HAREWOOD AND WETHERBY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

Thursday 21st October 2010 7:30 pm Wetherby Town Hall

Agenda Items:

Outer North East Area Delivery Plan (ADP)

Area Management officers conducted an exercise to help establish priorities for the 2011-12 ADP. Similar events will be held with other groups of residents throughout Outer North East Leeds. A list of priorities was presented to the Town and Parish Councillors who were requested to take time, look them and indicate with sticker,s which they consider most important. The collated information will contribute to the development of the next ADP making sure it reflects the views of local residents and correctly identifies their priorities for the 2011/12 ADP. The exercise provided valuable information and the results are presented in the "Community Engagement and Consultation" report.

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

Cllr George Hall reported that he had attended Scrutiny Board (City Development) to discuss the Parish Councils' representation on the SHLAA Partnership as he felt that communities and Parish Councils should be involved in the initial assessment. He felt that the Outer North East Forum should have a representative on the Partnership and suggested that someone should be nominated. Following discussions about the SHLAA and the use of land Cllr Nick Fawcett proposed that George represent the Forum which was seconded by Cllr Debbie Potter and supported by all present. The relevant report can be found at:

www.leeds.gov.uk/Business/Planning/Planning policy/ Strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA).

Update from individual Town and Parish Councils

Aberford – Village Master Plan had now been drafted together with the Village Design Statement. Costings have been received and funding raised. The wind farm enquiry has now commenced.

Bardsey – grit bins in the Congreves are a great concern and much needed. The need for those grit bins has been reviewed against the highways criteria and has been found unwarranted. Cllr Robinson reported he had several concerns regarding grit bins and agreed to raise his issues with officers in Highways.

East Keswick – grit bins also an issue in the village. It was also reported that instead of producing 4 newsletters per year the Parish Council will now produce and Annual Report instead. Changes in the bus services were also of concern. The first bus to run on Saturday's is at 9:18 am. Discussions are due to take place with Metro and First Bus by Cllr Robinson on behalf of the Parish Council.

Wetherby – There are concerns that there be no hold up with the development of the care home on St James Street as this is an important development for Wetherby. The encroachment issue on Harland Way still has not been resolved. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to meet the Town Clerk on site.

Shadwell – the issue with the lights still has not been resolved. There is work ongoing with the bridle path.

Bramham – There has been an issue with the Youth Club in the village hall which is having to close due to damage and anti-social behaviour by the young people most of whom don't live in the village.

Collingham with Linton – Goss Wood and Bishop Dale Copse are, apparently, LCC responsibility. Essential management work needs doing by Forestry. The Village Design Statement has now been finalised and is being sent to Planning. Glyn also reported that an initial planning application for a care home at Cragg Hall Farm had been refused. Another application has since been received for the build of one 6 bedroom eco-friendly home with grass covered roof, etc. It was further reported that the erection of dog fouling signs has had a positive impact in the village.

Thorner – Village Design Statement now going in for final print. The visibility on the A58 crossroad at Shadwell Lane is now better since the fence was moved back by Highways.

Barwick & Scholes – the issues of the proposed closure of the library in the village is to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. The change of bin collections was discussed. Cllr Wilkinson reported that he has met with the Director of Streetscene and has been assured that the letter with the proposed changes, which commence on Monday 25th October, should be received by all households over the weekend. There is a pilot taking place at the moment in Rothwell where the green and black bins are emptied alternately but there is a weekly food waste collection.

Any Other Business

Janet Thornton from the Yorkshire & Humberside Empowerment Partnership gave a brief overview on participatory budgeting and informed Parish Councillors about the learning and lunch events being organised. She hoped that they would attend for lunch and discussion about empowering communities to be involved in the allocation of budgets.

Cllr George Hall raised concerns with the consultation period on the changes to the validation process for planning applications. The consultation period ends on 12th December and will be valid from 31st December. However, taking into consideration Christmas holiday it does not leave a lot of time for the whole process to take place.

Date and Time of Future Meetings

Thursday 20th January 2011 – Shadwell Village Hall (tbc) to be chaired by Cllr Robinson

Thursday 21st April 2011 – Deepdale Children's Centre (tbc)

Thursday 21st July 2011

Thursday 20th October 2011

All starting at 7:30pm, to be chaired alternatively by a Harewood and Wetherby ward councillor