

**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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7:30pm

Chair: Cllr Mathew Robinson

**Attendance**

Cllr Matthew Robinson

Cllr Gerald Wilkinson

Ruth Reed

David Howson

Kelsey Shelley

Lyn Buckley

Claire Hassell

Keith Langley

Gwen Brown

Graham Duxbury

Helen Duxbury

Tony Blackmore

Nick Fawcett

Julian Holmes

Philip Skelton

Judith Pentith

Debbie Potter

Marina Heum

Harry Chapman

Harewood Ward

Wetherby Ward

Aberford & District

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Aberford & District (guest)

Alwoodley

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes

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Thorner

Thorp Arch

Thorp Arch

Clifford

Clifford

Collingham with Linton

Collingham wit Linton

East Keswick

Shadwell

Boston Spa

Wetherby

Andrew Birkbeck

Inspector Paul Dwyer

Acting Inspector Sue MacLachlan

Nick Hunt

Nick Borrás

Jessica Hodgson

LCC Communities Team (East North East)

Outer North East Policing Team

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LCC, City Development

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LCC Environment Action Service

**Apologies:** Cllr Ann Castle, Cllr Alan Lamb, Cllr Rachel Procter, Cllr John Procter, Kevin Sedman (Harewood PC), Jane Maxwell (Communities Team, Area Leader)

**1.00** Cllr Mathew Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting & introductions were made, including Kelsey Shelley from Aberford who was attending the Forum in an observational capacity as part of her A Level studies.

**2.00** **Apologies** given as above.

**3.00** **Minutes of last meeting** agreed as a true record

#### **4.00 Matters Arising**

4.01 None.

#### **5.00 Police Update – Inspector Paul Dwyer and Acting Inspector Sue MacLachlan (WY Police)**

5.01 PD gave an overview of the current issues in ONE; overall the crime in the area remained very low but there were isolated pockets of criminal activity (theft from motor vehicles in Clifford, Bramham and Boston Spa being recent examples) and statistically, incidents of violent crime were up across the patch. PD explained that the reason for this perceived spike in violent crime was the way in which incidents were now being recorded.

5.02 PD introduced SMac as his replacement as he was due to retire at the end of the month. SMac explained her background and her aspirations for her new role. Cllr Matthew Robison asked if the ONE area was going to see a reduction in PCSO numbers as part of any proposed policing review. PD assured Cllr Robison that all vacancies were currently covered and that the value of PCSOs was widely recognised within the Police as an essential part of their frontline service.

5.03 Cllr Julian Holmes, Collingham with Linton PC enquired about speed checks and the need to promote a safe driving message. SMac said that this issue remained a top priority for the ONE and that messages about speeding awareness were regularly posted on the Police's social media pages: <https://www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsOuterNorthEast/>. AB said he would chase up the offer of SID training for the parishes at the forthcoming Outer North East Tasking meeting. **AB**

5.04 Cllr John Richardson, Thorp Arch PC said he had read in a recent ONE Community Committee report that burglaries were up by as much as 30% across the patch. SMac assured the Forum that incidents of burglary dwelling are declining and that steps had been taken to reduce burglary across the ONE. PD expanded that over the past year lessons had been learned around tackling burglary in the area.

5.05 Cllr David Howson, Aberford & District PC asked if the Farm Watch initiative was to continue. SMac confirmed that this was the case and it was working well. SMac furthered that a positive working relationship had also been established with colleagues across the border in North Yorkshire.

5.06 Cllr Claire Hassell, Barwick-in-Elmet & Scholes Parish Council drew attention to a couple of reports of information/correspondence being snatched from people's letter boxes in the parish. SMac said that this was not an issue that was prevalent in the area but something they would keep abreast of. AB to raise at the forthcoming Outer North East Tasking meeting. **AB**

5.07 Cllr Matthew Robison concluded the item by offering a huge thanks to PD for all his hard work in the Outer North East area and formally welcoming SMac to her new role.

#### **6.00 Highways Issues – Nick Hunt and Nick Borrás (LCC, City Development)**

6.01 NB and NH gave an update to the Forum on the ongoing restructure of the Highways

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Service. NB gave an further update on issues relating to Privas Way (need local feedback on overnight sleepers); Zebra Crossing on Deighton Road; speeding on Harewood Road entering Collingham; Boston Spa "shared space" concept scheme (NB to meet stakeholders); Hobberley Lane Shadwell (this scheme is currently under consideration). NH explained that due to the way the contractor's operate, small-scale schemes need to be packaged-up with larger works in order to increase economies of scale and also reduce the timescales for implementation.

- 6.02 NH furthered that if parishes wanted to get their schemes considered they should be looking to submit their projects to highways early in the new year to be added to their "wish-list". Cllr Julian Holmes, Collingham with Linton PC asked if the current "wish-list" could be shared with the parishes. NH said he would circulate this along with the rationale/criteria for submitting project proposals and a booklet on highways matters e.g. costs and effectiveness on areas of rumble strips, stop signs etc. **NH**
- 6.03 Further issues were raised regarding the size of the yellow lines in Aberford (NB confirmed they were smaller in Conservation area); Cattle Lane (work to be completed in 5-6 weeks); Clifford High Street (NB to talk to Cllr Nick Fawcett, Clifford PC); Albion Street, Clifford (Cllr Nick Fawcett to forward email to NB); King Lane, Alwooldey (work to start at the end of October) **NB & NF**
- 6.04 The issue of HGVs was raised by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson in the context of North Street and York Street in Wetherby. NB said both projects were on the "wish-list" but resources were an issue (£200k citywide budget). NH added that in future CIL could be used to match-fund those projects on the "wish-list". Cllr Matthew Robinson requested that NB circulate a list of existing HGV bans in the ONE area. **NB**
- 6.05 Cllr Debbie Potter, Shadwell PC enquired about what measures could be implemented to offset issues on the cross roads at Redhall Lane and Skelton Lane. NB responded by saying statistically speeds had dropped and there were no accounts of fatal accidents at the junction but he acknowledged that it was a confusing situation for motorists, who used the route as a rat run.
- 6.06 Responding to Cllr Nick Fawcett's and Cllr Tony Blackmore's comments re parking around Clifford School, NH said that is was an aspiration of the service to have 20MPH zones outside of every school by 2020. Cllr Matthew Robinson asked if Shadwell Primary School could be considered amongst the next batch of schools for restrictive zig zag markings.

## **7.00 Environment Update – Jessica Hodgson (LCC, Environmental Action Service)**

- 7.01 JH said that the new bins she had ordered for the ONE area would be delivered in 4 weeks.
- 7.02 JH informed the meeting that bin sensor trial was going well; the data that was being gathered that was proving useful. As a result, the pilot was being extended.
- 7.03 JH updated on civic collections, there are currently 40-60 requests in the ONE area and a 4-6 week waiting time as a consequence. It is anticipated that the waiting time will reduce over the next few weeks.
- 7.04 JH asked the parishes for feedback on both leafing and verge creep hotspots. Responses from the Forum for verge creep hotspots included; A58 Scarcroft near

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Goodhall Farm; bus stop near Thorner Lane; East Keswick; pavement between Barwick and Scholes (Leeds Road).

7.05 JH said that the Community Committee funded covert fly tipping kits would be in action soon and Town and Parish Council support would be welcomed regarding their use (i.e gathering local intelligence and logistical support such as changing the batteries of the units whilst out on location). The Forum unanimously supported the idea of helping to deploy the kits in their parishes.

7.06 JH distributed a briefing note on Dog Control Orders/Public Space Protection Orders and talked through the implications of these new powers. JH mooted the idea that a working group be established to identify areas in the ONE where these new powers could be piloted. The Forum were agreeable to this suggestion. **JH**

#### **8.00 Update from Parish and Town Councils**

8.01 None.

#### **9.00 Any Other Business**

9.01 Cllr Matthew Robison raised the ongoing issue of school transport in East Keswick and Barwick. Cllr Matthew Robinson to update on this subject at the next meeting of the Forum. **MR**

9.02 Cllr Lyn Buckley, Alwoodley PC wanted to put on record how unhappy the Parish Council were with the service they received from the council's Forestry Team regarding work that took place in April 2015.

#### **10.00 Date and time of meetings 2015**

All 7:30pm – 9:00pm

4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Tree Tops Community Centre, Alwoodley