

Pudsey and Swinnow Forum

Date: 12th April 2011

Present: PC Sally Johnson, Becky Gunn (Swinnow Community Development Worker), B Young, A Prince, J Prince, M F Fawcett, M Hirst, E Thomas, Mavis Gregory, Dennis Pontefract, John Rider, Steve Lightfoot, Inspector R Cawkwell, Chris Way (Highways), Nigel Conder (Town Centre Manager), Tony Edwards (Youth Service), Clare Wiggins (Area Management)

Chair: Cllr Jarosz

	Action
1.0 Apologies: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Coulson, Mr Stevens, Rev Paul Ayers, Mr Ledger	
2.0 Minutes/Matters Arising:	
2.1 The minutes from the January 2011 meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
2.2 To update from item 4.7, the Pudsey Times coverage is poor. However, the forum does need to be advertised in the Pudsey Times and on posters in the town centre.	CW
3.0 Parks & Countryside update	
3.1 Swinnow Moor – the scheme is progressing well in two phases. Funding has been secured for phase 2 including boundary fencing and access controls. Residents have commented that it is looking good. The majority of works should be completed in June although the work won't totally complete on site.	
3.2 Post Hill – work is progressing on the wetlands and Elaine Hill has been in touch with the Friends of Post Hill.	
3.3 The flowerbeds in Sparrow Park opposite the war memorial have been redesigned and re-planted.	
3.4 Pudsey Park Visitor Centre – disabled access is currently being rectified.	PS
3.5 Comments were made that bins in Pudsey Park need emptying at weekends as they are overflowing. There is maybe a need for larger bins rather than increased numbers of bins. Phil Staniforth confirmed that Parkswatch were still patrolling on motorbikes and they lock and unlock the facilities. The phone number for Parkswatch is on the notice board in the park. Phil urged the forum to report any problems as then P&C can more effectively target their resources. P&C and the Police have been taking joint action such as looking after the Post Hill wetlands.	

4.0 Police update

4.1 Insp Richard Cawkwell and PC Sally Johnson attended. Insp Cawkwell explained that the PACT meetings and forum are to be combined to use Police and LCC resources most effectively. Crime figures from 1st April – 31st March were outlined:

- Recorded violent crimes – 337 (reduction of 8)
- Thefts of vehicles – 125 (reduction of 27)
- Thefts from vehicles – increase of 94 – this is an area of concern
- House burglary – reduction of 50 – however Leeds has been 'red flagged' nationally by the government along with Manchester and Nottingham
- Burglary other – 613 (reduction of 19)
- Robbery – 63 (increase of 10)
- Criminal damage – 856 (reduction of 182). This is because the PCSOs have been in the right place at the right time.
- Overall there were 27 fewer offences which is a reasonably good performance particularly in a recession. This compares with Outer NW (up by 204), Inner West (up by 325) and Inner NW (up by 36).
- Theft of metal is an increasing problem and Insp Cawkwell urged people to report any incidences of suspicious behaviour. Residents suggested that Swinnow is a problem area for metal theft.

4.2 A resident raised an issue of increased violence around the Wetherspoons pub on Manor House Street. As this is within the DPPO area, Cllr C will keep an eye on this.

Insp C

4.3 Police priorities for the year ahead are ASB, house burglary, theft from motor vehicles.

4.4 PC Johnson asked whether the current priorities needed reviewing. They were:

- Damage to vehicles on Waterloo Rd and Perseverance Street
- Youths congregating at Fulneck School e.g. camping and fires
- Drug use and ASB on the Hillside

4.5 The Wateringcoate project to deal with ASB on the Owlcoates estate includes a community event this Friday. Two ASBOs are pending in the Pudsey area and there will be increasing ASB patrols over the summer.

4.6 The PACT meetings at Swinnow will continue as PCSO Mick Cox has seen good attendance. CW agreed to confirm the Swinnow dates and include in the minutes:

CW

Wednesday 6th July at 7:30pm & Wednesday 17th August 2011 at 7:30pm

All of the meetings will be held at 1930 hours at Christ The Saviour Church, Swinnow Lane, Swinnow.

4.7 S Lightfoot raised the issue of graffiti which he stated was an increasing problem in Pudsey. The Police agreed to speak to local head teachers and Nigel Conder has passed on the locations to the Environmental Action Plan.

4.8 Littlemoor Garage has closed and is likely to attract ASB. The Police agreed to monitor the situation.

Insp C

4.9 A resident who could not attend had asked CW to raise an issue on his behalf. ASB is a problem behind the shopping parade (Tandoori House / Pizza Place) on Swinnow Lane. He stated there was drug dealing and footballs being kicked into the garage doors, causing noise nuisance.	Insp C
5.0 Youth Service update (Tony Edwards)	
5.1 TE is currently reviewing work programmes for the area including accredited work for positive activities such as DoE. There are now 5 youth hubs in West including the Armley Lazer Centre. The mobile youth bus needs upgrading. TE will circulate these programmes once updated. TE commented that there was room for improvement e.g. in schools. He confirmed that youth work was not just taking place Monday-Friday and was looking at Saturday night provision.	TE
5.2 TE and Becky Gunn (Community Development Worker for Swinnow) agreed to make contact re youth provision in the Swinnow area.	TE / RG
5.3 Cllr Jarosz agreed to help with publicity of the Youth Service.	Cllr J
5.4 CW agreed to speak to TE re a proposed Health & Well being fun day in Pudsey Park due to take place in July. An update would come to the next forum meeting.	CW / TE
5.5 TE also welcomed volunteers and explained they could attend a volunteer contact evening in September / October.	
6.0 Highways update – Chris Way	
6.1 The bus bay outside the post office on Church Lane has been concerted to disabled bays. The bus pick up area on Manor House Street is proving very effective.	
6.2 2 hour restrictions on Robin Lane are currently being introduced. C Way agreed to check if this applied to evening too, but he thought it would just apply until 6pm.	C Way
6.3 5 hour restrictions are to be introduced on Longfield Crescent, near the Crimbles in response to the concerns raised by the allotment holders. There have been no objections raised and the TRO should be in place very soon.	
6.4 Two zebra crossings are being installed on Robin Lane. The poles are in and work is progressing well.	
6.5 Work is progressing to install a bus lay-by on Lidget Hill. BT ducts in the footway and electric cabling needs to be moved. In response to S Lightfoot's issues that businesses were concerned about the timing of the works over Easter, C Way confirmed that works had been delayed to address these concerns. In addition, the bus stop outside the Town Hall will be moved further along Robin Lane.	
6.6 Other issues raised by residents included potholes on the Claremonts and 2 parking spaces at the end of Hamilton Street which are apparently dangerous and need moving. C Way also agreed to investigate the issue of ambulance access to the Claremonts with mainly older people living there possibly having	C Way

heart attacks etc.

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| 6.7 | With regard to Marsh, Cllr Jarosz stated that a resident had warned that this may become a rat run. C Way agreed to look into this but confirmed that the works were restricted by a Section 278 agreement. | C Way |
| 6.8 | C Way explained that the principle of changing parking restrictions outside Seaspray on Lowtown had been agreed. He is not dealing with this particular matter but explained that any revisions would need to be combined with another scheme to justify the £3,000 legal fees. | |
| 6.9 | Cllr Jarosz expressed concern that on the Priestleys the white lines are a problem as the old lines are showing through and it is not clear which is a priority. | C Way |
| 7.0 | Town Centre Manager update – Nigel Conder | |
| 7.1 | NC updated on tackling graffiti and working with lettings agents to tackle empty units. The Easter event, including chocolate market on 23 rd April had been successful with many people attending. 5000 flyers had been distributed. 30 shops had taken part in the Easter Egg hunt. | NC |
| 7.2 | Insufficient bins are still are problem within the town centre. NC is looking into potential sponsorship by Greggs and the Wetherby Whaler etc. However, there needs to be confirmation from Streetscene Services that any new bins could be emptied. | NC |
| 7.3 | NC is also organising 3-4 information / notice boards funded by Metro. NC to pursue installation. NC echoed earlier concerns that Pudsey Times support was poor. | NC |
| 7.4 | S Lightfoot confirmed that the Business Forum were paying for banners that could be re-used. These could be used to publicise town centre events. | |
| 8.0 | Any other business | |
| 8.1 | A representative from Pudsey in Bloom stated that she wanted local Councillor support at In Bloom meetings. The next meeting is on 5 th may and then the 2 nd June at 6.30pm at Pudsey Leisure Centre. Cllr Jarosz explained that she would not be able to attend the 5 th May meeting as this was election day. However, she or a colleague would try to attend future meetings. | Pudsey Cllrs |
| 8.2 | An Area Committee funded litterbin should have been installed in the small garden area on Lowtown. CW / NC to follow up. Also litter and weeds on the ginnel between the Leisure Centre car park and Park was raised. Finally, rubble had been dumped against the park gates which needs to be cleared. Pudsey in Bloom felt these issues could impact on judging. NC to follow up. | CW / NC
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| 9.0 | Date & time of next meeting: Wednesday 29 th June; 7pm; Pudsey Leisure Centre | |