

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 7.30pm- 9.00pm**  
**7.30pm Café Lux**

**Key Issues discussed:**

Minutes & Matters arising

- Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions
- Notes for the meeting were agreed as a true record
- The meeting had been rearranged due to the bad weather so there were very few residents in attendance.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

- Dave Woodhouse was in attendance to provide the local crime figures
- There had been 11 burglary dwelling cases since the 1st January some of which were insecure with doors and windows being left open.
- Theft of Motor Vehicles: there had been 23 and vans were being targeted for tools.
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- Burglary Other there had been 10 incidents which included sheds and garages. Commercial property also comes under Burglary other.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of the local shops were being targeted and a male had been identified and arrested.
- There had been some arrests for motor vehicle offences and these were predominantly local lads.
- It was noted that there had been some ASB issues around the bus station. The police were now using their new powers i.e. "dispersal orders" banning people from an area for 48 hours. A few young people had been banned from the bus station and had returned which led to their arrest. This was quite a new initiative so would need to see how it goes.
- There had been some issues in Swinnow around the shops and coop. Three young lads were given ASBOS and are not allowed to congregate around the shops and other specified places in the area.
- Residents were advised to park their vehicles under lighted areas and to avoid leaving things on display. It was advised that tools should be removed from vehicles overnight if possible.
- Residents were informed that they could make any incident reports by email to the Pudsey station if they don't want to call on the 101 number. The telephone number for Pudsey is 0113 241 4999.
- Resident queried about Swinnow road and parked cars on the path. Cllr Coulson confirmed the issue had been reported to Highways.
- Cllr Jarosz requested whether information on crime figures could be reported from the last forum meeting.
- It was noted that WYP have had to alter the crime figures in particular around multi-occupancy properties. So figures can look worse than they actually are.
- Figures were better than the period at the same time last year but weren't looking perfect.
- A resident asked if anyone was monitoring Musgrave court as some damage had been done to the wall. A call had been attended by an officer about youths wondering around on the roof causing damage.

Parks & Countryside's

- Chris Hodgson attended the meeting to represent Parks & Countryside' (P&C) as the officer who covers the Outer West area. The team look after parks and open spaces and do contract works for schools, crematoria and social services. As a service they also cover the grounds maintenance contract for housing and highways. Private contractors are monitored to undertake these works. The team are also responsible for monitoring half the city on weeds spraying and the management of street trees. The weed spraying program would begin in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May with Pudsey taking place late June early July.
- Chris informed that last year funding had been received from Almurad Tiles to undertake some perimeter fencing for the skate park. This will allow 3 quarters of the fencing to be completed. The rest of the fencing had had the paint removed and primed for re-painting. The team are continually looking for more sponsors.
- There had recently been problems at Hough Top with 4x4 vehicles driving on the green. The area had been measured up and funding is being sourced for fencing the area which would hopefully stop the issue.

- Tree inspections had been carried out for some trees on housing land. The team were very fortunate to be able to appoint new tree inspectors to get on top of the backlog. Queens Park had a new playground opened which is in good use. Fitness equipment had also been installed for adults. Sadly the conifers were damaged by vandals. Beach trees had also been planted. There had been a lot of positivity around the planting of the trees and an invite had gone out to residents to speak to the tree inspectors. Trees for cities are funding fruit trees and children from Waterloo primary school would be helping to plant them at the top of the park. Chris informed that a fully qualified fitness trainer would be offering training sessions at Queens Park on Thursday mornings 9.30am onwards.
- A resident asked if a sign could be put up to say that the school had been involved in the planting.
- There had been a few complaints about dog exercising at the Pudsey cemetery. Residents were asked to pass on the message to fellow residents that dogs taken into a cemetery needs to be on a lead and residents should clear up dog foul after use and be respectful.
- The rail way line had a clear up twice in the last year however litter continues to accumulate. A team of volunteers would be supporting to clear the area.
- It was confirmed that Parks & Countryside were involved in felling trees near the Pudsey railway at sections on either side of Robin Lane.
- Resident queried about trees at Lowell Grove, Silver Birch, Crawshaw Park and Harley Road, (trees planted in the square) and the roots coming out of the hills and concerns about coming into properties. Chris to take details at the end of the meeting.
- Cllr Lewis asked about Post Hill and there had previously been a commitment to manage the woodland and at the time additional funding was being sourced. Chris informed that Post Hill wasn't an area he himself was working on and would take the query away and get a briefing note for the next meeting. It was noted by a resident that Frank Brove was involved with the work taking place at Post Hill.
- Cllr Coulson mentioned he had meetings 6 months ago with Phil Staniforth and David Morgan around changes to hot house in Pudsey park and the opening hours of the animal centre which closes when school children finish schools and asked if there could be altered shift patterns for parents to take children to the centre. Chris to feedback to the relevant team to address.
- South Parade would be having more work done on cutting down trees on Vicarage Drive which are being thinned out. CH will ask officers involved about feedback.
- Working hours for the operational teams had been changed and were now working longer hours in summer and shorter hours in the winter.

### Housing Leeds

- Claire Smith introduced herself as the new Housing Manager for Pudsey and had started in December. Claire mentioned she would continue attending future meetings and provide details of works being undertaken by the team. Residents reported they were pleased to see fencing had been replaced near Hough Top.

### AOB

- Swinnow Community Centre: Cllr Jarosz informed that the centre needed more volunteers and it had not been easy to get people involved. Discussions were taking place with the council services about how they can get involved. The next meeting would be taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm at the centre. Resident informed that they don't get to find out what's happening so could do with a notice board.
- Gables Surgery Plans: Cllr Coulson informed that plans had been passed but there had been a problem that the site was slightly too small. The issue had been resolved and the project was moving along.
- It was asked if the Pudsey Chapel in the cemetery could have the poling changed in colour. Chris informed he would feedback the request.
- Resident informed that before Christmas there appeared to be bad communication between highways and metro regarding road works on Swinnow Road. Cllr Jarosz noted that all busses had radios but are not apparently being used. The information from Leeds City Council Highways is cascaded to Metro. Cllr Jarosz to look into the enquiry.

### Date & Time

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm – 9pm, venue – Swinnow Community Centre