

Armley Community Forum

Date: 15th May 2007

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair), C Clark, A Friebe, E Bowes, W Gregg, B & E Rayworth, B Holmes, J McKenna, D Newsome, DM Peck, M Litherland, J Grainger, J Broughton, Hon Ald. B Nelson, H & D Boutle, I Stephenson, D & I Penman, M Stead, B & K Draper, J Parsons, J Ford, M Southwell, P Kempster, S Grimwood, B & M Guthrie, L Mann, M Pugh, J Ramell, K&W Anderson, H Gardiner, K Morris, M Menardi, D Smith, FH Smyth, G & J Shackleton, JK & JP Newsome, D Hill, R Billsborough, J Friel.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 T & D Maynard, J Scroggie, Father Ian Wright, J Kerry, D Stead, M Woodward, A Stephenson, Sgt Nick Boyes, Cllr A Lowe, S Richmond.

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with no amendments.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.01 (4.02) Cllr JH passed an old picture of Armley around showing Mistress lane as was.
- 4.02 (4.07) Cllr JH has received a response – City Services are asking for £2000 for servicing the bins even though the Cllrs are funding them.
- 4.03 (5.05) Cllr AL is deaking with this.
- 4.04 (8.07) Planning application has been withdrawn.

5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

- 5.01 Drugs warrants were served on 4 addresses in the Cedars. A quantity of drugs was seized from one address – the hearing re this has been adjourned til next week – hopefully will lead to repossession of property under the Crack House Closures legislation. Thanks to those who gave information to the Police during the tenancy sweep in the area.
- 5.02 Armley area still relatively quiet for burglary, violent crime and motor vehicle crime. However has been a slight increase in damage to motor vehicles around the New Wortley/Tong Rd area – Police are aware of this and believe they know the offenders.
- 5.03 There is still to be further action taken in the Cedars and also in the Thornhills.
- 5.04 Salisburys graffiti – Police have spent 5 hrs photographing this and one of the main offenders (17 yrs old) is on remand at present.
- 5.05 Raynvilles graffiti – SOCO also photographed this and this is being actioned.
Police advise private * LCC tenants to contact Bramley Housing office initially re graffiti and clean up.
- 5.06 Hazel Boutle requested no parking on Armley Moor on 25th July – Armley

Friday

6.00 Noise Action Week: Smoking ban - Richard Bilsborough (EHS)

- 6.01 RB – gave a short presentation on Noise Action Week (next week). Contact details for Noise Nuisance are : (daytime) 0845 124 0113; (out of hours) 0113 240 7361. For long standing complaints - Leeds Community Mediation Service 0113 242 4110 are also available.
- 6.02 RB – Smoking ban comes into effect 1st July 2007 – all enclosed workplaces will be smokefree with very few exceptions. Individuals smoking and owners/managers who allow smoking or fail to provide adequate signage will be subject to fine.
- 6.03 Loud taxis at night and also music from taxis – try and get taxi number/firm etc and complain to LCC – Licensing 0113 214 3366
- 6.04 Complaint re. Armley Moor fair – Cllr JH asked that on application can it be made clear that they are not allowed to operate on Sundays.

7.00 Just Coffee People - David Hill

- 7.01 DH introduced Just Coffee People as a Social Enterprise and the only providers of Fairtrade tea & coffee based in Leeds. They offer training and work opportunities for people with disabilities especially learning difficulties but also those with mental health problems. They have recently gained funding from the Inner Area Committee but are working towards being self sustainable. Cllr JH suggested they run a stall at Armley Friday and at the Farmers Market.

8.00 Notice of election of forum representatives and co-optees to be held on June 19th 2007.

- 8.01 Nomination forms will sent out with the next minutes.

9.00 Any other business

- 9.01 License hearing for the betting office at Todds old site is Friday 18th May.
- 9.02 There is an urgent need for a barrier at the Nancrofts – very dangerous for children.
- 9.03 Nancroft Crescent – need signage for no through road.
Cllr JH sent the following email to Alan Robinson at City Services:
'Alan - At the Armley Forum this week I was asked if a "No through Road sign" could be placed at the entrance to Nancroft Crescent.
It would appear that many large vehicles are trying to get through and have difficulty reversing or turning on the street. Can you assist please?'

The following response came from Brian Roberts at City Services:

Dear Cllr Harper

Thank you for your request for the above.

After inspection of the signage for Nancroft Crescent i can see the problem that exists, Therefore i will arrange for a wall fix sign to be fitted, this work may take up to 3-5 weeks for completion

- 9.04 Nancroft/Ley Lane field – a lot of glass on the tarmac paths needs clearing.
Cllr JH sent the following email to Steve Greenwood at City Services:

'Steve - There were complaints at the Armley Forum that the footpath across Ley Lane Field/park is covered in glass and rubbish and needs cleaning please. Can you assist?'

- 9.05 Ginnel at rear of Leisure Centre needs clearing as bushes are overgrown.
Also the bottle bank has not been emptied for some time.

Cllr JH sent the following email to Caroline Broadbent at Learning & Leisure:

'Caroline - I hope you can assist, I have had complaints that the bottle bank needs

emptying and people are leaving bags of bottles on site. Clearly, the Yobs will soon start using them as missiles if they aren't removed.

It was also raised at the Armley Forum that the ginnel adjacent to the Centre needs cleaning and weeds/bushes need removing. I am grateful for your assistance'

- 9.06 Tong Rd end of Wesley Rd – hedges at either side need trimming as impeding view for both motorists and pedestrians.

Cllr JH sent the following email to Alan Robinson at City Services:

'Alan - Another one from the Forum.

I am told that the above hedges are obscuring the sight lines at the above junction

Can you assist please?'

- 9.07 Tarmac in very poor state on Armley Ridge Rd (near golf course).

Cllr JH sent the following email to Alan Robinson at City Services:

'Alan - I am told that the section of Armley ridge Rd from Stanningley Road going towards the Wythers has a number of pot holes which need attention.Can you assist please'

- 9.08 There is no green refuse collection at the Cedars as contaminated bins led to route being scrapped. Cllr JH requested the presence of a City Services officer responsible for refuse collection to be invited to a future forum.

- 9.09 Summer Bands in the Parks leaflets are available now .

- 9.10 Armley Common Rights Trust = having a workday Saturday 19th May.

- 9.11 Hanging baskets will be available for the Little Scotland area later than previously advertised – possibly 2nd or 9th June.

- 9.12 ACRT are holding an Urban Picnic in Charlie Cake Park 16th June 1-4pm.

- 10:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19th June, 7pm AOSC**