

Kippax and Methley Ward Forum

Meeting held on 26th June 2007
at Brigshaw Language College

Present:

Councillor K Parker (Chair), Councillor K Wakefield, Councillor J Lewis, Martin Hackett (LCC ELAM), Lynne White (LCC ELAM, minutes), PC 4674 Paul Rogers (West Yorkshire Police), PC 2196 Paul Ashton (West Yorkshire Police), Sharon Elliott (Youth Service), P J Rodan (Older Persons Representative), Derek Morgan (Kippax Parish Council) Joy Bate (Kippax Parish Council), Carole Parkinson (Kippax Parish Council), Kathy Allcock (Kippax Parish Council), Paul Spivey (Kippax Parish Council) Doug Morley (Kippax Parish Council), Paul Smith (Kippax Parish Council), June Perkins (Kippax Resident), Michael Johnson (Methley Resident), Siobhan Lendzionowlu (Leeds PCT)

Apologies: Pat Cashon, Arthur Rosser, Jim Kerr, Simon Norman

1.0	Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th April 2007	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record	
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
3.1	None	
4.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
4.1	Kippax Toilets – KP informed that a planning application has been submitted and an update from Planning has been requested as soon as possible	
4.2	Allotments, gate and fencing in Kippax - KP gave JP update re: clearing of site alongside allotments and a gate and fencing would be erected.	
5.0	Community Safety	
5.1	Police gave an update on crime stats. There is a 30% reduction since last year. Vehicle crime accounts for most of them. Burglaries are still rare in Kippax (5 in 2 months). 10 assaults (mainly domestic). Overall things have improved.	
5.2	There is an increase in ASB with youths and the police are altering their shift times to combat this. KP will speak to the Police at next meeting of District Partnership.	
5.3	DM informed Police there is someone selling beer from a van and the Police asked if he would get the number of the vehicle and ring them with this information so that they can investigate. SE informed there is a delivery service provided by a beer company and it may be them	
6.0	Rural Transport Issues – accessibility and social exclusion	

6.1	SL, Public Health Officer PCT – gave a presentation and update on Community Rural Transport and its affects on people’s health – information sheets were given out and a discussion was held on various problems with rural transport i.e. young people, elderly, problems with affordability, disabled transport etc. SL informed PCT would like to put some match funding and asked how the locals would like this money to be used.	
6.2	KW thanked SL	
7.0	Youth Service	
7.1	SE gave an update – youths helped with the Kippax Gala, they had a pitch with the PCT. Still waiting for disco dates. Teamscope with Brigshaw is starting up in partnership with Alex Hammond PCT, this is for young people to discuss issues they cannot speak to others about.	
7.2	ASB not a major problem, things are quiet at the moment.	
7.3	KW asked for information on the program for young people for the summer and SE informed that Carolyn Naylor at Brigshaw High school will send out information and can be contacted on 3368100.	
7.4	DM informed Mini Breeze was coming to Kippax 23 rd July at a cost of £2,500 which is coming from Kippax Parish Council, also trying to get a portable skate board park for Kippax for the summer holidays, SE will provide disclaimers for the lampposts	
7.5	SE took questions and KW thanked her	
8.0	Town & District Centre Regeneration	
8.1	MH gave an updated on Regeneration -	
8.2	Viewpoint to be completed late July	
8.3	Two areas at the front of shops Alldays and Post Office, planning permission not granted for ramps (too steep) now amended and re-submitted which means a 4-6 weeks delay, planning officer now ok with new plans and hopefully should go through	
8.3	Cross Hills application submitted and should be ok but still not received consent from owner for private piece of land. DM will chase up with Pat Samy (Pat was writing to owner) Crossing at Cross Hills – MH informed that Highways said this was not achievable. PS said there are still problems with buses parking in that area which causes problems. JB said children have nowhere to cross. KW said this has to be looked into further and agreed that the Parish Council could be involved. Agreed that Cllr Parker and MH would set up a meeting with Highways and the PC.	
9.0	Date of next meeting	
9.1	11 th September 2007 – 6.30 pm, to be held at Brigshaw Language College	