



## Outer East Area Committee

### Halton Forum Minutes from 17 January 2013 Christ Church, Halton

#### Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Kathryn Mitchell, Cllr Judith Cummins, Sgt Andy Hill (WYP) PC Bob Slater (WYP), PSCO Sharon Taylor (WYP), Steve Clark (Whitkirk Primary School), Barbara Ambler (resident),,, Audrey Linley (resident), Derek Pearson (Community Safety cctv), Clare Deacon (Halton Post Office), Tony Fretwell (resident), P Wynter (resident), Margaret Ward (resident), I A Blyth (resident), G Geapin (resident), Patricia Wragg (resident), Gwendoline Green (resident), Margaret Blenkhorn (resident), Colin & Denise Wilsher (resident), Audrey Linley (resident), Barbara Ambler (resident), Jack McGlyn (resident), Halle Majors (LASBT), Howard Claxton (LCC Traffic Management), John Pearson (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

#### Apologies:

Peter & Barbara Hewison, Terry Dennis, Margaret Walsh, Michelle Fisher, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Boucher, Thelma Dixon, Ben Fox, Joyce Schofield, Margaret Holmes.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.2	The first item was the PACT (Partners and Communities Together).	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PACT meeting for the Halton Area</b>	
2.1	Burglaries from properties in Halton and Whitkirk numbered 12 in the last month and there have also been 12 thefts from sheds, 2 from motor vehicles, four attempted burglaries and one recorded instance of ASB.	
2.2	Sgt Hill thanked Youth Service for continuing their marvellous work in dealing with the problems associated with Matalan car park.	
2.3	Speeding vehicles on Green Lane and Chapel Lane – agreed to have a meeting to see what physical resources can be included to stop speeding. AC to call meeting and invite partners and interested residents. Q. Could a mobile camera be provided? A. Cllr Lyons said: If you want one fine but we cannot fund it. Derek Pearson (LeedsWatch) said it would be illegal to use any form of dummy camera as if there was any incident the council would be liable.	WYP/AC/PM/All
2.4	Hot Spots – Will maintain priority at Green Lane and at Cross Gates Lane but not at Matalan.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Forum Minutes from 11 October 2012</b>	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
4.1	Agreed all are covered in other agenda items.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	

5.1	<p>HALTON IN BLOOM - The recently formed Halton In Bloom group has a membership drive underway and a public meeting is being held in Halton Library on Thursday 31 January. Several forum members offered to speak with anyone they knew who may be interested in becoming involved.</p>	Cllr C/PM
5.2	<p>CHAPEL LANE BENCH - Regarding plans to provide a replacement bench in front of the Post Office on Chapel Lane, PM said discussions with Parks and Countryside indicated a replacement bench would be in the region of £1,000. The Post Office manager said she would prefer it if the bench was not replaced as it proved a magnet for ASB. As a result the meeting agreed not to request replacement of the green bench.</p>	PM/Parks
5.3	<p>MATALAN CAR PARK - A resident complained of considerable rubbish being left in the Matalan car park and of the area being worst around the library and fish shop. JP explained that removal of litter in the car park rests with Matalan and he knew this had been undertaken 6 months ago. But in any areas where it is not undertaken, the Council has the right to undertake enforcement action.</p>	
5.4	<p>CAR PARK BEHIND LIDL'S - is not meant for public parking yet people do and this causes traffic problems. Cllr Lyons said he will arrange another meeting with them and ask why they cannot place a barrier or their security people cannot if people park in the wrong area.</p>	Cllr L/Lidl's
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Environmental issues</b> – John Pearson	
6.1	<p>Cases since the last meeting include:  4 people had been prosecuted for littering in the last few weeks.  1 case is being pursued of damage to the highway at Templegate.  1 case of work in default following notice being served to a residence in Halton.  4 cases successfully prosecuted for littering  3 more cases due to be heard by magistrates.  2 cases of removal of illegal signage.</p> <p>At Templegate the Community Payback team funded by Outer East Area Committee have hacked back overgrowth to make the footpath easier to use.</p> <p>Q. Litter remains a problem around the former Co-op and fish shop.  R. Bins have helped in that area but it is important for them to be cleaned on a regular basis.</p> <p>Q. There is too much litter in Halton centre and shops should display information telling people not to leave it.  R. JP said he had held meetings with the gentleman making this point, visited shops requesting this but few included the information.</p> <p>Walkabouts are held with environmental officers in Halton Moor and it would be good to start these in Halton.</p> <p>Cllr Lyons said that sadly John was moving to the North West side of Leeds and so Temple Newsam would lose all his talent and knowledge. He thanked John for his work in Halton which has resulted in vast</p>	

	improvements to the area.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Whitkirk Primary School – Howard Claxton</b>	
7.1	Cllr Lyons outlined the disturbance caused to residents as a result of cars blocking access onto Templegate Walk and Crescent. He said the situation has to be seen to be believed since the school has gone to two form entry. The governors considered the possibility of introducing a turning head but decided it was not safe and so Highways were asked to look at the situation to decide what can be done to physically stop people parking on the Walk and Crescent.	
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7.4	Howard said there is no easy solution as stopping or limiting traffic on the affected streets will also affect residents.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One way to stop parking is have no parking periods and the proposed times are 8.30-9am and 2.45-3.30pm.</li> </ul>	HC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another is to have a turnaround facility and his officers have investigated if there is a suitable space where children can be dropped off.</li> </ul>	HC
7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howard agreed to investigate with Parks if there is potential for a land swap to make available some land behind the school.</li> <li>• The suggestion was made to give residents a parking permit and HC agreed to include this idea in the consultations.</li> </ul>	HC
	<p>Today a fire engine was parked on Templegate Walk to stop people driving up the street and the effect was amazing. The head was thanked for arranging for himself and children to hand out information leaflets to parents asking them not to park on the street.</p> <p>Cllr Lyons agreed and suggested looking at the potential of a turning circle accessed from the Crescent.</p> <p>The car park by the Post Office is highlighted as one serving the school and people can use this to reach the school and the city centre as a park and ride. HC will investigate.</p> <p>On other traffic management matters:</p> <p>At the signals to Lidl the timing appears wrong as it allows people to go in both directions at the same time. HC promised to investigate.</p> <p>At Morrit Drive a meeting has been held by Cllr Lyons with Highways to put signs up asking people to slow down.</p>	HC
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
9.1	Cllr Lyons said while they could not attend that evening, Youth Service were doing an excellent job and the 2012 Cricket Coaching had been a tremendous success.	
	The date of the next Forum will be Thursday 17 January at 6pm.	All