

Note of Friday 7th August 2015 Meeting 9.30 at Henshaw Depot

Present

Cllr Coulson (Chair)	– Pudsey
Cllr Blackburn	– Farnley & Wortley
Cllr Wood	– Calverley & Farsley
Jason Singh	– Locality Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
John Edson	– Team Manager Locality Team Environment & Neighbourhoods
Phil Staniforth	– Parks & Countryside
Gurmeet Virdee	– Housing Leeds
Harpreet Singh	– Communities Team WNW

Key Issues discussed:

1. Matters Arising

- GV informed that the land at Dawsons Corner wasn't part of housing but currently there seems to be sufficient provision. JS informed he had taken a request from Cllr Carter and the site is currently being explored for additional bins. It was confirmed that it was the ginnel connecting on to estate behind Dawsons corner where there were concerns. Green Flag are responsible for this piece of land.
- Cllr B noted the path at the back of Farnley Park from the cricket pitch out to Lawns Lane and confirmed that he had a site visit with P&C but nothing had been done. **PS to take the item back to the team.**

2. Environmental Services Update

Jason provided an update

- JS informed the service was now operational with 7 zones and a dedicated team for Outer West.
- The zonal teams had been created. The Caretaking Teams from Housing and the cleansing service had been integrated. In addition to integrating the teams, key staff had been recruited to co-ordinate the services.
- Chris Chamberlin will be team leader heading the operational structure on the ground. There would be 2 enforcement officer and two charge hands
- On the ground the team will be providing a full range of cleansing services including graffiti, bulky waste collection and maintenance of void gardens.
- JS presented the draft report for SLA, SLA which sets out responsibilities and is a departure from the previous SLA to include the details of the new operational structure. The report would be taken to the October Community Committee meeting
- The team leader would be in contact with members to complete a Plan on a Page to incorporate member's priorities.
- Cllr Wood asked if the meetings with members could be on an individual ward basis.
- Cllr Blackburn reported that Farnley Working Mans Club had submitted planning application which had been refused and had subsequently submitted revised plans. The site had been set on fire 6-7 times. **HS to feedback to Jane.**

3. Parks & Countryside's update

Phil provided an update:

- Victoria Park: installation of some new play equipment to be progressed.
- Houghside Sports Pitches: boundary fence installed to prevent access by vehicles damaging the playing surface. Area has been vertidraind and seeded.

- New Wortley Rec: Planning Enforcement are taking action against the owner of the park lodge for a caravan that is occupied on site. Parks are to move their old storage containers from the former works yard.
- Pudsey Park: entrance works are underway.
- Queens Park: There has been development work undertaken to progress the scheme to re-provide the redundant changing rooms at Queens Park.
- Rodley Sports Ground: Rodley cricket club have recently developed a bespoke traditional construction 2 team cricket pavilion with social area on site at Rodley Sport ground. This was delivered via a pioneering management model utilising apprentices from Leeds college of building guided by a professional site manager and was funded by the club and the ECB.
- Brookfield Rec: Improvements to include tree planting, grass pathway and seating. Drainage scheme to be undertaken
- Tofts Road: break ins, tree works required and fence needed.
- Woodhall Lake Restoration Project: After investigations by the Environment Agency (EA) on the condition of the fish at Woodhall Lake, Ergasilus briani, a parasitic crustacean was found on many of the fish. This has resulted in numerous malnourished and stunted fish in the lake. EA have recommend euthanizing the fish, draining the lake and liming it for at least two years before refilling and restocking.
- West Leeds Country Park Visitor Centre species conservation:
- Phil horticultural maintenance, , , preponderantly it's the decision around investment. This formalises whats already been in place. Cllr Coulson suggested queens park needs to be considered as a community park particularly since the extensive investment to the park. Phil to take back
- Lot of functions within the scope but some service functions which cant be delegated like the nurserys, allotments, , , ,
- 1.8mill income target but much is done through capital programs which helps to achieve the bottom line and improve the parks.
- Cllr B page 11 3rd and 4th line new Wortley cem – this is in armley and needs to be amended.
- Cllr C asked about the closing of the visitors centre at school times, asked for staggered shift patterns so educational centre ccan be used in evenings or later in the summer. Phill to take away
- If resourse issue would be open to CC funding
- Cllr Coulson requested to be included in the minutes for Asset management for Pudsey Cemetry see Phils notes about this before discussion on development work. I think it was about the footflow
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4. Housing Leeds Update

Claire Smith & Frieda Butt provided an update

- Now fully staffed with some new starters starting this week. 5 Housing officers covering the OW Area.
- Monthly inspections had been done for some of the priority areas
- Members were informed of the action day that took place on the Waterloos
- The next one would be taking place on Wellstone Garth.
- Cllr Coulson asked if some work could be done to permanently resolve issues on this part of the land and making it less labour intensive. CS informed that consultation had been done for the Westdale piece of land and residents had asked for wildlife. **CS to liaise with Guy from P&C.**
- Cllr Coulson informed he was happy to put money into the project to resolve and save money in the long run.
- Cllr Wood Suggested the Farfields as a place to do some work. **CS to speak to Cllr Carter.**
- Cllr Wood asked about litter around Greenflag and Dawsons Corner. **CS to liaise with the locality team.**

5. AOB

- HS informed the meeting about the Heights & Bawns Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership

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