whitkirk Cricket ground and Kippax Welfare Ground went well in 2013 with 358 participants between the ages of 7 and 16. The events are arranged by Yorkshire Cricket Board in agreement with Area Support. Yorkshire Cricket Board's Cultural Diversity Officer Tony Bowry attends the Children and Young People Sub Group and is developing ideas for close working with more schools in 2014.</p>	AST/ Cllr C TB / AST/ Cllr C
8.0	Environmental action and issues - Update from Simon Norman	
8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p>Simon Norman is your local Environmental Action Officer and is available on 07891 278 378.</p> <p>Since April 1st Locality Working has dealt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 975 reported incidents requiring attention in Outer East. • The majority of these have been removing flytipping (which is extremely frequent in Outer East). • In that period 112 litter bin emptying runs were allocated and all were undertaken. • 176 litter picks were allocated and of this 155 were completed. • 36 mechanical sweepings were allocated and 31 were completed. • Of overflowing bins reported, 42% were emptied in the same day and 100% within 5 days. • 22 legal notices were issued in the ward and this was generally for not retuning bins. • 13 fixed penalty notices were issued. <p>Q) How many of the fixed penalties were for dog fouling? A) Only four. Dog fouling is a big problem and needs more dedicated action. The challenge is that someone needs to witness the act. Locality Working can take a witness statement and we also encourage statements from PCSOs.</p> <p>Q) Another problem is police horses defecating on the road and it not being cleared up. A) Cllr Grahame said this is a matter which the Council should take up with the Police.</p>	SN SN

8.5	Q) At White Laithes shops, SN drew attention to the problem of litter being thrown between the gates and becoming inaccessible without a key. It was also suggested the area should be pressure washed and broken flagstones replaced.	PM
8.6	Parks & Countryside have flailed the 30mph sign on Skeltons Lane which was obscured by overhanging vegetation. They will return to the site to finish the work off. Ongoing clean-up days will be undertaken in Skeltons Woods using the team of prisoners assisting Locality Working.	SN
8.7	Q) Could a litter bin be placed on Leyburn Approach as people are using the dog waste bin for general waste. A) Street bins can now accept dog waste and litter. Simon will liaise with Parks & Countryside to see if the same is true at that bin.	SN
8.8	Q) Is litter picking in the contract for the rugby and soccer club at Fieldhead? A) The contract is with Parks and Countryside so the contract would need to be checked with them. It would be helpful to also check responsibility for keeping the place fully maintained including replaving.	Cllr Gruen
8.9	Q) At Leyburn Approach the garages are in poor condition and the school is suffering from overcrowding. Could the garages be pulled down to provide extra space for the school? A) Cllr Gruen said this is being investigated with housing.	JL / Cllr Gruen
8.10	Q) Can orders be placed for grit bins? Cllr Grahame asked for details of where bins were required. At the meeting responses were given for Red Hill Lane at the corner of Cole Road and Farnham Close – which was previously noted in the minutes. Leyburns, Naburn Close Cherrywood Gardens and Cherrywood Close were also proposed.	Cllr Grahame / AST
9.0	Report from Aire Valley Homes – Michelle Honey	
9.1	All the former Almos are now back with Leeds City Council and together form Leeds Housing.	
9.2	The level of rent arrears for Whinmore is £139,609.54p. This has been greatly affected by Welfare Reform.	JL/MH
9.3	There are 82 void properties in Swarcliffe with a turnaround of 37.68 days and 52 voids in Whinmore with a turnaround of 30.98.	JL/MH
9.4	Quarterly walkabouts are advertised on the Housing Leeds website and in future there dates will also be announced at the forum meetings and put on the centre’s display board. The process of changing Euro-profile locks to Anti-snap ones is ongoing and is undertaken following police intelligence of appropriate areas.	JL/MH/AST/Cllr Gruen
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Skeltons Woods Environmental Group – Norman Sunderland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flailing of the hedge around the soccer pitch has left it in a terrible mess and it is reported 10 trees are damaged beyond repair, a gatepost has been knocked out and branches left on the footpath. <p>Is there any truth in the rumour that when work is undertaken on the play</p>	Cllr Gruen

<p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p>	<p>area, trees placed by the environmental group will be removed? Cllr Gruen said he is not aware of this and if any are removed they will most certainly be replaced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Grahame said the Older People's Event Week was an excellent event provided information, lunch and entertainments including a raffle, bingo and music hall which all proved popular with those attending. 87 older people went to the event at St Gregory's. The Ward's Christmas lights are switched on at the increasingly popular ceremony taking place on Thursday 14th November on Austhorpe Road. A girl and boy from each local school has been invited to switch the lights on. Swarcliffe Gala is being held on Saturday 26th October at St Gregory's and will be outside on the field if the weather is good. <p>The date of the next meeting is scheduled to be Thursday 16th January 2014 at 6pm. The final meeting of this cycle will be Monday 14 April 2014.</p>	<p>Cllr Gruen</p> <p>All</p>
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Summary of actions

Action	Lead by	Progress	Action closed or open
<p>Fieldhead Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen refurb 	<p>Area Support Team (JN) via Facilities Management (SS)</p> <p>JL</p>	<p>October 2012 Still awaiting the design and accompanying quote from Facilities Management</p> <p>March 2013 Design and quote received. Passed to Centre users for comments. Awaiting comments back.</p> <p>April 2013 User groups to start fundraising. A minimum of £2,875.50 is needed before councillors would consider match funding it.</p> <p>July 2013 No funds raised yet. AVH investigating free cupboards to help reduce costs</p> <p>October 2013 AVH confirm they can provide free cupboards for others to fit</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Fieldhead Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 'how to use the oven' guide was requested for display in the kitchen 	<p>Facilities Management (SS)</p>	<p>October 2013 No update received</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Coal Road traffic issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New speed, class and volume data for Coal Road should be available soon Improve visibility at mini roundabout Investigate alternative traffic calming measures 	<p>Highways (NB)</p>	<p>April 2013 Traffic data analysed and supplied. NB to work up a traffic calming scheme with councillors</p> <p>July 2013 NB to resend proposals. Deferred, to be discussed at next forum</p>	<p>Open</p>

Appendix 5

		October 2013 Interest group set up and forum requires actions before next meeting	
Bin collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can black and green bins be collected on the same day? 	Environmental Action Officer (SN)		Open
Moss spraying in Farnham Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested • Frequency to be reported back 	Environmental Action Officer (SN)	October 2013 Informed completed after July meeting	<u>Closed</u>
Grit bin for Farnham Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested 	CLlr Grahame	Feb 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and prices information supplied • A street 'Champion' needs to sign up to monitor the bin October 2013 Bid submitted for Wellbeing funding for 6 new bins including Farnham Close	Open
Youth Service delegation	CLlr Coupar	July 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service is being restructured • To report back on progress October 2013 Reported back to October meeting	<u>Closed</u>