



Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: Thursday 27th July 2006

Present: Jean Bedford (Co-optee Inner West Area Committee – Chair), D Mackey (Area Management), S Withers, M Wright, S Fothergill, T Knapton, J Quimby, B Hodgson, D Russell, G Russell, P Pollard, P Ogunbor (Streetscene) Rev. J Upton, P Ward, F Brodie, P Green, D Pollard, J Stringer, Ann Marie Coubrough

Apologies: Cllr D. Atkinson (Chair), Cllr Hanley, Maud Smith.

1.00 MINUTES FROM MEETING 23rd March 2006 – Agreed as a true record.

Action

2.00 MATTERS ARISING – none.

3.00 POLICING UPDATE

PC Woodham updated the Forum on current police activities in the area. These included a clamp down on Graffiti- 12 people arrested so far with a further clamp down on Friday (28 July). PC Woodham also advised that the police were looking at moving their office from Pudsey to a more central location in Bramley.

3.01 Police noted that the clamp down on anti-social behaviour had moved groups away from residential areas to the canal, where recent damage to locks causing £100,000 damage. – They were now looking at getting the bike team up and running to get to areas like the canal where they normally can't get to in police cars. Also to be used to follow illegal motorcycle riding.

3.02 Pauline Ward advised the Police that there was still a lot of drinking at Ganners Green and that area was covered with litter- as there was no rubbish bin cans were been stacked in the wire netting that is around newly planted trees.

4.00 WHAT CAN WE RECYCLE –presentation by Pat Ogunbor

Pat Ogunbor presented to the Forum a guide on what can and cannot be put into the green wheelie bins. The key messages were:

Do

- Clean material before putting in the bin (eg rinse plastic bottles)
- Put clean paper, plastics labelled 1,2 or 4 (plastic bags), metal cans in the green bin
- Remove caps from plastic bottles and squash aluminium cans (helps make space)
- Put your bin out early on the day of collection and take back to your property that evening.

Don't

- Put garden waste or paper with food scraps in the bin as this contaminates the waste

Put glass in the bin- take to recycle centres or glass recycle stations instead

5.00 MANOR HOUSE DOCTORS SURGERY – FIRE – Ann Marie Coubrough

Ms Coubrough spoke to the forum on the recent fire at the doctor's surgery. Key points from her address were:

- The surgery will be closed for 6 months for repair
- Doctors will be based at the Bramley clinic in the interim

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- Some services, such as immunisation and nursery work will be based at community centres
- All records were not burnt but some were smoke damaged and been sent for cleaning
- Dental annex next to the surgery will be modified and opened on Wednesday 2 August, followed by the ground floor.
- Phone numbers will remain the same-
- Please only book if an emergency until some normality restored soon

6.00 GRASS CUTTING – Roger Foyle City Services

6.01 Mr Foyle explained the current situation with the contract for grass cutting. Key points were:

- Contract is for 3 years with Glendale's – contract now halfway through its term
- Grass cutting was outsourced because Parks and Countryside no longer wanted to do the work.
- Glendale's were not in a position to commence immediately they were given the contract because they had to recruit staff and buy equipment- which led to delays in cutting
- This year commenced well but May was wet so grass could not be cut in that month
- Mechanical failures have also been a problem – these have now been resolved with Glendale's suppliers
- When contract signed not all areas were identified on the maps given to Glendale's so were not part of the contract – these, once identified, are being submitted to Glendale's and their contract renegotiated
- Shrubs pruning was also part of the contract if in a maintained state but 2/3 were not in this state - those that are not in a maintained state are being done as a one off by other contracts before transferring to Glendale's.

6.02 People at the Forum said:

- Ganners Green was not being done properly as Glendale's came to do the site the other day but drove off before they did anything.
- Victoria Park School – site now overgrown with weeds
- Loose grass on paths is typical of the service

7.00 ELECTION OF CO-OPTEEES – D Mackey

7.01 The following were nominated and seconded as co-optees for the Area Committee

1. Jean Bedford – re-elected
2. Peter Green

There were no other nominations or objections.

8.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pricing policy for community centres- the future price of lettings was asked regarding Bramley Community Centre – D Mackey said that Neighbourhood and Housing centres would have lettings prices determined by Area Committees but the hand over to Area Committees is still being debated. Learning and Leisure lettings are still the same until further notice.

9.00 NEXT MEETING – Thursday 28 September 7.30

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