



**Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum & PACT meeting  
27 March 2012  
held at Fieldhead Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Support Team, minutes), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch / Killingbeck Crime Prevention Panel), Paul Spandler (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Services), Insp Nick Smart (West Yorkshire Police), PS3561 Mark Birkett (WYP), Randy Blackburn (Wellington Hill Residents Association), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Wanderers), Heather Jackson (Skelton Woods Environmental Group), Ian Guy (Whinmoor Juniors FC), Deborah Hillerby (Fieldhead Carr Primary School), David Burland (Wellington Hill Residents Association)

**Apologies:** Virgil Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Wendy Rogers (LCC – Environmental Locality Team), Janet White (Care & Repair)

1.0	<b>PACT meeting</b> – Inspector Nick Smart	Action
1.1	Data from the last seven week period were discussed.	
1.2	Total number of burglaries in the ward was 38 with nine of them occurring in Whinmoor, two of which happened in the last six weeks. There have been a significant number of arrests. The same period last year had 20 reported burglaries in the Whinmoor area.	
1.3	There have been no robberies in this period but there were four serious assaults / domestic violence incidents.	
1.4	The tally for theft from motor vehicles was one, with no reports of theft of motor vehicles.	
1.5	The figure for criminal damage reached 54 for the ward, six of which were in Whinmoor.	
1.6	Overall, crime levels are down and Whinmoor is not a hot spot in the ward.	
1.7	Working with Environmental enforcement to check vehicles carrying scrap following theft of lead in the Naburns area.	
1.8	There were 59 calls in connection with anti social behaviour, seven of which were in Whinmoor.	
1.9	<p><b>PACT priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) White Laithe shops are still being monitored</li> <li>2) Investigating flat back trucks / thefts from gardens</li> </ol>	
1.10	<p><b>Other reports:</b></p> <p><b>Speeding vehicles on Naburn Close</b> - Naburn Close is a cul-de-sac. It has issues with parents dropping their children off for school and associated bad parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for 'Slow – children' sign or similar. James to investigate options with Highways</li> <li>• Police suggested getting pupils involved with educational work and enforcement</li> </ul>	JN

1.11	<b>Litter</b> - There have been two reports of large collections of discarded beer cans in the school car park on Fieldhead fields. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police to monitor the site over the weekend</li> </ul>	
1.12	Joined up working between the police and Environmental action Team in connection with names / fixed penalty notices.	
1.13	The police are working with Aire Valley Homes on a burglary reduction / target hardening scheme to target hot spot areas.	
1.14	The councillors commended the police for their work and achieving good statistics for the area.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>North Whinmoor Forum - welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
2.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies were noted.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012</b>	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
4.1	(7.5) <b>Fieldhead Community Centre issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are several lights not working in the kitchen, main hall and all the toilets – James to chase up with Facilities Management</li> <li>Front door is rotten at the bottom – James to chase up with Facilities Management</li> <li>The building is not clean – lots of mud from the sports teams. Cllr Gruen to arrange a meeting with the rugby team</li> <li>Low level kitchen cupboards are now rotten – Janice to sketch a plan of a useable kitchen</li> <li>The temporary caretaker was commended for doing a good job whilst he was here</li> </ul>	JN JN Cllr PG JL
<b>5.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
5.1	Janice and Deeta suggested holding a table top sale with all proceeds going to the Centre. Early thoughts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£5 per table; 50 tables; Refreshments / BBQ; Bouncy castle / climbing wall; Tombola</li> <li>James to let Janice have a small grant application pack</li> <li>Janice and Deeta to work up a project and report back at the next Forum</li> </ul>	JN JL/DT
<b>6.0</b>	<b>North east quadrant planning issues – update from Cllrs Gruen &amp; Grahame</b>	
6.1	<b>'Bramley Fields' development / Red Hall playing fields</b> Cllr Gruen gave details about the proposed development of 2000 houses by Persimmon Homes. The consultation period has started.	
6.2	Recommended that residents work with the developers to shape the ideas. Ward councillors have set up a consultative group, chaired by Cllr P Grahame, which crosses political boundaries and involves many local groups, including ones from Thorner, Shadwell and representatives from local schools.	

6.3	Cllr P Grahame was praised for the way she handled the discussion in a recent meeting.	
6.4	Councillors reiterated that they will always oppose any attempt to remove the playing fields at Red Hall.	
6.5	[Cllr Armitage left the meeting at 6:50pm to attend her ward surgery]	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Update on projects</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Whinmoor welcome stones</b> James gave an update on the scheme and tabled papers from Groundwork Leeds A discussion took place and the following points were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green metal plaques with gold lettering</li> <li>• Words to be in capital letters</li> <li>• The three location plans were agreed (subject to small movements following any recommendations from LEDA panel / utility services / protected tree issues)</li> </ul> <p>Anticipated installation date is week commencing 18 June 2012</p>	
7.2	<p><b>Red hall garages</b> The scheme is ongoing and the grass seeding will be done in the near future.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Youth work in Whinmoor – Deeta Tren-Humphries</b>	
8.1	Becci is to start a new consultation on 2 April. An update was requested for next Forum meeting.	DT-H
8.2	<p>With the schemes funded by the Outer East Area Committee well being budget, since 1 April 2011 – 27 March 2012 there have been 725 different young people attending sessions (equivalent to 6,500 attendances).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs requested street name / postcode analysis of attendees</li> <li>• Well-being statistics to come via final report</li> </ul>	DT-H
8.3	The young people involved are aged 11-19.	
8.4	The sessions have received positive feedback from parents.	
8.5	The Neighbourhood Policing Team have referred three young people to the Youth Service.	
8.6	Detached sessions take place on Wednesdays	
8.7	Amber Train takes place at Middleton railway targeting NEETs and offers apprenticeships.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Environmental enforcement - Update from Paul Spandler</b>	
9.1	<p>Litter picking and pavement sweeping was noted as being excellent in the area however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the footpath at the rear of Fieldhead Primary School needs cleaning</li> <li>• Ring Road (area by junction with Coal Road) is badly littered</li> </ul>	PS PS
9.2	An 'arterial route' cleansing team idea is being looked at again	

9.3	Paul took details for the Whinmoor Football Club to deliver bags for litter picking.	PS
9.4	Fines / fixed penalty notices totalling £800 have been issued since the last Forum.	
9.5	Paul to find out the schedules for gritting routes / frequency and report back.	PS
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Report from Aire Valley Homes – Jeremy Lunn</b>	
10.1	JL tabled a handout of statistics and went through them.	
10.2	The level of rent arrears is at an unacceptable level at the moment in Whinmoor and Swarcliffe. It is being worked on, but the figure is historical data and includes 15 year old debts.	
10.3	The dates for the quarterly Whinmoor environmental walkabouts were tabled – everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to get involved, please phone 0800 915 6660.	All
10.4	<b>Baildon garages</b> Project now complete. Jeremy to do a survey for additional parking areas.	JL
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business and date of next meeting</b>	
11.1	<b>Skelton woods environmental Group – Heather Jackson</b> The Bramley Fields development people have been in touch asking for areas to incorporate into their scheme.	
11.2	<b>The wellbeing Leeds website:</b> www.wellbeingleeds.com – James Nundy The <i>Healthy Leeds Wellbeing Portal</i> is a directory that has been developed by the Leeds Initiative and its partners to improve access to services and organisations in Leeds that exist to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed to be of use to the public</li> <li>• Promotion has recently started</li> </ul>	All
11.3	<b>Outer East Gardening Scheme – James Nundy</b> The Outer East Gardening Scheme has been funded by the Outer East Area Committee for another year and runs 1 April – 30 Sept 2012. Handouts were tabled and a poster added to the Whinmoor Wanderers noticeboard. The project is run by the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme and is available if you meet the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You are an OAP or disabled person without the support of an able bodied family member living with you who can maintain the garden on your behalf</li> <li>2. You live in one of the outer east Leeds wards of Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor, Garforth &amp; Swillington, Kippax &amp; Methley or Temple Newsam.</li> </ol> The first cut will be free and then repeat visits will be charged at £13.50 per hour. For further information or to apply, please contact SGNS on <b>260 0489</b> or email <b>mail@sgns.wanadoo.co.uk</b>	All
11.4	Date of next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24 July 2012.	All