

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 7th September 2017 at 7:30pm
Wetherby Town Hall
Chair: Cllr John Procter (Wetherby Ward)

Cllr John Procter	Wetherby Ward
Cllr Gerald Wilkinson	Wetherby Ward
Cllr Matthew Robinson	Harewood Ward
Cllr Ruth Reed	Aberford & District PC
Cllr David Howson	Aberford & District PC
Cllr Glyn Davies	Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC
Cllr Marina Heum	Boston Spa PC
Cllr Nicholas Fawcett	Clifford PC
Cllr Julian Holmes	Collingham with Linton PC
Cllr Alison Waterfield	East Keswick PC
Cllr Andrew Batty	East Keswick PC
Kevin Sedman	Clerk, Harewood PC
Cllr John Richardson	Thorp Arch PC
Cllr Harry Chapman	Wetherby Town Council
Iona Taylor	Clerk, Wetherby Town Council

Andrew Birkbeck	LCC Communities Team
PC Stephen Lane	West Yorkshire Police
PCSO Chris Barrett	West Yorkshire Police
Bev Kirk	LCC Environmental Action Service

Apologies: Cllr Alan Lamb (Wetherby Ward), Cllr Rachel Procter (Harewood Ward),
Cllr Ryan Stephenson (Harewood Ward), Cllr Dan Cohen (Alwoodley
Ward), Cllr Peter Harrand (Alwoodley Ward), Cllr Neil Buckley (Alwoodley
Ward), Sgt Iain McKelvey, John Woolmer (LCC), Cllr Keith Dunwell
(Aberford & District PC), Cllr Lyn Buckley (Alwoodley PC), Cllr Linda
Flockton (Bardsey PC), Cllr Clare Hassell (Barwick-in-Elmet & Scholes
PC), Keith Langley (Bramham PC & Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC), Cllr
Debbie Potter (Shadwell PC), Gina Carter (Scarcroft PC), Cllr Norma
Harington (Wetherby TC)

1. Cllr John Procter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made

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2 Apologies given as overleaf.

3 Minutes of last meeting

3.1 Approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Andrew Birkbeck informed the meeting that a short report was going to the Community Committee Chairs Forum regarding the proposed refresh of Leeds City Council's relationship with the Town & Parish Councils. A working group would be convened to help progress this work and representation would be sought from the Forum.

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4.2 The Forum expressed their collective disappointment that the expected agenda item on flood risk management would not now happen because of officer capacity. Forum members asked that this be re-arranged for the next meeting in January 2018.

5. Environmental issues – Bev Kirk (LCC, Environmental Action Service)

5.1 Bev Kirk gave an update on environmental issues which included de-leafing, bulky waste collections and local staffing arrangements.

5.2 Brown bin collections are to cease from 2nd December 2017 until 26th February 2018: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/brown-garden-waste-bin.aspx>

5.3 The Forum expressed their collective disappointment of the council's decision to change their brown bin collection policy (specifically clawing back the number of bins per household). Cllr Procter said he would take this up on the Forum's behalf.

Cllr JP

6 Police Update – PC Stephen Lane and PCSO Chris Barrett

6.1 PC Lane and PCSO Barrett presented a report on the latest crime statistics (available on request from Andrew.Birkbeck@leeds.gov.uk).

6.2 The Forum requested that speeding data (offences) in the Outer North East area be presented to a future meeting.

Police

6.3 Cllr Wilkinson made reference to the recent Mint Festival and the traffic issues it caused in and around Wetherby. Police to bear this in mind as part of the de-briefing process.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy

7.1 Cllr John Procter raised the issue of CIL and the need for parishes to put its spending on their collective agendas. CIL Neighbourhood Fund payments are

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now “live” and starting to filter through.

- 7.2 Cllr Procter advised that cross parish working was essential (citing an example of Clifford and Boston Spa Pcs as to how this could work) and any CIL spend should be well thought-out, not perceived as frivolous and given a strategic context, where appropriate.
- 7.3 Forum Members asked whom, if anyone, in Leeds City Council informs them of scheduled payments. Andrew Birkbeck said he would investigate and feedback in order to allow parishes to better forward plan. **AB**
- 7.4 The Forum acknowledged that in order to unlock some of the larger CIL funding held centrally by Leeds City Council the parishes would need to work to collaboratively on some of the broader issues that affect the Outer North East area.

8. Update from Town and Parish Councils

- 8.1 Barwick in Elmet & Scholes PC – Barwick Beer Festival on 9th September.
- 8.2 Boston Spa PC – PC looking to develop Stables Lane area with a walkway, wildlife garden and improved disabled access being mooted.
- 8.3 Clifford PC – PC are looking to do some improvements to their war memorials in time for Armistice Day. Cllr John Procter said the Wetherby Ward Cllrs would encourage applications for this and other related projects from parishes in the Wetherby Ward.
- 8.4 Harewood PC – PC developing a project to re-instate the bowling green and improve the tennis courts using S106 monies from the Emmerdale fund.
- 8.5 Thorp Arch PC – The public inquiry regarding Thorp Arch Estate and RockSpring’s appeal for non-determination was taking place in Boston Spa Village Hall over the next two weeks.
- 8.6 Wetherby TC – Projects being looked at included improvements to the playground and free Wi-Fi in the town centre. Cllr Wilkinson added that works to the flood damaged wall on Boston Road, Wetherby would be completed by mid-November 2017.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 The site allocations plan produced by Leeds City Council is currently being examined: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-Examination.aspx> Whilst this process was being worked through there was some nervousness that developers would seek to progress schemes during the impasse.

10. Date and Time of next meeting

10.1 Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Tree Tops Community Centre,
Alwoodley Ward

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