



Outer East Area Committee

Kippax and Methley Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2013
Brigshaw High School

Present:

Councillor Mary Harland (Chair), Cllr Keith Wakefield, Insp Chris Jones (WYP), Doug Morley (Kippax PC), Pat Samy (KiB, Traders) David Draper (Kippax PC, KiB, Community Centre), Paul Spivey (Kippax PC), Ken Asprey (Allerton Bywater PC), Mick Weaver (Allerton Bywater Parish Council), Harold Wilson (Allerton Bywater Park Ave Neighbourhood Watch), Glen O'Malley (Leeds Youth Service), Adrian Lee (LCC Youth Service), David Gommersall (LCC Locality Team), Pete Mudge (LCC South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies: Cllr James Lewis, Jim Kerr (Methley Residents Association), Barbara Walton (Kippax Tenants and Residents Association), Joanne Harper (Leeds Involvement), Martin Dove (Brigshaw Chair of Governors).

1.0	Welcome / Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Harland welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	PACT Meeting – Insp Chris Jones (WYP)	
2.1	Insp Jones said crime figures were slightly better than last years and those in turn were a lot better than previous years. There had been 15 offences recorded in the current three months and that compares with 69 in the previous three and 84 in the one before that. However there has been a slight increase in assaults and burglaries other – which does not include homes. The number of neighbourhood disputes has also increased however this is seen as a collection of unrelated incidents.	WYP
2.2	Ongoing initiatives include distribution of “no cold calling” signs for Kippax, Allerton Bywater and Micklefield with the intention of reducing nuisance and distraction burglaries.	
2.3	Garforth Neighbourhood Watch is providing homes with clip on lights to provide extra homes safety. It may be worth other areas investigating the benefits of this.	
2.4	Q) Could the Police officers try door handles of homes to see if they are secure? A) Local police do this occasionally and will be leafleting homes in the near future.	
2.5	Q) Drivers coming down towards Park Lane and Leeds Road in Allerton Bywater sometimes speed towards the paper shop and even overtake. A) Police will investigate.	
2.6	Q) A meeting was held to consider placing a skateboard park in Kippax. Venues under consideration include the Leisure Centre field and former station site. A) Police have nothing but praise for the idea of a facility and would happily attend a future meeting.	
2.7	Q) A traveller was seen cutting the bolts so that subsequently travellers could occupy the site. Can anything be done. A) Yes – if someone can identify the offender the Police can take action.	
2.8	Council has managed to greatly speed up eviction and now aims for a three day	

	turnaround.	
3.0	Kippax and Methley Forum	
3.1	Minutes of the forum meeting held on Wednesday 1 May 2013	
3.2	Approved	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	Any matters arising are covered in the current agenda.	
5.0	10 Minute open floor	
5.1	Agreed to no longer include an Open Floor section as any matters not raised in the area roundups can appear in the AOB section.	
6.0	Locality Working – Dave Gommersall	
6.1	The Kippax and Methley Ward is divided into 32 manual cleaning areas (blocks) and in the last 6 months 75% of them were cleaned. Staff holiday and illness accounted for the shortfall.	
6.2	Barnsdale Road gulleys were reported as a problem and as a result all the channels have been checked and swept.	
6.2	HM Prison Armley helped remove overgrown vegetation and fly tips in Kippax and Methley. The aim is to have all removed within 48 hours unless there is a good chance of prosecution, in which case the tip may be left up to 6 days to supply evidence.	
6.3	While no fixed penalty notices have been issued in the Ward during the last 2 months, two have been issued to keep dogs on leads and 1 issued for a person walking more than 4 dogs.	
6.4	Undertaking regular overt and covert dog patrols to ensure people clean up.	
6.5	In Allerton Bywater a brown bin near the fish and chip shop has been long abandoned. David will look into getting this removed.	
6.6	In Allerton Bywater the parish council now removes full bags from bins and leaves them at the pick-up point.	
6.7	Barnsdale Road needs spraying so David will speak with Parks about this.	
6.8	Confirmation is required that the bottom of Ninevah Lane is a public footpath. (Unanimously agreed by the forum.)	
7.0	Youth Service – Adrian Lee / Glen O'Malley	
7.1	Adrian explained this would be his last meeting in Kippax as under staff restructures Adrian is moving to Inner South and Glen O'Malley will be overseeing matters for the Outer East.	
7.2	Glen said that with Adrian moving on, two other members of staff leaving and Parvez now working with the Youth Service team in North Leeds, the Kippax and	

	Methley youth clubhouses have been temporarily closed. Adrian said advance notice had been sent to parents and he assured Ward Members this drastic course of action would be remedied as quickly as possible. Glen said they will be reopened as soon as they have staff for that area and this should be within two weeks.	
7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities in the last quarter included: The Kippax Friday Night Project which generally attracts about 40 youngsters, a range of sporting activities including badminton, football, voice and influence sessions in Kippax Kabin. 	
7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Allerton Bywater youth club averages about 30 youngsters and [provides a range of activities including a girls soccer team funded by the Police. 	
7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methley youth club attracts about 20 youngsters and topics include substance misuse, emotional health and arts and crafts. 	
7.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micklefield activities include arts and crafts, collages and outdoor sports. There are also specialist courses on sexual health and relationships. 	
7.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A five day summer activities programme was run as a mini-breeze featuring 2 days in Allerton Bywater, 2 in Micklefield and one in Methley. 	
7.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team scope events are run by Youth Service at Brigshaw School and peer inspections continue to be carried out at all venues to provide an honest appraisal of users opinions of the facilities and the activities. 	
7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the summer months the youth service covering Kippax, Methley and Garforth joined in central government's National Citizen Service and helping fundraising for the Mayoral Charity. 	
7.10	<p>Q) Does Kippax do as well as the villages as regards the number of people attending? A) It does however events are sited at two locations – the Kabin and Leisure Centre.</p>	
7.11	Ward Members would like to see youth events transferred to a purpose built venue if this opportunity arises.	
7.12	Congratulations and thanks were given to Adrian and best wishes for his new post.	
8.0	Town and Village updates	
8.1	Allerton Bywater – completed Yorkshire in Bloom and the parish council have purchased a water bowser which will assist with ongoing maintenance. Litter pickers have been taken on by the parish council At Blands Play area the parish council acted as agent to get the site renovated but there no longer seems to be any interest in removing the hedge down the side. Cllr Harland said she will investigate this.	MH
8.2	Kippax – The village has again won the gold award and been named category winners in Yorkshire in Bloom and eligible to enter Britain in Bloom. There has also been talk of Kippax entering the European awards however the team feels this would be too expensive in terms of cost and commitment above and beyond what is already given to win the UK's top accolades.	
8.3	Things are set for this year's lights switch on which will include entertainers and a choir however there may not be a grotto.	DM
8.4	The Parish Council is working alongside the traders on an Xmas Best Dressed Shop	DM/

	competition and traders are arranging to place Christmas flags above their shops to brighten things up.	PS
8.5	The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing however the large housing application from Persimmon has required significant time so the Neighbourhood Plan is temporarily not progressing as quickly as it otherwise would.	DM
8.6	Work underway on the High Street includes a new nail bar in a long vacant unit, Peacocks opening in the Co-op, facelifts on several shops – hopefully soon to include an exterior facelift for the Barclays unit. A discount store has opened on the High Street following a suggestion from the Traders Group to the property owner. This is a good example of community cohesion.	
8.7	Progress on a compulsory purchase order or other solution to the Hermitage nuisance is progressing.	KW/ PM
8.8	Ledston – Won silver gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom which indicates year on year progress in the competition and village welfare.	
9.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
9.1	Date of next meeting: 6pm, Wednesday 16 April 2014.	All