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**Wetherby & Harewood Town and Parish Council Forum
Thursday 18 October, 2012, Boston Spa Children's Centre**

Attendance

Cllr John Procter (chair)	Wetherby Ward Member
Cllr Ann Castle	Harewood Ward Member
George Hall	SHLAA Partnership
Ben Hogan	Barwick and Scholes PC
Claire Hassell	Barwick and Scholes PC
Colin Pool	Walton Parish Council
Derek Armitage	Collingham with Linton PC
Glyn Robins	Collingham with Linton PC
Ruth Reed	Aberford and District PC
Ian Forster	Aberford and District PC
Kevin Sedman	Harewood PC
Nicolas Fawcett	Clifford PC
Sheila Humphreys	Thorp Arch PC
Debbie Potter	Shadwell PC
Val Whitbread	Bramham PC
David Thomson	Boston Spa PC
Judith Pentith	East Keswick PC
Linda Flockton	Bardsey Cum Rigton
Gwen Brown	Thorner PC
Kate James	Thorner PC clerk
Peter Hart	Scarcroft Parish Council
Paddy Procter	Scarcroft Parish Council
Carole Clark	LCC Area Support Team
John Woolmer	LCC Environmental Locality Team
Steve Lake	LCC Area Support Team
Andrew Birkbeck	LCC Area Support Team

Apologies: Gaynor Anning, East Keswick

- 1.00** Cllr John Procter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- 2.00** **Apologies** given as above.
- 3.00** **Minutes of last meeting** agreed as a true record.

4.00 Matters arising

- 4.01 Meeting held 12 July CC
Item 4.01 - Metro have not been back in touch with Boston Spa. Letter to be sent from Cllr Procter to Metro. CC to arrange with group office. CC
Item 5.03 Club Mark accreditation. CC to get an update from Cllr Robinson on his meeting with Paul Senior (Sports service).
- 4.02 Meeting held 23 August on Highways issues Ward members
Item 1.06 2013/14 maintenance programme. Linton Road is still not in the schedule. Ward members will circulate the long list of roads on the maintenance programme with ward member comments.

5.00 Home Security, secure locks – Maureen Brewer, Wetherby Crime Prevention Panel

- 5.01 Maureen Brewer attended to provide an overview of the home security initiative to raise awareness of how easy it is to break into properties with Euro cylinder locks that do not conform to the Sold Secure Diamond standard and BSI TS007 3 star rating ratings. Most original fitted locks will fall short of this standard.

Maureen has met with Alec Shelbrooke MP and senior staff at Wetherby Police Station to discuss the problem and solutions. She is also hoping to hold a meeting with Alec Shelbrooke MP, Timothy Kirkhope, MEP, and the Police and Criminal Justice Minister to raise awareness of this issue within government and the EU Parliament and to seek possible solutions such as funding and legislation.

- 5.02 A representative from Avocet locks gave a demonstration on how easy it was to break into a property with a Euro cylinder lock.
- 5.03 Wetherby Crime Prevention Panel are working in partnership with Wetherby and Harewood Neighbourhood Policing team to raise awareness of this security issue. They can offer new locks at a reduced rate of £37.50 for anyone that is interested. A member of Wetherby Crime Prevention Panel will measure and order the locks.

For further information contact Maureen Brewer at [Wetherby and District Crime Prevention Panel](#), c/o Wetherby Police Station, email ifo@kalsom.co.uk

6.00 Derelict and Eyesore Properties

- 6.01 Steve Lake, from the ENE Area Support Team attended to brief members on the councils Derelict and Eyesore Property strategy which aims to deal with both private and council owned property. The council has compiled a list of the worst properties, and aims to manage existing powers and options available to deal with such properties in a more coordinated way. Any councils wanting to put

forward details of nuisance and derelict properties in their parish to email details to carole.clark@leeds.gov.uk who will pass them on the Council's working group.

- 6.02 Properties put forward at the meeting were one in Clifford, 2 in Scarcroft, and one in Collingham.

7.00 Environmental Service – John Woolmer

- 7.01 50 litter bins on order which will be arriving during the next 4 weeks. Current issue is de-leafing. A replacement vehicle has been brought in. Takes about 1 month to do one cycle of leaf clearing. 4 staff from Continental Landscapes are being used to assist with leaf clearing. Parishes can email john.woolmer@leeds.gov.uk if there are any specific problem areas.

- 7.02 Grass cutting now finished until February 2013; the areas in the grass cutting contract won't be litter picked. Let John know if any of these areas become a problem for litter. John reminded everyone that where parishes are not getting a satisfactory response to any problems with the grounds maintenance contract they can contact him.

- 7.03 Derek Armitage said the parish are delighted with what has been achieved by John Woolmer's Team, and this was endorsed by Cllr Procter. Peter Hart complimented John Woolmer on the gully clearing work, and Paddy thanked him for the work at Elmwood Lane and Village Hall.

8.00 Localism

- 8.01 The local council's confirmed their agreement to George Hall representing them on the SHLAA partnership.
- 8.02 Some Councillors attended the citywide Neighbourhood Planning seminar. The Localism Officer, via a discussion with a representative from Planning Aid, discovered that two planning applications for supermarkets in Wiltshire have been delayed pending the completion of Malmesbury Parish Council's neighbourhood plan. See link for more details:
http://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/9907382.Controversial_Malmesbury_supermarket_plans_put_back_on_the_shelf_until_May/
- 8.03 Cllr Procter referred to the email sent to all parishes which expressed thanks to for their feedback on the site assessment process. The work undertaken allowed Andy Birkbeck to develop a Town and Village by Village overview of 156 sites. All 6 ward members spent two hours either confirming their support or amending the views submitted; very few amendments were made. Members then spent three hours with senior planning officers, comparing our combined views with those of officers who had assessed each site. Agreement

was reached on 80% of the sites, this is a very reassuring first engagement with officers.

- 8.04 Ward members don't take the decision on sites, they can only put forward their views - the majority of which confer with those of the parishes.
- 8.05 Neighbourhood Plans are still important to fix the position of parishes.
- 8.06 George Hall gave an update on CIL. Guidance from the government is for communities to be involved in setting the CIL. Currently developers are being consulted but local communities are not. Housing developments will generate substantial sums of money but this may not meet infrastructure needs locally if pulled centrally for a big project.

**9.00 Update from parishes
Shadwell**

WE were delighted to be joint winners of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition - Large Village category, and also to receive a Gold Award.

The Asset Transfer of the Library to the community continues and, although not finalised, we are confident that we will take over running our Library in January.

10.00 Any Other Business

- 10.01 The forum supported the suggestion from Carole Clark that Alwoodley Parish Council be invited to join the meetings.

11.00 Date and time of meetings for 2013:

January 24th
April 25th
July 11th
October 17th

All Thursday at 7:30pm