



Outer East Area Committee

Halton Forum and PACT meeting
(covering Halton, Colton and Whitkirk)
Minutes from 01 May 2014
held at Christ Church, Halton

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Judith Cummins, Cllr Katherine Mitchell, Sgt Andy Hill (WYP), Anthony Fretwell (resident), Burton MacQueen (resident), Peter Conlon (resident), Gwen Green (resident), Patricia Wragg (resident), Margaret Ward (resident), Glen O'Malley (Youth Service), J McGlynn (resident), Jenny & Mike Marshall (Halton in Bloom), Audrey Linley (resident), Barbara Ambler (resident), T Dennis (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), Thelma Dixon (resident), Margaret Ward (resident), Mrs R Worksop, Moira Illingworth (resident), E Fryer (resident), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Colin & Denise Wilsher (residents) Gemma Sargeant (Temple Newsam Learning Partnership), Bobby Verdi (Traffic Management).

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked them to sign in and apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting	
2.1	Crime figures from the last three months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 thefts from motor vehicles compared with 14 last year. • 0 thefts of motor vehicles compared with 3 during the same period last year. • 21 cases of criminal damage compared with 10 last year. 	WYP
2.2	Q) Houses on Primrose Crescent have ongoing problems with children throwing stones at windows, shouting through letter boxes, jumping on grit bins etc. A) PCSOs will speak with parents.	
2.3	Q) Could specials be deployed to utilise more powers than PCSOs? A) (Cllr Lyons) Children and youth generally behave well and certainly far better than in previous years and the PCSOs do an excellent job.	
2.4	Q) Are PCSOs allowed to use speed guns A) Yes.	
3.0	Forum Minutes from 19 January 2014	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	Q) Speeding continues and is now also a problem all along Church Lane and Green Lane. One option may be to ban heavy traffic? A) Police, Highways and Councillors will have a site visit within a month and people attending the forum will be invited to the meeting.	Cllrs/W YP/All/ Officers
5.0	10 minute open floor	

5.1	<p>Templegate Walk – An accident happened there as a result of parked cars and vehicles are now parking on Templegate Walk and Crescent and Colton Road. Highways sent a suggestion to people in the area which was not agreed with. Therefore another meeting will be needed. Three options were developed by Traffic Management so Councillors will call a meeting to be held at the school with residents, appropriate officers, the Police and educationalists. The meeting will be held around the end of June and there will be no limit on time.</p>	Cllr L /AST/ H'way
5.2	<p>Primrose Valley – A tree has been felled there and it looks like it has been done by someone illegally to get logs. Paul will ensure it is speedily investigated and removed.</p>	PS
6.0	Locality Working – Paul Spandler	
6.1	<p>On Birch Avenue – despite repeat visits we have been unable to get the mechanical sweeper along the street due to parked cars. Therefore we will get a manual team to do what they can.</p>	
6.2	<p>The Locality Team received and dealt with 76 requests for service in the Halton area between 13th January to 1st May 2014. This work is in addition to the scheduled and routine cleaning shifts.</p>	
6.3	<p>Most common issues dealt with were flytipping, dog fouling, bins left out blocking the highway, waste issues from commercial premises and couple of cases of builders burning waste on site.</p>	
6.4	<p>Flytipping areas include Grove Road and Temple Newsam Road. These areas are now flagged as hot spots and regularly monitored to pick up flytipped waste and also to identify the culprits.</p>	SN
6.5	<p>Had a focus on ensuring commercial premises store and dispose of their waste correctly. Served notices on premises on Selby Road and Chapel Street which had loose waste at the rear of their premises.</p>	
6.6	<p>Taking enforcement action to have Hunters Way cleaned up by the management company (Eddisons) and suitable bin storage areas provided for the flats above the shops.</p>	SN
6.7	<p>In contact with Matalan to have the car park and shopping area regularly cleaned. We have agreed to sweep it this weekend as a one off including the rear alley to the parade of shops on Selby Road. We have focussed our cleaning on all the areas outside of local shops.</p>	
6.8	<p>Grove Road has had additional sweeping and litter picking, with the abandoned wheelie bins and flytipping picked up. Also the verge and under-hedge boundary to Temple Moor High School, Field End Road entrance has been litter picked to remove various bottles, cans etc.</p>	
6.9	<p>Our dog warden has collected 2 strays found in the area. Owners are required to pay a fee of £50 to collect their dogs from our kennels. Owners can also be fined for allowing their dogs to foul on public land and for allowing their dogs to stray onto footpaths, verges and roads.</p>	

6.10	Path and road sweeping is scheduled for once every 8 weeks. Our litter picker covers Colton Lane, Selby Road, Oak Road, Primrose Lane/Road, Chapel Lane, Pinfold Lane each Sunday.	
6.11	We clean gulleys when we become aware of blocked ones so if you know of any please let us know so we can deal with them.	
6.12	Q) Could the grass at Woodland Hill be cut more regularly? A) My team do not do the grass cutting but I will ensure the request is quickly forwarded to the appropriate officer.	PS
6.13	Q) Bags of rubbish are left beside the Park for several days. A) They should be removed within 24 hours so I will look into that.	PS
6.14	Q) Halton in Bloom would like to thank Paul and his team for quickly resolving issues for us. They speedy action is very impressive.	
6.15	Q) When do brown bins go out? A) Every other Wednesday.	
7.0	Halton in Bloom – Jenny Marshall	
7.1	A new floral bed is being installed in the town centre sponsored by Stoneacre.	HiB
7.2	The businesses have once again shown great support for the flower baskets and projects are progressing at pace.	
7.3	A website has been launched at Halton in Bloom.com and also a facebook link.	
8.0	Youth Service – Glen O'Malley	
8.1	A range of activities have taken place over Easter including a mini Breeze, coach trips to the youth hub and go karting.	
8.2	Work is undertaken in partnership with the police and Temple Newsam Learning Partnership.	
8.3	There will be Breeze activities in the summer and a range of extra sessions in this area including 3 new ones at Temple Newsam Park and 2 arranged with the detached teams.	GO'M
9.0	Halton Traders Group	
9.1	On behalf of the traders' group PM said the new chair is Yvonne Gott from the Beadshop. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 th May and invitations are currently being delivered to all businesses in Halton centre.	
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Q) Is the incinerator still underway in Osmondthorpe? A) Yes it is and discussions are underway to see if cctv can be provided for The Nevilles as part of the scheme.	
10.2	Q) Would it be possible to have direct contact numbers for some officers so members of the public can report issues to appropriate officers. A) This seems a good idea and we will aim to include this when these minutes are	PM

10.3	sent out. Date of next meeting: tbc at Christ Church.	
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