

### Pudsey & Swinnow Forum

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**Present:** Cllr Jarosz (Chair), David Dufton, John Rider, D Pontefract, Wendy Walton, John Sturdy, Phil Staniforth, Dave Cornell, Jack Prince, Matt Bentley, Paul Henry, Blanche Weir, Insp. Tom Horner, Neil Hemingway, Lee Johnson

#### **1.0 Welcome & Apologies**

#### **Action**

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following apologies were given: Cllr Coulson, Mr & Mrs Pogson

#### **2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record. All matters arising were picked up under the main agenda.

#### **3.0 Pudsey Bus Station**

3.1 David Dufton from Metro gave a presentation on the proposed works. Work is scheduled to start on site May 2009 and complete Feb 2010.

3.2 Some disabled parking will be provided around the perimeter – it will be shared with loading bays. It may also be possible to provide 4-5 additional disabled bays in the Leisure Centre car park. Dave Cornell confirmed that the carriageway will be wider to accommodate buses circulating and the central bus stand is as narrow as possible.

3.3 Alan Robinson (Traffic Management) explained that he would be re-enacting some existing TROs around the town centre. The Longfield Road area has resident parking permits and some additional limited waiting.

3.4 The issue of coach pick up and drop off was raised. It was suggested that this could be moved to outside the post office and also Manor House Street. A new taxi bay could be created on the other side of Manor House Street.

3.5 Alan advised that this was the last day of the public consultation. He and Metro had also attended the Pudsey Business Forum. The TROs will go to Highways Board mid March, an on street advert placed in April, and objections back to Highways Board in May. The order can then be sealed following board approval. Residents will be sent details on parking permits and don't need to do anything till then e.g. Claremont

Grove.

- 3.6 In relation to the Kent Road traffic lights, the TROs have been resolved and should be proceeding shortly.

#### **4.0 Swinnow Moor Play Area**

- 4.1 Phil Staniforth explained that there will hopefully be 2 sections to the play area – 1 for up to 14 year olds and 1 for older children. The proposals would be presented at the Open Morning at Swinnow Community Centre on Saturday.
- 4.2 Comments were made about busy traffic on Swinnow Lane. Phil explained that there would be low level boundary treatment to prevent children running out onto the road. There would be 4 main access points.
- 4.3 Insp Horner was very supportive of the play area proposals as he felt that increased community facilities could help reduce ASB in the area. Links had been made with Park Spring Primary School. Martin Bennet, the head teacher there agreed to get his school Eco Council involved.
- 4.4 Dog fouling, especially on the informal grassed area may be an issue. There would be
- 4.5 Phil suggested that signage may be appropriate, including a naming / opening ceremony and also a community notice board. **all**
- 4.6 Access controls (as per Post Hill 3 valleys) may be introduced to stop motorbike access but not prams or wheelchairs.
- 4.7 Insp Horner urged people to report off road bikes to 241 4999, as he has 2 off road motorbikes that can deal with this issue. His team will work with Parkswatch.
- 4.8 The timescale for the play area includes consultation at the Open Morning on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> and then a further 3-4 weeks in schools. Phil and his team will then evaluate comments and incorporate into the designs where possible. The final plans will be displayed publicly. A likely timescale is approximately 12 months till work starts on site.

#### **5.0 Pudsey Conservation Area Review**

- 5.1 Matt Bentley explained his work to date on the Pudsey Conservation Area Review. Pudsey was designated in 1986 and much has changed since then. He has completed site visits and a character analysis and met with groups such as Pudsey Civic. A 6 week consultation process started on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cllr Lewis stated that he hoped that the review would encourage better quality developments, possibly including redevelopment of the 60s style buildings.

#### **6.0 Community Safety and Tension Monitoring**

- 6.1 PC Lee Johnson and Insp Tom Horner provided an update. They

explained the Policing pledge which is basically a set of promises to the community. Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings will be held once a month to encourage information sharing. Current issues are ASB in Pudsey Park and theft from motor vehicles especially Fulneck / Southroyd Park. Insp Horner urged people not to leave things on display.

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6.2 At the PACT meetings, targets would be set for the next meeting. The next PACT meeting is Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at the Leisure Centre. Insp Horner urged people to report things to the 0845 number or the NPT office.

6.3 Several Neighbourhood Watches have been set up in the South Parade, Dalesides, Harley Green, cenotaph and Priestleys areas. These have been successful in reducing crime. Capture cars had been used successfully, using hidden cameras and smart water. 2 people had been convicted from the Pudsey area as a result. A brand new capture car is now operating in Pudsey.

6.4 ASB warnings and exclusion maps have been developed with help from the ASB team. Pudsey Park has seen significant improvement, with young people not just being moved on but being dealt with through the ASBO process if necessary.

6.5 The Police have built a good working relationship with the Pudsey Town Centre Manager and also local Councillors, with good communications.

## **7.0 New Dental Services in Pudsey**

7.1 Steve Levill from NHS Leeds gave an update. Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley are two of the worst affected areas in Leeds in terms of dental health. £2.5m is being used to treat 38,000 new patients – 8,000 of these within Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley ward. The consultation period finishes on Friday. It is hoped that new services will be up and running by September 2009.

7.2 Cllr Lewis raised the issue of patients converting to private practice. He was particularly concerned that this investment should result in new dentists rather than trying to cram more patients in to existing practices.

## **8.0 Town Centre Manager**

8.1 Nigel Conder is funded by LCC but employed by Leeds Ahead. His role is to improve the viability of Pudsey and Armley town centres. He has established a business forum which has been very positively received. He is aiming to develop Pudsey as a visitor attraction. His work is steered by a group including Councillors, officers, Police and businesses.

## **9.0 Time and Date of Next Meeting**

9.1 The next meeting will take place Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Swinnow Community Centre.