

Outer North West Area Committee

Yeadon Forum



5th November 2012 meeting
7pm, Wharfedale room, Yeadon Town Hall

Key Issues discussed:

1. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Minutes were agreed as a true record of the previous meeting.

3.10 – Residents asked for an update regarding signage being installed outside Leeds train station to direct people to public transport to the airport.

Yeadon Banks – Have met three times since the last forum. Anyone from Yeadon can join the group. They have cleared the Ragwort from the Bank and Cllr Downes has agreed in principle to install 2 waste /dog bins on Hall Lane. The area owned by the Leeds Group will be cut down to use and the area owned by LCC will be left natural.

Parking Strategy – The lines and restrictions will be installed in the New Year. Morrisons Supermarket have agreed to let theatre visitors park in the supermarket car park on an evening.

2. Neighbourhood Policing Update

The crime stats. for the last 4 weeks:

- 3 x burglaries
- 1 x attempted burglary on Henshaw Lane
- 7 shed/garage burglaries
- drugs warrant executed and one male arrested.
- 4 vehicles stolen
- 2 males issued with S59 warnings for driving motorbikes in an anti social way
- the police and the motorcycle team are monitoring nuisance bikes near Enfield, Coppice Wood and Bayton Lane.
- speed gun deployed on Green Lane and 4 speed awareness tickets and 2 points tickets were issued.
- patrols have been monitoring inconsiderate parking by the school on back of Whack House Lane.

Resident can register items such as phones, bikes, Ipods, laptops etc on <http://www.immobilise.com>. When an item is lost or stolen the website instantly notifies the Police, insurers, and second-hand traders, in order to help the recovery of the property and the capture of thieves. A Police van is on call to tackle anti social behaviour over the bonfire period. A resident reported underage drinking on Engine Fields. Acting Sergeant Golden updated residents on the Police and Crime Commissioner vote. Residents need to register to vote on the 15th and the Commissioner will be in post by the 22nd. The forum raised concerns regarding the lack of communication/information about the vote. Residents asked for the phasing of the lights at the Murgatroys crossroads and Carlton crossroads to be revised.

3. Reorganisations of the Fire Stations / Service – Nick Smith – District Commander

Rawdon and Otley Services are merging and will be based in Menston. There has been a reduction in the risk of fire due to the reduction methods and proactive work in place by the Fire Service which has lead to a 30% reduction of fires in Leeds over the last 5 years. The consultation will reassess the high risks areas and rebalance the fire cover to provide the best service possible for all areas, whilst taking into consideration the cuts. The plan will take the service up to 2020. The merge of the two stations will impact on response time by one minute. The consultation period ends on 30th November. Further information can be found via www.westyorksfire.gov.uk, 01274 655 717 or consultation@westyorksfire.gov.uk. The airports Fire

team will be the first crews to respond if they have an emergency so the changes will not effect them. NS reminded residents to install a fire alarm and get it tested regularly. AVSED members can get their fire alarm battery changed for free by their handy man. NS took questions from the floor.

4. CASAC (Community Action Support Against Crime - Peter Walker

PW carried out a demonstration to show how burglars can gain access to a property through a locked UPVC door in under 5 seconds. CASAC recommend that UPVC doors should be fitted with ABS cylinders or a Vector Plus locking system which can be purchased from CASAC or bought online. CASAC carry out free assessments to any residents in West Yorkshire and can supply and fit the new locks starting from from £75 for the first one and £50 for each one afterwards. PW talked through the other safety measure available to residents to help them secure their property – garage door defenders, sash jammers etc. CASAC have a list of vetted local tradesman for residents to use. PW stayed until the end of the forum to answer residents questions .

5. Yeadon High Street – Stephen Noble

The failure is due to substandard sub-grade material and wheel track rutting from the traffic following a standard line down the road. To rectify the problem Highways are taking out 565mm of construction and reconstructing the whole section from the library to the roundabout. A Geotextile reinforcement is going in to the lower subbase to strengthen it. The High Street will be closed whilst the repair work is carried out. Work will start on Sunday 6th January and will run every Sunday afterwards for a 12 week period, costing £175k. When the payment to the contractor was due, failings had already appeared on the crossings and block paving. Highways costed up how much it would cost to repair and that amount was deducted from the contractors retention and will going toward the repair costs. The consultations (Jacobs) are no longer on the LCC preferred supplier list. A discussion took place as to why the scheme failed and whether Jacobs the consultant will be held responsible. SN & PR to take back the comments of forum. All the utilities have been notified of the proposed works.

6. Date and time of next meeting

March 2013. Date to be confirmed nearer the time.

Actions:

1. Investigate whether the phasing of the traffic lights at the Murgatroyds crossroads and Carlton crossroads can be changed. **Cllr Downes**
2. Update regarding signage being installed outside Leeds train station to direct people to public transport to the airport. – **Cllr Downes**
3. Update of the progress of Yeadon High Street at the next meeting - **SN**