



Outer East Area Committee

Whinmoor Forum & PACT meeting

16 April 2014

held at Fieldhead Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Debra Coupar, Nick Borrás (LCC – Highways), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service), Paul Spandler (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch), Jean Simmons (resident), Martin & Amanda Snaith (residents), Janet and Gary White (residents), Lesley Spencer (resident), Robert Preston (Skelton Wood Environmental Group), Harry McLeod (resident), Rose Kelly (Whinmoor Warriors Rugby Club), Brian Black (resident), Chris Tebbutt (resident), Dennis Smith (resident), Mindi Singh (resident), PCSO Nigel Dutton (West Yorkshire Police), James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Sharon Smith (Whinmoor Juniors), Dave Burland (Wellington Hill Residents Association), Jeremy Lunn (LCC – Housing Leeds), Athena Arvaniti (resident), Anne Longley (resident), Norman Sunderland (SWEG)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Welcome from Cllr Gruen and introductions around the room were made.	
2.0	PACT meeting	
2.1	PCSO Dutton attended and gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for Cross Gates and Whinmoor has relocated to the Garforth station. The NPT phone number for non-emergencies has changed to 0113 232 2015 • Burglary is still down across Leeds, having reduced by 60% over the last three years • Due to funding cuts, visits to elderly residents at home are no longer done although advice is still available 	
2.2	Action: speed checks to be done on Skeltons Lane (30mph zone)	Police
3.0	Minutes of last Whinmoor Forum held on 16 Jan 2014	
3.1	In attendance: Brenda Speight was missed off the last minutes as an attendee.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(3.2) Ginnel between 28-30 Farnham Croft and Skelton Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginnel is now cleared of moss. The Locality Team were thanked. 	
4.2	(4.1) Fieldhead Community Centre kitchen refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money is earmarked and the contractors are scheduling the works • Hoped it will be installed soon 	
4.3	(4.3) Ginnel at White Laithe Shops	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HGV parking on the southern end of Coal Road causes issues for lorries making the left turn from the Ring Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will ask parking enforcement to look at the parked HGVs • A HGV ban will help, but how long will it take to implement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statutory organisations get two weeks to consider the plans, followed by 2-3 weeks of area wide consultation regarding the proposed red zone. Findings are reported to the Chief Highways Officer, with an anticipated implementation by mid-July 2014 • Traffic won't ease until the bypass happens • Chicanes would make the route less appealing as a rat-run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A plan for chicanes was drawn up but it wouldn't bring any safety improvements, therefore can't justify the expense • What is the potential for speed cameras? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety cameras are done by central Government and governed by injury accidents (of which there aren't any recorded) • What happened to the Police doing random speed checks on Skeltons Lane? • A better bus service would help give a viable alternative to cars • Can we get double yellow lines on Coal Road? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Already there • A pedestrian crossing for Coal Road (near the junction with Naburn Approach) was mentioned at a previous forum – can it be looked into? • Is there any potential to close Coal Road (north) from the mini roundabout, making the roundabout only three junctions? 	NB
6.4	It was noted that compliance of the 30mph limit highlighted in the Highways survey was not recognised by local residents.	Police
6.5	Would it be an option to have a speed hump on Skeltons Lane and Coal Road near the 30mph speed limit signs?	NB
7.0	Activities for young people	
7.1	Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service) gave an update on Easter activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions were well received • 227 young people were engaged in activities such as trips, visits, educational programmes, kayaking, abseiling, and go-karting • Mobile youth provision was also out and about 	
7.2	The Youth Service team can be directed to hot-spots if residents phone the locations through to Deeta on 07891 271 037.	
7.3	Planning is underway for a Whinmoor gala on Saturday 17 May which will take place in / around Fieldhead Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do residents want to see there on the day? • Does anyone want a stall? Eg books, games, buns • Will help with the promotion of the community centre • Athers fair will be there • Football and circus skill workshops • Fitness demonstrations too 	All

7.4	<p>Youth Activity Fund 2014/15 – Cllr Coupar The 2014/15 YAF is now open for applications. The budget for outer east Leeds this year is £58,000. If you are a provider of activities for young people aged 8-17 and are interested in applying please ask for an application pack (which contains full details) by emailing james.nundy@leeds.gov.uk or phone 0113 336 8940.</p>	
8.0	Environmental update – Paul Spandler	
8.1	<p>Simon Norman is your local Environmental Action Officer and can be contacted on 07891 278 378 / simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk</p>	
8.2	<p>Over the last six weeks the team had an additional cleaning team in the area. They have swept and litterpicked Coal Road, Naburn Approach, the Redhalls and surrounding areas, also focussing on ginnels.</p>	
8.3	<p>We received reports of graffiti around Naburn Drive and Birchfield Avenue which have been removed by the Graffiti Team (tel: 0113 222 4406). Abusive graffiti will be removed within 24 hours.</p>	
8.4	<p>Roads and paths in the area are swept every four weeks, on a Monday.</p>	
8.5	<p>Most common issues dealt with were flytipping, waste in gardens, dog fouling and litter problems.</p>	
8.6	<p>10 legal notices have been issued for various environmental issues including accumulation of waste in gardens and to ensure shops and other businesses store and dispose of their waste correctly.</p>	
8.7	<p>Prosecutions and Fixed Penalty Notices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pending prosecution for a flytipper on Coal Road • 2 FPNs issued for littering from vehicles on Coal Road 	
8.8	<p>The dog warden has collected three stray dogs.</p>	
8.9	<p>A discussion took place regarding litter generated by fast food takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside the shop is the responsibility of the shopkeeper • Further away is the responsibility of the purchaser • It was also highlighted there has been litter thrown into the former nursery site at Fieldhead Primary 	
8.10	<p>Other issues raised and actions to date (as at 25 April):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginnel between White Laithe shops – reports of hazardous broken paving slabs. To be reported for assessment by Highways/Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reported to Highways, requesting the path is inspected and made safe if necessary • Ditch at rear of Fieldhead Primary – establish who it belongs to (suspect it's Housing Leeds) and ask them to cleanse it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing Leeds Manager reminded of action required • Grass bank between the lower pitch to top pitch at Fieldhead CC is nearly always missed when grass cutting – investigate cutting cycle frequency and speak to contract manager 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grass is cut by LCC Parks & Countryside although the land appears to be under responsibility of Children’s Services (Education Leeds). They will ensure the slopes are regularly cut but did state that actual playing surfaces do receive more cuts than surrounding areas as grass needs to be shorter on pitches ● Some trees have numbers painted on them by the Coal Rd mini-roundabout – why is this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trees are to be pruned or removed as necessary ● Request for more litter bins around the paths at Fieldhead CC playing pitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Locality Team will arrange for an additional litter bin to be ordered ● Fencing around the Fieldhead CC pitches is broken – investigate which department owns it and ask them to mend it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seems likely to be responsibility of Education Leeds, enquiries are ongoing 	PS / SN
9.0	Report from LCC Housing Leeds	
9.1	This item was deferred as apologies were received from Housing Leeds staff for this particular meeting.	
10.0	Whinmoor play area update – Cllr Gruen	
10.1	The new play area, to be on Naburn Approach near the junction to get to Fieldhead Community Centre / Fieldhead Carr Primary School, is about to happen. Works are expected to start over the next couple of weeks.	
11.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
11.1	Skelton Woods Environmental Group – Robert Preston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group is now in its 19th year ● A handout was tabled detailing the who, what and where facts about the group and when the workdays run. Workdays give members of the public the chance to get stuck in and have a go at some rewarding environmental activities in the woods. For more info contact Heather on 07821 303 449 or hezzie@onetel.com ● The orchard is now complete as a resource for local residents ● Will be involved with primary school countryside days on 10 and 11 June at the Yorkshire Show ground ● Will be represented at the Yorkshire Show on 8, 9 and 10 July 	
11.2	Jean Simmons enquired about things for older people to do in the area. Action: JN to pass her details to Swarcliffe Good Neighbours to make contact [done]	JN
11.3	Quadrant housing update - Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting will be when there’s some information to share – expected soon ● There are still issues about the transport infrastructure to be addressed ● The Council’s stance on the East Leeds Orbital Road is, and always has been, ‘we are not allowing 1600/2000 new houses to be built before a new road is in place.’ 	
11.4	Date of next meeting The next cycle of meetings will be set at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting, and will be in approximately three months time.	