

**Outer North East**  
**Parish and Town Council Forum**

Aberford and District; Alwoodley; Bardsey cum Rigton; Barwick in Elmet & Scholes; Boston Spa; Bramham cum Oglethorpe; Clifford; Collingham with Linton; East Keswick; Harewood; Scarcroft; Shadwell; Thorner; Thorp Arch; Walton; Wetherby;

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7:30pm  
Shadwell Independent Library (Harewood Ward)  
Chair: Cllr Ryan Stephenson

**Attendance**

Cllr Neil Buckley	Alwoodley Ward
Cllr Matthew Robinson	Harewood Ward
Cllr Ryan Stephenson	Harewood Ward
Cllr Lyn Buckley	Alwoodley PC
Cllr Claire Hassell	Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC
Keith Langley (Clerk)	Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC & Bramham PC
Cllr Glyn Davies	Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC
Cllr Marina Heum	Boston Spa PC
Cllr Nicholas Fawcett	Clifford PC
Cllr Peter Lord	East Keswick PC
Cllr Debbie Potter	Shadwell PC
Lesley Hoff (Clerk)	Shadwell PC
Cllr Gwen Brown	Thorner PC
Cllr John Richardson	Thorp Arch PC
Andrew Birkbeck	LCC ENE Communities Team
Sgt. Susan MacLachlan	West Yorkshire Police
PC Stephen Lane	West Yorkshire Police
Jessica Hodgson	LCC Environmental Action Service
Gary Bartlett	LCC Highways
Paul Russell	LCC Highways
Douglas Chapman	LCC Highways
Vanessa Allen	LCC Highways

**Apologies:** Cllr Rachel Procter, Cllr Alan Lamb, Cllr John Procter, Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, Cllr Dan Cohen, Cllr Peter Harrand, Ruth Reed, Keith Dunwell and David Howson (Aberford PC), Judith Pentith (East Keswick PC), Kevin Sedman (Harewood PC), Gina Carter (Scarcroft PC), Jane Maxwell (Communities Team, Area Leader); John Woolmer (LCC, Environment Action Service).

1. Cllr Ryan Stephenson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. **Apologies** given as above.
3. **Minutes of last meeting**

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- 3.1 Cllr Stephenson asked that the minutes be amended to note under 4.3 Harewood Ward Members did not welcome blanket 20 MPH zones as stated in the minutes, but preferred targeted zones near to village schools. Other than that amendment, the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

#### 4 Matters Arising

- 4.1 Sgt. MacLachlan informed the Forum that there was no update at this with regards to the CCTV pilot in Thorner. In response to Cllr Buckley's question relating to who was the best contact for CCTV enquiries, Sgt. MacLachlan said Leeds Watch and Jayne Russell - [Jayne.Russell@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.Russell@leeds.gov.uk) (<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/c/Pages/saferleeds/Closed-Circuit-Television%20CCTV.aspx>)
- 4.2 On the subject of a proposed the site allocations meeting, Cllr Stephenson said this was not the appropriate juncture and reminded the Forum that the consultation exercise was now live and parishes (and residents) should respond with their views via: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-Revised-Publication-Draft-Outer-North-East.aspx>

#### 5. Police Update – Sgt. Susan MacLachlan, West Yorkshire Police

- 5.1 Sgt. MacLachlan circulated a breakdown of the crime statistics for Outer North East Leeds for the last six weeks (period between 30/09/16 – 06/10/16). Sgt. MacLachlan drew attention to the need to take greater precautions with the darker nights but reassured the Forum that crime in the area remained low and the main source of local issues were traffic-related.
- 5.2 On other policing matters, Sgt. MacLachlan informed the Forum that there had been two “clown” related issues in the patch; at both Allerton High and on King Lane (Alwoodley Ward). On the subject of recorded crime including incidents at HMP Wealstun, Sgt. MacLachlan confirmed the prison issues were dealt with in-house and police officers were not deployed.
- 5.3 Sgt. MacLachlan outlined that staffing resources remains a challenge for the Outer North East policing team after another officer (Lisa Tait) had left on medical capability.
- 5.4 Sgt MacLachlan in response to questions from the Forum said there had been no reported rise in the number of attacks on police officers though the perception was it was more dangerous for staff; Sgt. MacLachlan said CCTV footage would be admissible as evidence for youth-related ASB in the Barwick & Scholes area; Regarding reports of vandalism and ASB in Bramham (specifically Bramham House) Sgt. MacLachlan said the increase in activity was due to the properties reputation for being haunted. In terms of progress with Bramham House, Keith Langley said a site visit had been held earlier in the day with local councilors and officers from Leeds City Council that had proved very positive.
- 5.5 Sgt. MacLachlan concluded by saying that this was her last Forum meeting as she was returning to being a detective in the safeguarding team. Sgt. MacLachlan is to be replaced Sgt. Iain McKelvey who can be contacted via e-mail at [iainmckelvey@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:iainmckelvey@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk). Cllr Stephenson, on behalf of the Forum, thanked Sgt. MacLachlan for all her hard work.

## **6 Leeds Transport Strategy Discussion – Gary Bartlett (Chief Highways Officer, LCC)**

6.1 Gary Bartlett talked through a PowerPoint presentation relating to the 'live' Leeds Transport Conversation, which included the interim findings of the consultation to date.

6.2 Following the conclusion of the presentation issues raised by the Forum included:

- Need to increase parking at local train stations (i.e. Garforth)
- Micklefield as a potential transport hub
- Explore Park & Ride options in north of the City
- Wetherby bypass in light of new development
- Need to progress the stalled cycle super highway scheme
- Link to airport from ONE Leeds, which currently is non-existent
- Greater influence over bus companies as links were poor in the ONE villages to Wetherby, Leeds and vital services like hospitals, medical centres, etc.
- Be ambitious and bold with this investment – why limit to just £173m?
- Link in with colleagues in North Yorkshire and their plans
- Anxiety around the introduction of a congestion charge in city centre for commuters and shoppers
- Need for better integration between all modes of transport i.e. Leeds Railway Station and Leeds Bus Station being un-connected
- Investment in things like community bus services where demand is high but volume of passengers is low

6.3 Overall the discussion was well received and the parishes were asked to disseminate information about the consultation to their constituents, encouraging them to take part: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Leeds-transport-conversations.aspx>

6.4 Cllr Stephenson asked for further information on the cycle super highway scheme, which Gary Bartlett said he would provide (a similar request had already been made by Cllr Andrew Carter, Leader of the Conservative Group regarding delays to this scheme). **GB**

6.5 Gary Bartlett concluded the conversation with a plea to the Forum to feedback any ideas they had via the online survey. Feedback that would help influence the £173m earmarked for transport improvements.

6.6 Gary Bartlett further confirmed there were no plans to introduce a congestion charge in Leeds for public vehicles.

## **7. Environmental Issues – Jessica Hodgson (LCC, Environmental Action Service)**

7.1 Jessica Hodgson gave an update on the work programme of Environmental Action Service in the Outer North east area, which included; de-leaving key hotspots in the patch; enforcement cases; CCTV operations; pro-active patrols with PCSOs and issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)

7.2 Cllr Buckley of Alwoodley Parish Council raised the issue of dog waste dispensers being installed in her area. Jessica confirmed this would be done on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

7.3 On the issue of the last brown bin collection of the year, Jessica directed members of the Forum to visit: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Bins-and-recycling.aspx>

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- 7.4 Cllr Potter of Shadwell Parish Council raised an issue regarding a threatening letter relating to contaminated bins to a resident suffering with dementia. Harewood Ward Cllrs said they would raise this on her behalf with officers in the council's refuse service.
- 7.5 Keith Langley representing Bramham Parish Council said he would send through an issue regarding bins in the village.
- 7.6 Other issues discussed included dog fouling hotspots, specifically; The Green (Thorner); an alley on Parlington Mews (Aberford - opposite village hall); Church Hill (Thorner).

**8. Update from Parish and Town Councils**

- 8.1 The Standard Bearer for Berwick in Elmet and Scholes Branch has been selected to parade at the televised Service of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**9. Any Other Business**

- 9.1 None.

**10. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm. Venue in Alwoodley Ward (Tbc)