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**Harewood & Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum
Thursday 20th October 2011 – Collingham Village Hall**

Attendance:

Cllr John Procter	Wetherby Ward Member – in the chair
Cllr Gerald Wilkinson	Wetherby Ward Member
Cllr Mathew Robinson	Harewood Ward Member
Nicola Denson	East North East Area Management
Colin Pool	Thorp Arch and Walton Parish Council
Andrew Birkbeck	Localism Officer, LCC
John Woolmer	Environmental Services
Paddy Procter	Scarcroft
Angela Windle	Boston Spa
A Henson	Bramham
Sheila Humphreys	Thorp Arch
Diane Gibbins	Thorner
Gwen Brown	Thorner
Judith Pentith	East Keswick
Gaynor Anning	East Keswick
Debbie Potter	Shadwell
George Hall	SHLAA Partnership
David Thomson	Boston Spa
Ruth Reed	Aberford
Marcus Griffiths	Wetherby Police
Paul Dwyer	Wetherby Police
Peter Hart	Scarcroft
Val Whitebread	Bramham
Paul C Thompson	Scarcroft
Julian Holmes	Collingham with Linton
Linda Flockton	Bardsey-cum-Rigton

Apologies:

Steven Wood, Glyn Robbins, Cllr Castle, Chris Hassell.

1.0 Introductions made

2.0 **Apologies** given as above.

3.0 **Minutes of last meeting** agreed as a true record.

4.0 **Matters Arising**

4.1 **Boundary Changes** – It was agreed that a letter would be drafted to all parish councils asking for an official response to try and move this forward. AM

4.2 **Bins on Posts** – JW confirmed they can put bins on posts if the funding is available. If the parish council want to purchase bins they need to contact John to confirm they can be added to a route if they need emptying. JW

5.0 **Neighbourhood Policing Team – Inspector Marcus Griffiths and Inspector Paul Dwyer**

5.1 Inspector Griffiths confirmed his last working day would be 2nd Dec and introduced Inspector Paul Dwyer who will be taking over.

Thanks were given to Inspector Griffiths for all his hard work in the parishes and with Wetherby Town Council.

6.0 **Environment issues – John Woolmer**

6.1 JW confirmed that the Area Committee SLA has now been agreed and that most issues raised at the last meeting were now resolved. JW also explained that with working more efficiently they are hoping to free up additional resources that can be used in the area.

The depot has also been moved from Cross Green to Limewood, which means the vehicles do not have to travel as far.

The main points raised were:

- If anyone has any areas where leaves are causing a health and safety issue to let John know.
- If any parish council can offer assistance given the relevant equipment in litter picking etc to contact John to see if something can be arranged.
- JW to circulate the contact details of the supervisor – please note this is not for public use.

David Thomson thanked JW for his fast response to previous issues and confirmed that Boston Spa are compiling a list of 2/3 priority areas for action.

A discussion also took place on lengthsman and parish councils who do and used to have them including Boston Spa, Bardsey, Bramham, Barwick, Scholes and Aberford. Shadwell has a lengthsman the parish council pays for.

JW to check gullies being cleared in Thorp Arch same time as bridge being

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fixed and check Aberford litter bags collected by lengthsman being picked up.

Finally JW confirmed he is just finishing a piece of work on the service parish councils should be receiving and it will be circulated when finished.

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7.0 Localism – Andy Birkbeck

7.1 AB gave an update on where the project had got to, including feedback from the first Project Board, an update on where the bill was and Cllr Procter outlined the basic idea of Neighbourhood Plans.

8. Updates from Town and Parish Councils

8.1 Collingham:

Still an issue with Tesco looking at opening on the Old Star site. The parish council have employed a planning consultant to help defend the site. A £15k grant has been received for improving the play area next to the sports centre and it will open Jubilee weekend.

8.2 Bramham:

Alison Henson is the new clerk and has replaced Colin Pool. The village received a Silver Gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom and the village hall has reopened after being refurbished.

8.3 Bardsey:

They will be having a festival weekend Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th June to celebrate the jubilee, including with a short procession.

8.4 Scarcroft:

There is some concern in the village about changes to the 923 rural bus service. It was agreed to invite METRO to the next meeting. The Christmas Tree and lights are being switched on 3rd December in front of the New Inn and the Knaresborough Silver Band will be playing. They are also in the initial stages of their Diamond Jubilee event planning.

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8.5 Boston Spa:

Streetlighting is still an issue and the Jubilee plans are ongoing.

8.6 Shadwell:

Diamond Jubilee plans are ongoing and they won a Silver Gilt in Britain in Bloom. They are exploring the possibility of community asset transfer for the library and putting together a business plan.

8.7 Wetherby:

There is a new mini roundabout on Spofforth Hill and Spofforth Hill is to become a 30mph area.

8.8 Scholes:

The Christmas lights have gone up and the library has been given a reprieve but there is some concern about the books on offer.

8.9 East Keswick:

The path has been finished with Limestone and the Wildlife Fund are having display boards made.

8.10 Thorp Arch:

The heritage lighting is in place and half painted green. The jubilee celebrations are also being planned.

8.11 Walton:

The parish council has a new chair in Randall Brown and also 6 new people have been nominated to the council.

9.0 **Any Other Business**

9.1 Inspired Facilities – Sport England funding – a number of clubs from the area have attended a session held by Leeds City Council and hope to apply.

9.2 Dog Control Orders – any outstanding areas need to be fed through asap. Feedback will be given at the next meeting.

9.3 People, Power and Money – conference for info.

9.4 Boundary changes – Area Management to write to all parishes to get an official response regarding changes that can be used to progress the matter.

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10.0 **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

Thursday 19th January 2012 – venue in the Harewood ward.

All meetings start at 7:30pm and are to be chaired alternatively by a Harewood and Wetherby ward councillor.

Contact Carole Clark email: carole.clark@leeds.gov.uk with any suggestions for venues or agenda items.

Thanks to everyone for attending.

10.1 Cllr Procter suggested that a special meeting could be convened specifically to discuss localism.

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