

HAREWOOD AND WETHERBY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

Thursday 13th May, 7pm, Walton Village Hall

Agenda Items:

Heritage Open Days in the Community - Lynda Kitching, Leeds Civic Trust

Lynda explained that the Heritage Open Days are to be free events held over a period of 4 days 9th to 12th September 2010 which are being co-ordinated by the Civic Trust. The idea is to open buildings, wood trails etc which are rarely open to members of the public. Last year nationally 4,000 properties and events took place, although the events are Europe wide. This year the Civic Trust want all areas to be represented and they are, therefore, seeking potential participants to take part. Local contacts are being sought to take part and would welcome any information from Parish Councils who have local knowledge of the area. The Civic Trust can be contacted in Leeds on 0113 243 9594 or office@leedscivictrust.org.uk or nationally www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Children and Young People - Shaid Mahmood, Melanie Robinson, Vicky Fuggles and Shaun Macklin

Cllr Lamb explained that he was the Childrens Champion on NE Outer Area Committee and as such, and since he was chairing the meeting, felt it appropriate that the theme of tonights meeting should be Children and Young People.

Shaid explained that in 2003 the Government published a paper called Every Child Matters. This was published alongside the formal response to the report into the death of Victoria Climbié. The Paper built on existing plans to strengthen preventative services by focussing on supporting families and carers who are the most critical influence on childrens' lives; ensuring necessary intervention takes place before children reach crisis point and protecting children from 'falling through the net'; address the underlying problems identified in the report into the death of Victoria Climbié – ensuring the integration and involvement of local services; and ensuring that people working with children are valued, rewarded and trained. In 2004 the Childrens Act was passed which developed more effective and accessible services focussing around the needs of children, young people and families. In Leeds the model used is likened to a 'Windscreen'. Local services now come together to discuss problem children / families and create a CAF (Common Assessment Framework). The most difficult age they work with is 8 – 13 years old.

Cllr Lamb reported that 7 out of 10 young people in prison and young offenders institutes are illiterate. He felt that the Town and Parish Councils have a role to play within the young peoples agenda.

Vicky and Shaun then spoke on behalf of the Youth Service who explained that youth provision isn't just about activities for young people but also about helping them make informed choices in life. A booklet explaining what the Youth Service is was tabled for information. The Youth Service activities guide was also circulated and Parish Councils were informed they could receive an updated version on a regular basis. Parish Clerks to contact Shaun if wishing to be put on the database.

Following questions Shaun reported that he would be willing to meet with voluntary youth clubs in the villages with an offer of support from the Youth Service. He reported that he

regularly attends meetings with the Police to discuss young people coming up on the radar and get his detached youth workers involved with those young people. David Gluck from Aberford reported that the detached youth work in Aberford has been very successful. Information about youth services can be found on the Breeze website which all schools are aware of and have access to.

Cllr Lamb reported on 2 pots of funding available – the Youth Opportunities Fund and the Youth Capital Fund which have £450k each. Bids for this funding must come from the young people themselves and the decision is taken by a panel of young people. Shadwell Cricket Club had recently been successful with a grant from this funding.

A discussion then took place about the different relationships the Parish Councils have with the schools in their area. In particular Collingham and Linton have great difficulty forging relationships with the local school and see this as a big issue as they feel it important that a representative from the Parish Council should be on the Board of Governors. Cllr Lamb reported that he intended to write to the schools to work towards stronger links with the Parish Councils.

Melanie Robinson, the newly appointed Integrated Service Leader (ISL), stated that this will now be part of her role to forge relationships and will raise this at Cluster Leadership meetings. There are now also 2 Children's Centres in Boston Spa and Wetherby who have their co-ordinators in post and both Centres will have advisory boards which will have representatives from the Parish Councils. Shaid suggested that the Governors Unit become involved with this issue as well.

Area Delivery Plan – Outcome of Community Engagement Events

A document entitled Area Delivery Plan Preparation was tabled for information and Carole explained what preparation had taken place to enable the ADP 2010-11 for Outer North East to be put together. The consultation results identifying local priorities for action were also circulated for information

Update from Town and Parish Councils

Boston Spa – Cllr Lamb thanked David and local residents for their continuing dedication and work on the objections to the planning application for Church Fields for which the results are now awaited

Wetherby – The Closure of Wetherby Post Office is of great concern in Wetherby. Local Ward Members are continuing to fight against the closure.

The Wetherby Festival will once again take place in October 2010

Collingham – The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 25th May. Issues that will be raised are the Old Mill and the felling of trees in Goss Wood. The Lady Hastings Trust who own both the Mill and the Wood will not meet with the Parish Council or attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss these issues. It was suggested that the Parish Council approach the Charities Commission.

Bramham – A new bio mass electricity sub station is being talked about near the village. Keith to e-mail Cllr Lamb with the relevant information.

Clifford – Concerns were raised about a letter to the Parish Council from one of the local PCSOs requesting funding towards the purchase of a police car. It was commented that surely it is the responsibility of West Yorkshire Police to purchase the vehicle. Ward Members stated that it's a battle to keep the Police Station in Wetherby open and they are loathe at this time to make waves. Cllr Lamb suggested that a meeting take place with the Chief Inspector to try to solve these problems. A suggestion was made that a vehicle could be purchase from the Police overtime budget but Marcus reported that he'd had no such budget for the last 5 years.

Thorp Arch – concerns raised about the blocked gulleys on the bridge. The Parish

Council have been told that to sort this problem out the bridge would have to be closed which is not the answer. Sheila to e-mail Cllr Lamb who will look into this issue.

Aberford – Well Being application has been submitted for funding towards the second Parish Plan to create a Masterplan for 2010-2020

Shadwell – the Scout Hut is nearly completed. The May Festival will be held Saturday 15th May

A1(M) Issues

It was reported that the new traffic lights on the round-a-bout were working well. Any issues arising please let Derek know. It was suggested that a meeting with officers later in the year would be useful.

Items discussed under Any Other Business

Since putting forward nominees to sit on the Highways Working group nothing more has been heard. Sandra Fowler to obtain feedback from Nick de la Taste

Well Being Fund –It was suggested that Parish Councils be aware of the budgets for Well Being for 2010/11 and the spend on last years budget ie in which areas it was spent and on what. Carole to provide update for the next meeting. It was also suggested that funding should become a regular item on the agenda

Marcus reported that the Police Open Day would take place on Saturday 3rd July this year