

Note of 14th May 2013 Meeting 12.00 noon Civic Hall

Present

Cllr Anderson (Chair) – Adel & Wharfedale Member
Cllr Cleasby – Horsforth Member
Cllr Campbell – Otley & Yeadon Member
Cllr Wadsworth – Guiseley & Rawdon Member
Alison Gilliland – Environment & Neighbourhoods
Andrew Molyneux – Highways & Transportation
Guy Smithson – Parks & Countryside
Paul Hurrell – WNW Homes

Apologies

Jason Singh

Key Issues discussed:

1. Seating on the Highway

Andrew Molyneux presented a paper on this item (to be circulated with the minutes). Across the area there is little information available about the location of seats, who installed them or who is looking after them now. In order to provide a more structured approach to installation and maintenance there needs to be a register of locations and ownership and a system of inspection and repair. As most seats are on Highways land it was agreed that Highways is the logical place to maintain a register and this work has begun.

2. Waste Management Service

Ben Graham was invited to the meeting as Members had raised concerns that a disproportionate amount of the environmental budget is being spent in the inner north west (inw) area particularly Headingley and Hyde Park.

BG gave an overview of the issues in the inw area and explained that the inw area gets additional resources to deal with the student changeover whilst additional resources are put into the outer north west (onw) area to deal with leaf clearing during autumn/winter. However Members felt that a lot more resources were going into the inw area than came into the onw area for the leaf clearing programme.

The sub group felt that the cleansing issues in the inw area were more to do with missed bins / overflowing bins rather than street cleansing issues and solutions should come from the waste management budget rather than environmental services having to pick this up.

A discussion on the number of new housing developments in the onw area ensued and Members asked if Waste Management were giving due consideration to this. BG confirmed that they are working with Planning and developers to ensure there are sufficient resources to deal with increasing demand.

Task and Finish was also discussed, Members raised concerns that the latest time any sorting tips are open on a Saturday is 4.30pm, resulting in crews having to cease collections at 2.30pm in some cases to allow time to travel to the tip, regardless of whether they have finished their round or not.

In answer to a query raised by Cllr Lay BG confirmed that the service did not have the capacity to take on any more brown or green bin collections as an additional vehicle would have to be purchased.

Due to the number of concerns raised regarding the Waste Management Service it was suggested that Cllr Dobson Executive Member for Environments, Sue Upton and Ben Grabham be invited to a future Environmental sub group to discuss the issues in more detail.

3. Environmental Update

Alison Gilliland circulated Environmental Service data for the period 25th March to 12th May. During this period they have dealt with 257 requests for service which is combined street cleansing and regulatory team total (full details to be circulated with the minutes). AG confirmed that there is one officer from the contractor 3GS working in ONW from 7.30am each morning.

4. Covert surveillance cameras

Members approved the small grant application. AG to write to all ONW Members requesting fly tipping hotspots.

5. Parks & Countryside Update

Guy Smithson presented information on:

- Lighting in Horsforth Hall Park
- P & C Streetscene Grounds Maintenance Programme for 2013
- City Wide Weed spraying Contract
(to be circulated with the minutes)

In addition the following verbal update was provided:

- Parkswatch (motor cycle bikes) have transferred to Community Safety.
- Football posts are to be taken down this week
- Holt Park play area fence now complete.
- Dog Control Orders Consultation - Tinshill Rec is included.

6. West North West Homes Update

Paul Hurrell provided an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Management Team. From April to date they have dealt with 284 service requests (details to be circulated with the minutes). Judging on the 'Good Garden' competition is currently taking place.

7. Any Other Business

None

Actions

There were no outstanding actions from the previous sub group meeting.

- **Seating on the Highway**
Highways to write to all outer north west Members for location of seats.
All
- **Waste Management**
BG to provide Members with a named contact and mobile number of an officer to deal with out of hours enquiries.
BG
- **Covert surveillance cameras**
AG to write to ONW Members for fly tipping hotspots
AG

Next Meeting

Monday 17th June '13, 12.00 noon, St Margaret's Parish Centre, Horsforth