

### **Pudsey & Swinnow Forum**

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Chair:** Councillor Jarosz

Present: Nigel Conder (Town Centre Manager), Clare Wiggins (Area Management), Sgt Williamson & PC Sally Johnson (West Yorkshire Police), Jack & Audrey Prince, Suzanne Wainwright / Derek Lawrence (Youth Service), Steve Lightfoot (Pudsey Business Forum), Claire Ducker, Wendy Walton, Mavis Gregory, John Sturdy, C Stevens, R Bennett, Mr & Mrs Rider, E Thomas, M Hirst, KJ & YC Robinson, J & B Knapp, B & G Stephens, V Bergin, L Spurr, S McLennan, D Carver, Carol Barber, Bernadette Gallagher, Greg Wood.

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

#### **Action**

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Barbara Young, Phil Staniforth, Chris Hodgson, Richard Pinder, Graham Walker and David Dufton.

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

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

2.2 CW reported that the management committee at Swinnow Community Centre had disbanded in July and the centre was now being managed (probably temporarily) by Leeds City Council. LCC Corporate Property Management had been asked to complete a number of repairs including repairing the lights in the car park.

2.3 CW reported on behalf of PCSO Mick Cox that the potential project at Swinnow Primary School would not now be pursued as the parents needed to use that area for parking.

2.4 In relation to minute 4.5, CW reported that funding for an additional lay-by and parking scheme on the eastern side of Lidget Hill was still being pursued.

#### **3.0 Police update**

3.1 Sgt Steve Williamson and PC Sally Johnson updated on crime statistics in the local area for the last 3 months. Theft from motor vehicles has increased and is currently a Police priority. The Police asked people not to leave items on display in their cars.

- 3.2 ASB is also a concern across the county. Locally, the Police are working with the Youth Service on diversionary projects to reduce ASB and this appears to be working. For example, the 'Wateringcote' project in the Waterloos area had been a very successful partnership project to address ASB. Residents confirmed this success.
- 3.3 CW reported that Metro had expressed their thanks for the Police support with the reversal of traffic flow around Market Place.
- 3.4 Residents queried whether there had been a robbery in Chapeltown and the Police confirmed this was correct.

#### **4.0 Pudsey Parking Strategy**

- 4.1 It was reported that some businesses may wish to object to the proposed 2hr waiting restriction in Lidget Hill car park. AR advised that the TRO had not yet been approved by Highways Board and had therefore not been advertised. It will take around 2 weeks to get to Legal.
- 4.2 AR explained that any parking restrictions would push the problem further out. The aim is to try and strike a balance e.g. Lidget Hill is proposed as 2hr parking and others will remain long stay. Steve Lightfoot asked if objections would delay implementation and AR confirmed it would as the TRO would have to go back to Highways Board. This adds 6-8 weeks each time. SL confirmed that most businesses agreed with the 2 hour restrictions but some would object.
- 4.3 A Prince stated this work should have been done before the bus station. CW and AR confirmed some had been e.g. restrictions on Lowtown and re-modelling of the Leisure Centre car park. AR confirmed survey work had taken place and only around 12-15% of parking was by commuters to Leeds. AR confirmed he was trying to cater for everyone including disabled by ensuring there are sufficient disabled spaces.
- 4.4 Several residents had attended specifically to raise their concerns around loss of parking near Crimbles allotments due to the introduction of a residents' only parking zone. Parking on site was mainly for disabled users whilst other users would struggle with tools and compost etc. AR stated that the parking manager would not be happy to provide numerous permits for those not living within the area and that the restrictions did not preclude loading and unloading. AR was concerned that if permits were provided, the problem would move elsewhere.
- 4.5 Allotment holders confirmed that there were about 25 plots but only 4 or 5 cars at a time would need vehicular access. This would be particularly important for older or infirm users. AR to explore whether a solution can be found and keep in contact with Jerry Knapp representing the allotment holders.
- 4.6 Lots of traffic and speeding was reported as a problem on Chaucer Road.

**AR / JK**

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- 4.7 In response to a resident's query, AR confirmed that traffic lights on the Cemetery Road / Lidget Hill junction would not work.
- 4.8 AR stated that he felt confident that the traffic island outside Boots on Church Lane would improve traffic flow and reduce speeds.

## 5.0 Parks & Countryside

- 5.1 CW updated on behalf of Phil Staniforth. She advised that work was going to take place to improve the situation at the WLCP Visitor centre. Options were being considered to improve access for disabled people around the centre. In addition, the possibility of a Changing Places toilet is currently being explored. This could either be attached to the visitor centre or in place of the current public toilets on Market Place.
- 5.2 CW also reported on behalf of Parks that the Swinnow Moor play area, funded through S106 monies would still be going ahead, starting on site in October.

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## 6.0 Nigel Conder – Town Centre Manager (TCM)

- 6.1 NC updated on the Christmas lights switch on event, planned for 19<sup>th</sup> November. A Santa's grotto will also be established.
- 6.2 NC is exploring funding for replacing the barriers on the main traffic light junction in Pudsey town centre.
- 6.3 NC is continuing to try and persuade more stall holders to attend the regular and farmers market. However he urged residents to 'use it or lose it'. He is trying to attract people in with additional events and attractions for example the recent successful band concerts in the park.
- 6.4 Residents raised the need for enforcement of a number of banners which appear to be up permanently in the town centre as well as the poor state of Bargain City and its produce. CW / NC to follow up with Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement.
- 6.5 NC also stated that he and some members of the Business Forum were trying to improve the relationship with the Pudsey Times and the paper was starting to portray a more positive image of the town. Other advertising mechanisms such as posters and bus advertising were also being explored.

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## 7.0 Youth Service update

- 7.1 Derek Lawrence and Susanne Wainwright attended to update on Youth Service provision in the local area. The service works with mainly 13-19 year olds, but around 10% of their work can be with 11 and 12 year olds and over 25 year olds if they have special needs. The results are lasting behavioural change. DL particularly covers Pudsey and Calverley / Farsley ward and is working in partnership to utilise different skills and expertise e.g. the Wateringcote project.
- 7.2 DL updated on various sessions run by the Youth Service in Pudsey e.g.

- Diversionary work at Pudsey Leisure Centre
- Sessions at the Lazer Centre
- Sessions at The Works BMX centre
- Girls group at St Andrews Church
- Detached work in Pudsey park
- Football sessions
- Sunshine Club at Swinnow
- Hopefully an additional session at Swinnow (funding issue to be discussed)

**CW / DL**

7.3 Residents queried how the service was publicised. This was mainly through the Breeze website, through referrals, programmes sent out monthly to partner agencies, detached workers, the youth mobile.

## **8.0 AOB**

8.1 Residents confirmed that the bands in the park had been excellent.

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

9.1 Possibly Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, but hopefully to be combined with the PACT meeting. Venue either WLCP Visitor Centre or Pudsey Leisure Centre.

**CW**