

Meeting Notes

1.0	Welcome, introductions, apologies	
	Attendees: Cllr Gerald Wilkinson; Cllr Neil Buckley; John Woolmer; Jessica Hodgson; Paul Ackroyd; Susan Hardy; Andrew Birkbeck; Graham Berwick Apologies: Cllr Matthew Robinson; Mark Gray	
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising	Actions
2.1	2.5 – Delays re bin sensor data. JW to report to next meeting, if possible.	JW
2.2	2.6 – Visit to RERF facility to be arranged for 1 st September 2016.	AB
2.3	3.7- SH to look into recycling rates for ONE area as requested. JW to see if this could be incentivised in some way.	SH/JW
2.4	6.2 – Locations of potential bins to be circulated to sub group members	JW
2.5	7.2 – GB confirmed that works on garage sites at Highfield Road was now complete.	
3.0	Waste and Recycling	
3.1	SH fed back on the plans for accommodating the forthcoming Triathlon.	
3.2	A staff recruitment exercise is currently underway. There will be positive discrimination re potential candidates from a BME background.	
3.3	SH reported that since the last sub group meeting there had been a reduced number complaints from both Cllrs and MPs, which she had interpreted as a sign of an improving service.	
3.4	SH added that Cllr Lucinda Yeadon was the new executive board member environment and sustainability.	
3.5	GW said that there were no contact numbers (to report when full) on the bottle banks at either the Cluster of Nuts or York Place car parks. SH said she would look into this issue.	SH
4.0	Parks & Countryside	
4.1	PA updated on the Redhall decant and mooted a site visit for the sub group when appropriate.	
4.2	PA confirmed that the café element of the Redhall revamp will be run in-house by the council.	
4.3	PA added that Parks had finished their bedding in work for the year and that their work would now be focusing on their Autumn programme.	
5.0	Grounds maintenance	
5.1	PA reported that the grass cutting had gone well despite some issues caused by the recent wet spell.	
5.2	PA added that another cut was needed to bring the grass fully under control.	
5.3	As with the refuse service, the number of complaints received re grounds maintenance were down and it was PA's view that the contract was being better managed.	
5.4	Following on from the last sub group meeting, PA confirmed that the weed spray employed by Parks would continue to be used despite EU concerns.	
5.5	NB raised the issue of north side of Alwoodley Lane; needs looking at.	PA
5.6	PA to send through to NB information relating to "best kept garden" and tips on how to make such a scheme work.	
6.0	Environmental Services Delegation	

6.1	JW said that the 2016/17 Environmental SLA would come to the next meeting of the sub group.	JW
6.2	JH updated on “live” issues such as cannabis paraphernalia being dumped in the patch, fly tipping in Eccup, issues with the path sweeping schedule being delayed and a covert CCTV cameras being stolen whilst deployed in Wetherby.	
6.3	JH added that the dog bins and signs on Freemans Way were proving a success and JW said the work of the ONE team was to be subject to a BBC1 programme on fly tipping and other environmental crimes.	
6.4	NB said that a possible clean-up would be needed following a brass band concert held on Alwoodley Village Green on 19 th June. JH to look at.	JH
6.5	NB requested that JH send through some options re verge creep signs to Alwoodley Parish Council.	JH
6.6	GW raised the issue of cigarette butts being left outside of pubs in Wetherby Town Centre. JH said that a sweeper was currently employed in the Town Centre on a Wednesday and Friday. JW asked if the pubs could be approached to take more responsibility. GW said he would raise with the local Pub Watch.	GW
6.7	GW raised the issue of an overgrown footpath on St John’s Road Boston Spa. This will need raising with Highways. GW to supply more details.	GW
6.8	GW added that the ginnel on Ainsty Road and Poplar Road, Wetherby was in a bad state and needed looking at.	JH
7.0	A.O.B	
7.1	None.	
8.0	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	1 st September 2016 at 1pm (RERF Facility)	AB