



Outer East Area Committee

Swarcliffe & Stanks Forum and PACT meeting

Minutes from the meeting of 1 February 2012

Present:

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (South East Area Support Team, minutes), Peter Simpson (resident), Sandra Murfin (resident), James Murfin (resident), John Nicholson (resident), M. Nicholson (resident), Graham Ambler (Station Manager Stanks Fire Station, WY Fire Service), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Karen Shaw (Aire Valley Homes), David Purdy (LCC – Claims and Compliance), Jean Jackson (Resident), Siddiga Austin (Resident), Stuart Austin (resident)

Apologies:

Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Dot Scahill (resident), Rita Grainger (resident)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Actions
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
2.1	The NPT were not in attendance.	
3.0	Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum on 4 October 2011	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(6.5) Weed spraying – it was felt that the strength of the weed spray needs to be increased as some weeds by a residents house had been sprayed, but survived.	
4.2	(7.4) Fire station restructure – The proposed new station in Killingbeck would have two fire engines for emergencies and one available for stand up duties such as bonfire night, riots etc.	
4.3	(8.4) Dog fouling – Fixed penalty Notices (FPNs) can be issued by Nathan (CESO) if he sees the dog in action. If witnessed by a member of the public, a witness statement can be taken but the witness might have to stand up in court and give evidence.	
4.4	(9.0) Potholes – email update from Mick Teasdale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swarcliffe Approach is complete, along with some surfacing on Swarcliffe Drive • Work on Mill Green Gardens started week commencing 30 January 2012 • Some footway works completed on Stanks Road (from Stanks Gardens to Stanks Parade) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footway works completed on Barwick Road outside Willow Park nursing home • Pothole repairs completed on Mill Green Road • LCC Contracts Section has informed that Barwick Road roundabout will be resurfaced before the end of March 2012 	
4.5	(10.6) The large tree at 239 Stanks Lane South has been cut back.	
4.6	(12.2) Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme minibus – An appropriate type of minibus is being discussed eg should it have lift or ramp access.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues.	
6.0	Farndale MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)	
6.1	There have been no reports to Leeds City Council of anti social behaviour at the MUGA since October 2011.	
6.2	Quotes for different removal options have been received, however, the following points need to be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MUGA was a key output for young people from the PFI contract • The MUGA is popular for the right reasons, especially in the summer • There is no LCC logic to pay for the removal of the facility • Everything was done to the correct specification • Fencing stops balls heading towards the houses 	
6.3	It was therefore reported that the MUGA will stay as it is.	
7.0	Locality Team Update – Nathan Vaughn (Tel: 07891 272 500)	
7.1	There have been some successes against flytippers since the last Forum, with prosecutions for two flytips on Ash Tree Approach, two untidy gardens and flytipping on the Cock Beck.	
7.2	The Community Payback Team will be clearing the banks and water course of the Cock Beck	
7.3	The Squinting Cat pub is still secure and there have been no reports of young people at the site at night.	
7.4	The former garage site on Ash Tree Grove has been blighted by furniture flytipping and Persimmon Homes have been asked to keep up with the clearance.	
7.5	Following the theft of two litter bins (not secured to the ground), there is now only one litter bin on the trim trail which makes it more difficult to police dog fowling issues if there is nowhere to dispose of it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Support Team to look into funding two replacement bins 	JN
7.6	Can messages in relation to dog fowling be sprayed onto pavements? It has been seen in other towns.	

7.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathan to investigate <p>A dog was recently found and returned to its owner.</p>	NV
8.0	New initiatives	
8.1	<p>New gymnasium / sports facility There will be a brand new sports facility on Limewood Approach called Power League, opening in spring 2012. The facilities are aimed mainly at 5-a-side and 7-a-side football, with space for other sports, childrens parties and conferences. Search for it online.</p>	
8.2	<p>Co-Op food store in Swarcliffe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed new food shop on Swarcliffe Ave (near Langbar Road) The three-store unit is due for completion by end of March 2012 and therefore something could be open in April/May 2012 Co-Op is contractually obliged to take the lease but don't have to open a Co-Op shop – they could assign it to someone else The decision to open a Co-op food store will be made by the Regional Board in April 2012 It is anticipated that the other two stores will be leased to a chemist and a fast food outlet 	
8.3	<p>Ideas for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations The forum was asked if it had any suggestions for the celebrations 3-6 July 2012. No ideas were tabled on this occasion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone to have a think about ideas to give plenty of time to arrange something See TheBigLunch.com for potential ideas Outer East Area Committee small grants scheme might be able to help fund celebration projects. Please phone the Area Support Team on the number below for more information 	All All All
9.0	Are Valley Homes housing update – Karen Shaw	
9.1	<p>KS tabled a handout detailing voids and properties on notice as at 31 Jan 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are nine properties on notice and 25 voids at the moment October 2011 – January 2012 saw 60 re-lets and three mutual exchanges 	
9.2	There are six ongoing low level anti-social behaviour case with Aire Valley Homes and five higher level cases with LASBT.	
9.3	Neighbourhood walkabouts have addressed issues over litter picking, roads/pavements, untidy gardens, communal referrals, trees and graffiti.	
9.4	<p>A highway resurfacing schedule is being worked up at the moment, including work at Stanks Avenue, Parade and Gardens, along with most junctions in the estate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in the Mill Greens area started this week Dennil's and Stanks will see improvements in 2013 	
9.5	<p>Changes to the AVH Team On 27 February, Tenancy Management Officer posts will become</p>	

	generic, meaning the officers will have smaller patches to cover, but they will cover all aspects of the role. Patch size will reduce from approximately 700 properties to 450-520 properties.	
9.6	A schedule of estate environmental walkabouts with AVH staff and environmental officers was tabled. Please phone 0800 915 6660 for more information or if you would like to be involved – everyone is welcome.	All
9.7	Questions It was reported that a Yorkshire Housing property on Stanks Grove had been empty for some time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW to investigate 	KW
10.0	Activities for young people - via handout	
10.1	Virgil Meikle sent apologies for the meeting but provided a written update:	
10.2	St. Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre Youth Clubs on Thursdays and Friday evenings are now opening their doors at 6:30pm to over 100 young people per session! The young people come from all different areas and schools.	
10.3	Young people set up the sessions, prepare food in the kitchen, help with the registration and there is a waiting list for young people who want to take senior member training, with planning for it starting in March.	
10.4	Parents and members of the community have praised the Youth Service for offering young people somewhere safe and welcoming to engage with Youth Workers and volunteers, a place where young people are encouraged to develop new skills and have their voices heard.	
10.5	The popularity of these sessions has risen through word of mouth and information sharing in the community, as well as the street-based sessions carried out by the Youth Workers.	
10.6	St Gregory's is a multi use building used by a range of other organisations so to have this number of young people attending and respecting the building is a positive indication of their ownership.	
10.7	Activities on offer expand as young people put their ideas into action. Sports, games, digital music, and live music production sit along side each other with a varied age range of young people developing new friendships, accessing information, advice, guidance and having fun.	
10.8	Spin off groups now operate on other nights, with health and fitness groups, photography sessions and a pro active Voice & Influence Group being established, who are now in training to become Peer Inspectors.	
10.9	Liaison is taking place with Housing to support summer holiday activities.	
10.10	February half term activities organised by young people - day time	

10.11	<p>sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football tournament at Football World • Two paintball sessions • Bowling • Evening sessions will run as normal <p>Data from the young peoples consultation is still being processed by the professional development team and is expected to be available for use by the end of February.</p>	
11.0 Fire Service update - Station Master Graham Ambler		
11.1	<p>GA gave an update on the fire service proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restructure has been done to save money and the final outcome is the best option available • Ten fire stations are to merge to five and 65 fire engines will reduce to 59 • The Stanks/Gipton merger will start in three to four years, depending on the land purchase – it is thought the location will be somewhere close to Killingbeck Police Station • It is hoped there will be no full time fire fighter redundancies but there have been redundancies for some part time staff and natural wastage through retirements • Community fire safety sessions will continue 	
11.2	<p>Over the last three months there have been 111 incidents, which is 33 incidents fewer than the same period last year (144 incidents):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64/111 were false alarms and steps have been taken to reduce the number of false alarm calls • 14/111 were special service calls (eg car crashes) 	
11.3	<p>There will be an awareness day at Colton Sainsbury's – provisionally booked for 3 June. It will be a fire and rescue roadshow including shock treatments.</p>	
11.4	<p>The fire service was thanked for their good work by ward councillors.</p>	
11.5	<p>The councillors had written to residents of the ward details the restructure proposals – the response rate was very low.</p>	
11.6	<p>It is not yet known what will happen to the Stanks fire station when it closes. If it is deemed surplus to requirements it will probably be sold. More will be known closer to the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors and forum members noted a boarded up/empty building will not be appropriate in Stanks 	
12.0 Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme		
12.1	<p>Ken Hill sent apologies for the meeting but provided a written update:</p>	
12.2	<p>Outings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December hosted the tinsel and turkey trip to Eastborne with 26 members having a wonderful five day trip. • Corpus Christi School held a carol concert for 40 members with Christmas lunch, as a Christmas present. • 52 members attended a four course meal in Church Fenton 	

12.3	Minibus The minibus is being sourced to help support the SGNS. It is hoped it will be operational in the near future.	
12.4	Health Through Warmth event In conjunction with Yorkshire Housing and Aire Valley Homes, we are organising an event to promote staying healthy and warm over winter. The event will be on Wednesday 22 February in St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre, with a host of stalls, information and hot soup and pies.	
12.5	Decorating scheme 2011/12 The decorating scheme will finish on 31 March 2012 to make way for the gardening scheme.	
12.6	Gardening scheme 2012 Will be applying for a grant from the Outer East Area Committee to run the gardening scheme again from April – October.	
12.7	Luncheon Clubs The luncheon clubs are well attended with 94 people attending on a weekly basis. Once every three to four months, a luncheon club double up as a hearing aid clinic, in conjunction with the RNID Hearing Loss Unit. The next clinic is 22 February.	
12.8	Line dancing These session snow run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with an average attendance of 25 members. They are fun sessions whilst getting valuable exercise.	
12.9	Computer Café A small class of silver surfers is still running on a Thursday, designed to get members over any fears of computers or the internet. There is a waiting list for these sessions.	
12.10	The Good Neighbours Scheme offers information, advice and support via home visits and also have drop in sessions on a Monday morning in our office at St Gregory's, from 9-11am.	
12.11	For more information on any of the items above, please phone Ken Hill on 0113 232 6910.	
13.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
13.1	Wrap up Leeds JN tabled a handout regarding free cavity wall and/or loft insulation to the first 15,000 households that sign up, open to homeowners or private rentals. For more information, contact the team on 0800 052 0071 or visit wrapupleeds.co.uk	All
13.2	Now on Facebook! See facebook.com and search for Swarcliffe Forum & PACT	All
13.3	The next meeting will be set at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting.	All