

**Armley Community Forum**
**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

Present: H Boutle (Chair), Cllr A Lowe, Cllr McKenna, S Charlton (LCC), D Boutle, W Gregg, Audrey Paul, E Bowes, H Gardiner, J Ramell, M Stead, B & K Draper, M Bruce, D Smith, Mrs Hardcastle, B Holmes, G Atack, J Ford, D Peck, Janet Scott (PCSO) PC Ishaq West Yorkshire Police reps, H Halliwell, Chris Way & L Martin (LCC Highways), P Kempster, B&M Guthrie, R Reeves, Hon. Alderman B Nelson, M Wolstencroft, Mocova, Simon Clark (LCC Leisure Services), M Pugh, F Waste.

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.01	H Boutle welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she would be chairing the meeting as Vice Chair in Cllr Harpers absence.	
<b>2.00</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.01	Cllr Harper, Eric Egan, Jo McCarey Egan, Mr Cooke, Mrs G Shaw, Harry Shields, E & B Rayworth, Mr & Mrs Maynard, Mr Bruce, K Lemm, Dawn Newsome, D Stead	
<b>3.00</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
3.01	The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	
3.02	Streetlighting – A query was raised about when the old columns were being removed from Nunnington Terrace and about the spacing of the columns on Town Street. Cllr McKenna explained that there was a meeting planned with Ian Moore from streetlighting later in the week and that people were welcome to attend.	
3.03	6.02 – Footpaths on Tong Road. It had been noted that the footpaths on this stretch were in poor condition, a question was asked about whether there was any plans to upgrade them.	<b>Highways</b>
3.04	6.06 - Armley Fun Day – Hazel Boutle confirmed that the fun day was due to take place on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> July on Armley Moor, with over 50 stalls planned. All welcome.	
3.05	6.07 - Field of Dreams – Adequate provision is being made in the upgrade works to this site to prevent travellers from accessing the site.	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Heather Halliwell</b>	
4.01	Cllr Lowe informed the meeting that a local resident – Heather Halliwell had written to Ward Members about a drama project that she had been successful in being offered a place on. However, she had to raise £895 to fund the place. Cllr Lowe asked Heather to introduce herself to the Forum and explain the project as the Forum may wish to offer some financial support.	
4.02	Heather explained that the project was with Youth Music Theatre UK and would offer her the opportunity to gain skills in drama and theatre. The project is run in Cumbria and the end result is the production of a play. Over 12,000 people auditioned for a place and 36 have been successful., of which Heather is one. Heather has raised £200 to date towards the costs.	
4.02	The Forum agreed that they would support Heather with £300 funding.	

<b>5.00</b>	<b>Police Update</b>	
5.01	PC Azak introduced himself as a new PC for the area. He explained that he had been a Road Traffic Officer in the area and so was familiar with some of the issues. The following updates were given:	<b>Police</b>
5.02	Cedar Place – An ongoing issues with off-road bikes on the street. The Police currently have a zero tolerance approach to nuisance bikes. There has been ASBOs and dispersal orders in place on the Cedars and it is regularly patrolled by the Police. A number of members of the Forum who live on the Cedars noted that young people on bikes avoided the area when the Police were patrolling and a particular problem was Saturday mornings. The Police confirmed that they vary the times they patrol the area and would continue to do so. Any incidents should be reported to the off road biking number on 239 5092.	
5.03	Speeding Motorists – this is particularly an issue on Town Street and a new operation will be coming into force over the forthcoming weeks to tackle this.	
5.04	Armley Day of Action – This was a very successful high profile multi agency operation. There was a variety of activity including awareness raising and enforcement. There will be further similar operations in the future.	
5.05	Geldard Road – There is a ongoing problem with motorists driving along this stretch the wrong way. The Police agreed to look into this.	
5.06	There is an issue with public drinking on Town Street where there is a DPPO (Designated Public Places Order) in force which means that on street drinking is not allowed. The Police confirmed that if individuals are caught drinking, alcohol is seized from them and disposed of. There is signage along Town Street to inform about the DPPO.	
5.07	A member of the Forum noted that there was an issue with large groups gathering behind the community centre near the Grasmere. Cllr McKenna explained that the ALMO had agreed some funding to alleygate this area.	
5.08	The Police noted that there had been less problems with young people on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenues in New Wortley recently.	
5.09	The neighbourhood policing team telephone number will always go onto answer machine if the office is not staffed and the call will be responded to when an Officer is next in the office.	
<b>6.00</b>	<b>Armley Leisure Centre – Simon Clark</b>	
6.01	Simon Clark introduced himself as being the current manager of Armley Sports Centre. The centre is due to close on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August in order that demolition works can be carried out to make way for the new centre.	
6.02	The car park has now been secured off and is unusable. Also, the public footpath that runs through the middle of the site has been temporarily closed.	
6.03	From 10 <sup>th</sup> August builders will be on site carrying out detailed building surveys prior to the demolition. The demolition will clear the whole site.	
6.04	The new leisure centre is due to be completed in April 2010 and opened in May. The new facility will include a 25 metre 5 lane swimming pool, a teaching pool, hydrotherapy pool, a 2 court and 4 court sports hall, changing facilities and a 100 station bodyline fitness suite. There will also be a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) outside along with a 100 space car park which includes disabled parking and parent	

	and toddler parking. There will be 2 bus lay bys on Carcrofts for bus and coach drop offs.	
6.05	A question was raised about footpaths through the site. Simon confirmed that there will be footpaths through the top, middle and bottom of the site.	
<b>7.00</b>	<b>Highways – Chris Way</b>	
7.01	Aires Avenue and Theaker Lane – traffic calming notices are now on site.	
7.02	Town Street – from Whingate to Armley Ridge Road, a scheme is being designed for additional pedestrian crossings and is likely to be installed in 2010.	
7.03	Conferences 20mps zone – work is currently on site.	
7.04	Armley Grange – Access only order approved in principle.	
7.05	Hall Lane – Near Prison, Highways have received complaints about cars being parked in this area to the back of the prison. It is thought it could be staff or visitors leaving vehicles in this location. Highways will carry out surveys in the Autumn to ascertain the level of problem.	
7.06	Canal Road – A scheme has been designed to install crossing points, however, there is currently no funding available for the works to be carried out. It may be funded in financial year 2010/11.	
7.07	Town Street Improvement Scheme – Work has started on the Town & District Centre scheme which includes the resurfacing of footpaths in traditional Yorkstone and the resurfacing of the Highway. The work is due to be completed in November 2009.	
7.08	Wesley Road/ Town Street Junction – there is not an obvious solution to the problem of this junction but options will be investigated.	
7.09	Branch Road – work is currently being carried out which makes pedestrian crossing difficult. Highways to follow up.	<b>Highways</b>
7.10	Victoria Park Avenue – There is an issue with speeding traffic particularly motorcycles and there have been a number of accidents. Chris Way noted that a proposed 20mph zone is currently out to consultation and a design in being progressed. Chris to feed back to next meeting.	<b>Highways</b>
<b>8.00</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
8.01	Geldard Road – there is glass that needs clearing to the rear of the shops.	<b>Area Management</b>
8.02	A member of the Forum complained that there was lots of weed growth on pavements. Cllr Lowe explained that there was a smaller budget this year for Streetscene due to the end of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) .	
8.03	There is a rat problem at the top of Aire Terrace and Aire Street, along the banking.	
8.04	Some of Blakeys land has been sold to the waste transfer station.	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>Date &amp; time of next meeting</b>	
9.01	<b>Tuesday 15th September, 7pm, Armley One Stop Shop</b>	