

## **Armley Community Forum**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007

**Present:** Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, R Boon, A Friebe, Ann Briggs, D & H Boutle, E Bowes, B Gregg, E & B Rayworth, D Collins, PCSO Seddon, Sgt N Boyes, B Holmes, Marva Pryce, J Broughton, J Grainger, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, A Covey, J Parsons, J Ford, R & M Bruce, T Westwood, JK & JP Newsome, H Gardiner, W Anderson, J Kerry, S Nightingale.

**ACTION**

### **1.00 WELCOME**

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and said she felt very well and glad to be back. Cllr Harper asked that our congratulations should be sent to Cllr Mckenna and Cllr Andrea Harrison for their forthcoming wedding on the 19th October 07.

### **2.00 APOLOGIES**

2.01 D Maynard, S Hellewell, Sharon Guy, Cllr J Mckenna, K Donnelly, B Nelson, D Smith, J Bramall, K Draper, K Anderson, M Litherland.

### **3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with following amendment.

3.02 (5.08) 22 Cedar Place not 23.

### **4.00 MATTERS ARISING**

4.01 (5.06) Cllr JH - Christ Church area should be flagged as a hotspot for underage and young people drinking etc.

4.02 (9.01) Cllr JH – Planning Committee have agreed to the Tower Works scheme. The development company will provide £100k for improvements to the playing fields and the roads.

4.03 (9.06) Armley Squash Club is now called Steam – all local Cllrs are objecting to the 24hr license application because of lack of parking, noise pollution in a residential area and they feel it is inappropriate for an all day drinking venue to exist so near to a Primary school. **Forum agreed and Cllr JH to write a letter on forum's behalf.**

**Cllr JH**

***Please see appended letter sent on behalf of the forum.***

4.04 (4.02) Cedars binyards – ALMO and Groundwork have been doing work on these and are now planning Phase 3 so further work still to be done.

### **5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team**

5.01 Police are aware of recent park problems and are still asking for all information possible please.

5.02 Recent meeting regarding the Cedars has highlighted many issues including the binyards. Follow-up actions will be taken as a result of this meeting.

5.03 Clydes/Wortleys has been reasonably quiet recently.

5.04 Total Garage (facing the Cedars) is selling alcohol. Police are aware and are passing this information on to Licensing.

- 5.05 The local club – Upstairs/Downstairs is under new ownership – Police are to keep an eye on this.
- 5.06 Colton Rd – speeding problems reported.
- 5.07 Hall Lane – there is a 20mph zone here but no signs. AR – is this the boundary for the zone? AR to follow up with Development Dept as they are responsible for this. **AR**
- 5.08 Tonight – gangs of hoodies hanging around the Aviaries – PCSOs to go over and check. **PCSO**
- 5.09 DPPO (last forum) – Result of survey/consultation:-  
138 responses were received – only one of these being negative. The main comments wanted the DPPO area to be extended. The Police have asked if this can therefore include Mistress and Ley Lanes. Must be careful however as the larger the area – the harder this is to police. **The forum supported this.**
- 5.10 Westerley Croft: - people are feeding pigeons from windows and rats are eating this food. Housing are aware. Rats may be coming from the Winker Mill redevelopment. Cllr JH to ask Sharon Guy to send a residents letter out. **Cllr JH**
- Cllr Harper emailed Sharon Guy as follows:-*  
Sharon, This issue was raised at the Armley Forum and I agreed to ask you if you would write to all residents asking them not to feed the pigeons because it is attracting rats and other vermin. I would be grateful if you could assist. Best wishes - Janet Harper
- 5.11 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally  
Cllr AL discussed the recent Gypsy/Traveller problems in the area recently. This may be due to the lack of support such groups receive causing tension in the surrounding area.
- 6.00 Mistress Lane Hoardings yearly update - Ann Briggs(LCC City Development)**
- 6.01 CllrJH – after a meeting with planning – it has been agreed that the hoardings remain up for a further year.
- 6.02 AB – The boards have served as a test – they will be there whilst the land is sold. There are 3 boards – 2 of which provide income for LCC and finance the 3<sup>rd</sup> which is for use by LCC. This has been a good opportunity to promote the regeneration schemes in the area and also Armley. AB showed the meeting the boards that have been up so far – and discussed the possibility of having a Xmas board. This could promote for eg the Cake calendar and the forum.  
Comments/queries included:
- The colour scheme (dark green on pale green) is not visible to all those with visual impairment. AB – will feed this back. The important message is the larger writing on the board – the rest isn't readable to the average passer-by.
  - The rear of the hoardings is still an eyesore. AB – they have painted the back of the boards however if they block access off this will create an area lending itself to ASB and rubbish collection.
  - An offer for the land has been received and plans are being examined.
  - There are several new boards up on Tong Rd – have they permission? AB – can take photos and pass them to planning to check for consent. AB will liaise with RB. **AB/RB**
- 7.00 Traffic surveys/Highways update – Alan Robinson(LCC Traffic Management)**
- 7.01 AR talked through a Summary of the origin & destination survey carried out to measure through traffic using Armley Grange Dv as a rat run. Theses results show a significant level of traffic are using this as a rat run and AR has therefore suggested a traffic prohibition order - Access Only will be introduced.

Police

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However this will mostly work through self-policing as the Police have resource issues in enforcing these. **Sgt Boyes committed to initial policing this order.** This will be added to the list for this year. The scheme will be drawn up and brought back to the forum for approval.

7.02 Armley Town St – Regeneration: A lot of defunct signage will be removed as part of this.

7.03 Modder Ave TRO : 5 formal objections have been received but if these are overturned then will go ahead. AR will add that this forum have been consulted and support this - to the report to be submitted to Highways Board.

7.04 Green Hill Rd/Hill Top Rd TPP1: This is to increase existing traffic calming measures. TPP1 application was submitted last week for implementation next year.

7.05 Eyres Ave/Theaker Lane traffic measure: TPP4 application will be made – plans will be brought to forum. This comes under the Safer Routes to Schools scheme.

7.05 Further comments/queries included:

- Are there parking restrictions on Carr Crofts? – No - the signs on the lampposts are about the new proposals for Modder Ave. There are only bus stop bays on Carr Crofts.
- Cllr JH – a resident (user of a mobility scooter) has complained that she is unable to access the Leisure Centre from Carr Crofts as the kerbs are not dropped.
- Leisure Centre: there are likely to be new TROs associated with the new build but these have not been finalised.
- Tong Rd traffic very slow – bus lane empty! AR – the bus lane is there to assist the new FTR bus service - supposedly every 10mins (or will be when the scheme is fully implemented).
- Armley Ridge Rd resurfacing? – this is in this years work programme so is imminent. Hopefully work will be done at off-peak times and weekends.

## 8.00 WhizzGo Car Parking in Armley – Ray Hill

8.01 This was originally an American idea and is now in Leeds as the Leeds City Car Club. WhizzGo have a 10yr contact with LCC as the provider of this service. WhizzGo cars can be hired by the hour and picked up from a number of dedicated parking bays strategically placed around the Leeds area. The rental starts from as little as £4.95 an hour – overnight and longer rentals are also possible. The cars are very ‘green’ and everything eg insurance and fuel is included in the hire cost. The idea is to reduce traffic/car use – statistics show that each WhizzGo car in use can reduce total cars by 6. However there is a £25 one-off membership fee and a refundable deposit of £125. There is also a small mileage charge.

8.02 There will be 2 such cars outside the new Greenock Mills development in Armley. This is to support the development as there is little parking available – but obviously these cars are usable by all WhizzGo members.

8.03 For more details please contact: WhizzGo on 0870 44 66 000 or whizzgo.co.uk

## 9.00 AOB

9.01 DN – the Charming Armley Cake Competition was successful with 83 entries, the winning 12 will represent the months on the new calendar. The official calendar launch will be at 6pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at the Tiled Hall café – Leeds City Art gallery. Proceeds from the calendar will go to the local community.

Cllr JH proposed the forum sponsor a calendar page for £500. There was some discussion around the worth of advertising the forum in this way as opposed to eg a mailshot. The forum did feel that at least the revenue was going to a worthy cause however and not to an advertising company. **The forum agreed therefore to sponsor a page.**

- 9.02 RB – the West Leeds District Partnership and the Youth Service are holding a joint award ceremony this year. If you would like to nominate a young person (or group) – the deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Please contact Alison Friebe (0113 395 0978).Forms were also available at the meeting.
- 9.03 Is Armley Post Office closing? There have been problems as the franchise fee is extremely high. However they have pledged to John Battle MP that they will not close until another site and a new franchise-holder is found.
- 9.04 Police – Inspector Steve Thomas has left and will be replaced by Inspector Anwar Mohammed. Inspector Mohammed will attend a future meeting to introduce himself.
- 9.05 Mistress Lane field is still covered with dog mess. Can a notice be erected? Cllr JH to pass to the local dog wardens.

Cllr  
JH

*Cllr Harper contacted West Leeds Dog Warden – Anthony Richardson and received the following response:-*

Dear Cllr,

Thank you for your complaint regarding dog fouling on Mistress Lane field. I am well aware of the problem on this field and I continue to patrol the field on a regular basis. I have fined several individuals for dog fouling offences, probably more here than on any other field in Leeds during 3 and a half years of doing the job. I have advised many people who walk their dogs on this field and given out bags for free. I will continue to patrol and issue fines on this field. Unfortunately we do not do letter drops or post leaflets.

I hope this is of help to you.

Regards,

Anthony Richardson, Dog Warden, West Leeds

**10:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm AOSC**



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Date: 28 November 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Objection to Licensing application for 'Steam Sauna' at the former Armley Squash Club Armley**

At the Armley Community Forum last night local people expressed their concerns at an application submitted by the former Armley Squash Club. The application is for a 24hr alcohol licence for the new business, a sauna to be called 'Steam'. The grounds for the objection are :

- Undue pressure on parking facilities in a residential area.
- Increased noise from clients coming to and from the premises throughout the day and night
- Inappropriateness of clients drinking throughout the day, visiting and leaving the premises close to Armley Primary School.
- General increased traffic movements in a residential area close to a primary school.

This letter is to formally register an objection to the issuing of this licence. I believe a separate objection will be made by local ward members.

Yours faithfully

**Hazel Boutle**

**Vice Chair of Armley Community Forum on behalf of Armley Community Forum**