

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum
Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens. Bramley, Leeds

Date: Thursday 24th September 2009

Present: Stephen McBarron (Chair), J B Quimby, John Lockett, Stephen Longley, B Miller, K Miller, Marian Houseman, Geoff Houseman, A Silson, S Withers, E & B Rayworth, P Miles, M Tyson, S Roberts (West North West Homes), PCS0799 Goldthorpe (West Yorkshire Police), Alison Pickering (Area Management Team)

1.0 WELCOME

Stephen McBarron chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Atkinson who is still recovering. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and best wishes were sent to Councillor Atkinson.

1.1 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Hanley, Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Taggart,

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2.1 3.1 – Survey on Leeds Bradford Rd - Residents feels it is more urgent than indicated in the minutes of the last meeting.

2.2 5.4 - The comments were passed on and any future ideas would be welcome. AP also outlined the ways in which Bramley Bands in the Park had been advertised. Members of the forum noted in response that not everyone has access to the internet, there are no local papers, would like the noticeboards to be used to advertise events, members did not see any promotional information in the parks and could information be publicised in local community centres.

2.3 5.5 – Street lighting opposite 17 Horton Rise, Rodley – Residents stated that there is in fact no street lighting in this location.

2.4 5.6 - The footpath between the Owl Pub and Rodley Park is in terrible order and has been for the last two years.

2.5 5.7 - The road behind the church at Rodley is private land. Residents would like this area adopted by the Council.

2.6 5.8 - The blocked drains at Wesley Terrace have been referred.

2.7 5.10 – Landseer Way was misspelt. It has been arranged for the street of the Landseer estate be de-littered every two weeks.

3.0 Bramley Care Homes

- 3.1
- Why are they closing down? What are they going to do with the property?
 - Residents felt not enough information was known about their services or what alternatives will be provided?
 - Consultation on the closures finishes on Wednesday 30th September.
 - Residents felt the process in accessing the day care facilities was difficult.
 - What is the good for Bramley out of all of this?
 - The residents voted on the number of residents who were in favour of the closures. There was a unanimous vote against the closure of Bramley Lawns day Care Centre.

4.0 Adrian Stockholme - Police

4.1 Adrian provided the following feedback on crimes rates in the area.

- Crime rates are steady but it was noted that there had been a raise in the number of people going round trying doors on an evening so residents must make sure that they keep their doors locked.
- It was suggested due to the dark nights, residents should leave a light on each night, making sure it's a different light each night.

4.2 Haughton Rise - a tool box was left there. It was requested a street light should be located in this area. Residents don't feel a light would draw in young people anymore than are already there.

4.3 First Bus – residents would like someone from First Bus to attend the Bramley Forum. Issues over cleanliness, routes and gaps in routes were raised.

AMT

4.4 Bonfire night 2008 – 6 PCSO's & PC's were in the area. Riots vans were brought on to solve the problem with young people in the area. Will there be any additional staff for this year? What resources are LCC and WYP putting in place for this year? Is the bonfire event happening this year? Residents feel issues arise after the bonfire when local people/ families have dispersed.

AMT

5.0 Stuart Roberts WNWHL – Fuel Poverty Project – Rossefields & Snowdens

5.1 A community project for the Rossefields & Snowdens estate is being planned, they are looking to extend the mains gas network to all of the off-gas areas, all WNWHL properties will be connected and all private homes will be offered a free-of-charge connection. Further to this private home owners/private landlords will be offered assistance to install gas central heating and installation measures, free of charge or with grant funding to help with costs. Provision for tenants to have central heating installed will be from March 2010. All residents will be offered benefit checks.

**WNW
HL**

5.2 The project is to future proof the residents in the area which gives them an alternative to expensive heating. They will be sending a letter round to all the tenants to let them know what is available to them. This is available for private and ALMO residents. Electricity is very expensive and is why this scheme is underway. All they are doing is putting the provision in.

5.3 Residents are planning to have an open forum (probably in Nov) at the band club in Bramley.

6.0 A O B

6.1 The lack of Councillors attending the meeting was noted. It was felt that more people would attend if the Councillors attended.

6.2 The work on the road near Morrisons has been completed

6.3 Stephen Longley wants an agenda item on all future forums to update on the AC discussions.

AMT

6.4 Stephen McBarron suggested posters advertising the meeting on 26th November could be displayed on Bramley Shopping Centre noticeboard and forwarded to Akbar Khan for display at Bramley NHMO. SM would be happy to distribute A5 flyers leading up to the next meeting.

AMT

Dates of meetings in 2009 - 26th November