

Attendees:

Councillor Harington (chair), Anna Turner (East Leeds Area Management), James Nundy (ELAM, minutes), Beverley Yearwood (Community Safety Co-ordinator – East Leeds), Inspector Nik Adams (West Yorkshire Police), PC 454 Mandy Henderson (WYP – Gipton NPT), Charlotte Broadie (resident), Michael Dean (resident), Andrew Armstrong (Beeches and Oaktrees Residents Association), Carol Upton (resident), Christine Briggs (resident), Martin Bowers (Amberton Lawrence Oaktrees), Cathy Chattaway (LCC – Anti Social Behaviour Unit), Sandy Varley (LCC – Youth Service), Maureen Thompson (Beeches and Oaktrees RA), Stephen Mills (resident), Shirley Tennant (resident), Joyce White (resident), Joan Oates (resident), Eileen O’Donnell (resident), Vicki Hooper (ENEHL - Gipton Housing Office), Wendy Breakwell (neighbourhood Warden), Ralph Pryke.

Apologies:

Hayley Clifton (ELAM – Gipton and South Seacroft Neighbourhood Manager), Terry Beaumont.

1.0	Welcome and Introductions	Action
1.1	Councillor Harington welcomed the meeting and gave introductions.	
1.2	This meeting was non-quorate as only one of the ward councillors was present.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2008 and matters arising	
2.1	(2.2) Horses on pavements – there are no laws about horse riders having to clean up the pavements / roads after the horses	
2.2	(2.4) Foundry Approach / Avenue traffic survey No further survey is planned. Cllr H to reiterate information about traffic levels in the area with City Development. ➤ Delegate from City Development to be invited to the next forum.	AT
2.3	(2.6) Attendance at forums – discussion around meeting, attendances and action from the meetings. ➤ It was suggested that housing and regeneration was added as a standard agenda item.	AT
2.4	(10.1) St Nicholas’ field – Cllr H has established it is the schools responsibility.	
2.5	(10.3) It was suggested that there is an ALMO policy for people with connections to get a house in a particular area ➤ VH informed the forum this is not the case, as it is illegal. ➤ It was suggested that Steve Hunt be invited to the next forum	AT
2.6	Could there be a joint effort with North East Area Management to install a strip of pavement across the grass from the bus stop by the shops on Easterly Road (heading from city centre to Gipton)? The current provision makes users walk for some distance in either direction, to get to a mud-free route to be able to cross the road.	AT

3.0	Committee matters	
3.1	Co-optee applications – no applications have been received. A discussion took place and Carol Upton will attend the next Area Committee with Andrew Armstrong as support to see exactly what happens, with potential to become the Gipton forum co-optee.	
3.2	Area Delivery Plan (ADP) – Anna Turner The trusty flip chart pads were out again and suggestions / comments / criticisms about the headers on the pages were invited from the forum. The results will be collated, fed into the ADP and brought back to the next forum.	AT
4.0	Neighbourhood Wardens report – Wendy Breakwell	
4.1	The Neighbourhood Warden report (January – March 2008) was handed out, with the contents discussed.	
4.2	The partnership working with PCSOs was highlighted	
4.3	Wendy was thanked for the team efforts, with special praise going to Simon Charlesworth.	
5.0	Community Safety matters	
	Police	
5.1	Inspector Nik Adams introduced himself and PC Mandy Henderson to the forum and spoke about how the restructure has realigned them with ward boundaries – Gipton and Harehills is now cone police area. They have been working a rolling shift pattern since March 2008, with working hours of 8am until 11pm, 12pm or 1am, depending on the day.	
5.2	A brief demonstration of trembler alarms and Smartwater was given. There are 1000 trembler alarms and 170 sat-nav Smartwater kits available for Gipton at the moment – recent crime statistics will be used to determine and target the most vulnerable areas, but members of the forum were invited to sign up if they wanted either / both. Home Smartwater kits are to come at a later date.	
5.3	There has been an increase in sneak-in burglaries (through unlocked doors and windows), but the number of doors getting kicked through has reduced.	
5.4	There is intensive management of problem families in the area.	
5.5	Operation Blindfold took place throughout February 2008 – every day had a different activity.	
5.6	Steel gates on doors – CASAC do the target hardening, but there is currently no funding for gates at the moment.	
5.7	Car crime was highlighted in Oak Trees / Beeches area. ➤ Police have a flyer being printed up at the moment.	
5.8	CCTV systems are to be fitted to all multi-storey flats in east Leeds.	

6.0	Gipton Tasking Meeting Update – Anna Turner	
6.1	The 'Tasking Team Highlight Report' was tabled and discussed.	
6.2	Closer multi-agency working is happening these days which is producing better results.	
6.3	A discussion took place about the general public attending the Tasking Team meetings. Cllr H to ask at the next Tasking Team meeting about the possibility of including selected members of the public.	
7.0	Questions from the floor	
7.1	None.	
8.0	Any other business, date and time of next meeting	
8.1	Gipton Gala Gipton Together have not involved Youth Service or the neighbourhood wardens.	
8.2	Next meeting Wednesday 9 July 2008 – to be confirmed.	