

Minutes of meeting  
7pm-9pm, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Guiseley Methodist Church

		Actions
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions</b>	
1.1	Cllr Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b>	
2.1	The previous meeting minutes were approved.	
2.2	Cllr Latty talked about the Christmas lights 2012/13. Lights had been placed on Rawdon Green, Micklefield House, Memorial Garden etc. He explained that these were funded at a local level and it had been clear last year that what had been originally agreed was insufficient and there had been a number of complaints. Ward Councillors had therefore arranged for a further 6 lights to be installed in Guiseley at an additional cost of £1050 which local residents had told him had made an improvement.	
2.3	For Christmas 2013/14 Cllr Latty and his colleagues would like to form a group of local residents who could organise the lights themselves. There would need to be a committee who would open a bank account and could receive funding but would ensure there would be a greater value for money as they could seek alternative sources for the lights. He already has a core committee of four residents but asked if anyone would be interested in helping. He added that there was in fact a manufacturer of Christmas lights right here in Guiseley.	
2.4	There will be a number of street surgeries being carried out by all 3 ward Councillors. Letters will go out to residents and if you are interested in one of the Members visiting you then place the letter in the window on the day and a visit will follow. Anything can be discussed with common issues currently being dog mess, drains and traffic	
2.5	Cllr Latty had attended a meeting of High Royds Sports Association on the previous evening. This committee is aiming to form an Olympic Legacy Sports Park using the facilities already in place at High Royds and St Mary's for all weather pitches, hockey and football etc.	
2.6	Cllr Latty read out a response from Cllr Richard Lewis Executive Member in regards to the airport link road which in short said that a permanent link would be good but there was no funding at present to cover the cost. Any future funding would need to be identified under the City Deal. Cllr Latty did not think any Link Road was imminent.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Refuse Collection</b>	
3.1	Ben Grabham the Service Manager for Refuse Collection talked about service provision. At present 340,000 households have a weekly general waste collection and a 4 weekly green bin collection. 25,000 have this service on a fortnightly basis. 240,000 have a brown bin collection fortnightly between March and November. Various different schemes are under trial. For 2 years Rothwell area has had a weekly food waste collection with additional weekly recycling and residual waste collections. This is unlikely to be rolled out across the city however as a funding bid was recently rejected and it is too costly to do without an additional funding source.	
3.2	In respect of the green bin collection, feedback from customers has indicated they would prefer a more frequent collection and the service is moving towards this. Starting in April Phase 1 will see areas in the south of Leeds go on to a fortnightly	

collection of green and black bins alternating between the two. Phase 2 will see Guiseley and Rawdon amongst other areas join in which should be around November 2013 but may be delayed into early next year. Brown bins will continue to be collected every fortnight.

- 3.3 BG acknowledged that there would be concerns with this and questions and advised that there will be information leaflets sent out to residents as well as face to face meetings and support. Officers will look to work with local Councillors on where to have 'pop up information shops' to reach the maximum number of people. Information will be on the website but it was appreciated that a number of the elderly population did not have access to a computer and would therefore need information to be imparted by on the ground personnel. There will also be an increase in the type of items that can be recycled to assist with the amount that has to go in the black bins. Going forward items like tetrapaks and aerosols will be recyclable.
- 3.4 There will be a short term amnesty period for side waste to be collected after the move to fortnightly collections whilst people become accustomed to the change. There will also be exceptions when side waste will still be collected over the Christmas period and when collections are missed due to bad weather.
- 3.5 It was agreed that more pressure should be put on establishments such as food manufacturers and suppliers and supermarkets to increase what could be recycled which would reduce landfill and benefit the environment.
- 3.6 A question was asked as to what happens with the food that is collected. BG explained that this can be processed into composting material. It was clarified that vegetable and fruit peelings can go in brown bins. Other food was unable to go into the brown bins as it causes problems with gases. Approx 10-15% of waste in black bins is food and it costs the Authority £72 per tonne to dispose of in landfill which will increase to £80 from next year.
- 3.07 A question was asked as to if households could have 2 brown bins due to the amount of garden waste being produced. BG advised it would be too costly but there was a scheme being run which offered subsidised home composting bins. A comment was made that in practice lots of people use their neighbours bins (with their permission) if they had capacity.
- 3.08 Households on Otley Road have been missed from collection – BG to investigate after the meeting
- 3.09 A complaint was made that refuse collectors are leaving the bin lids open and they can become filled with water in the rain making them difficult to manoeuvre. BG to note down address and investigate.
- 3.10 Another complaint was made that a green bin filled with plastic bottles had been refused collection. Details to BG for investigation
- 3.11 The issue of the failed notification to residents in Guiseley for the changes to the Christmas collections was discussed. Approx 12,000 households failed to receive the notification in time due to a problem with the distribution company. A refund was obtained from the company.
- 3.12 A question was asked about glass collection BG advised it was just too costly and whilst other local authorities did have a scheme some were considering its withdrawal due to its not being cost effective. There are 390 recycling sites in the city and all new supermarket developments were encouraged to incorporate one into their plans. Sites in Guiseley & Rawdon Ward include Red Lion Pub, Aireborough Leisure Centre, White Cross amongst others
- 3.13 Bins can be pulled out for the elderly and infirm upon a request to the Council Contact Centre
- 3.14 A question was asked about how much more smell there would be from the bins if

only collected fortnightly and whilst BG acknowledged that might be more of an issue in hot weather there was no particular information from their research that supported this being a particular issue.

- 3.15 Cllr Wadsworth and Cllr Pat Latty stressed that any complaints about bin collections should come through the local Councillor. They both said that they had always had problems resolved promptly and would like to thank them for the good service they provided.

#### **4.0 Any other business**

- 4.1 There was no representation from Police so Councillor Latty threw open the floor to questions.

- 4.2 There was a report of a blocked gully at the bottom of Butts Lane which was completely covered and causing flooding in Well Lane. Councillor Latty to report. CL/RM

- 4.3 Against Item 3 on the last minutes will be completed after the Core Strategy adopted which will be following on from the consultation scheduled for June.

- 4.4 Councillor Wadsworth. There will be a pilot scheme for dog fouling and littering. This will come under enforcement of a private company who will issue fines for either offence but not enforced for under 16s. No confirmed time scales.

- 4.5 There is an ongoing problem with illegal advertising in street furniture. Particularly near the gyratory. Highways will remove if informed.

- 4.6 Traffic lights ongoing issue on Park Road no developments,

- 4.7 Traffic lights at Westgate, Tranmere Park again this issue is supposed to have been dealt with by the developer but due to there having been four or five different developers since the scheme was started there have been delays in getting the lights funded and installed.

- 4.8 Issue on Bradford Road with cars being advertised for sale on grass verge. Highways have stated they are unable to take action as not causing an obstruction.

- 6.3 There has been an issue with approx 30 visitors to Guiseley Theatre returning to cars parked in the retail park and receiving fines. When the shops are shut this isn't a problem but Cllr Latty has established that the owners of the retail park will refund any theatre patrons if they have paid a fine and they will be arranging for restrictions to end at 8pm. As there are only 3 hours parking allowed during the day Matinee shows may be an issue still.

- 6.4 There was a complaint that leaves have not been removed from Park Road in over 18 months. Further information on when leaves are removed is to be requested from Environmental Services. RM

- 6.5 There was an issue with notifications of the meetings not being received – this seems to have been just the email addresses. It will be looked into and assurance given it won't happen again RM

- 6.6 There is an issue of parking on Ings Lane, and Ings Crescent where cars are double parking and causing an obstruction. Guiseley AFC – signs in the car park seem to preclude public car parking which is not the case. To be looked into as the wording would appear to be misleading. RM

#### **8.0 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

- 7.1 Wednesday 8th May, 7pm-9pm TBC