

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Martin Hackett (South East Area Management), Mike Weaver (Neighbourhood Warden), Tony Stringwell (LCC Parks & Countryside), Derek Lawrence (LCC – Youth Service), PC Claire Bickerdyke (West Yorkshire Police), PCSO Thimm (WYP), Dennis Faulkner (Skelton Woods Environment Group), Heather Jackson (SWEG), Mr & Mrs Dennis Smith (residents), randy Blackburn (Whinmoor Residents Association), Steven Whitaker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Angela Gannon (AVHL), Jane Greenwood (AVHL), Mechelle Myers (WHRA), Mindi Singh (local shop keeper), Greg Sharp (LCC – City Services), John Clark (AVHL), Dave Wisnia (Fieldhead Carr Primary School), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Caroline Ellsworth (AVHL), Phil Diamond (AVHL)

1.0	Welcome / introductions / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everybody to the meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies noted.	
2.0	Minutes from 30 March 2009	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(3.5) Chippies Pond fishermen – Deeta to follow up	D T-H
3.2	(3.8) Whinmoor Shops / METRO issues – Sean Hewitt from LCC Highways design is awaiting capital funding for supplementary measures including new kerbing and tidying of the rumble strip. Highways traffic Enforcement Officers to speak to delivery drivers using the turning circle only meant for buses. Education of bus drivers to park in exactly the right spot.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	No issues.	
5.0	Highways issues on Coal Road – Greg Sharp	
5.1	Speeding is an issue on Coal road, through the Sherburn Road chicane and past the schools. Whinmoor gardens has become a rat run and concern is growing at the bad bend.	
5.2	Before the traffic calming was introduced, there were 13 accidents, but the rate has since dropped by 33% (1 accident).	
5.3	It was noted that the speed humps are not working.	
5.4	Potential for more signs to warn about the mini-roundabout on Coal Road.	

5.5	There were traffic count surveys completed in 2005 and 2008. The results show a 15% decrease in peak traffic flow.	
5.6	There is no identified budget to work on parking schemes. Verge parking will only be tolerated when wall to wall resurfacing is taking place.	
6.0	Community Safety	
	Police	
6.01	Crime statistics were tabled and discussed. Burglaries are down, but on the increase again.	
6.02	There is a PACT meeting tonight. Recent priorities raised at the meetings include White Laithe shops.	
6.03	Issues outside White Laithe shops. The Dispersal Order is for over 18s, but the young people congregating at this location are under 18, so the Dispersal Order doesn't affect them.	
6.04	Issues of vandalism of BT phone boxes at Fieldhead Shops – Mike Weaver has checked with LCC Street Cleansing and it is the responsibility of BT to sweep up and remove the broken glass from their boxes.	
6.05	MH reported that LeedsWatch had informed of new regulations in relation to CCTV after advice from legal. This could have major implications on schemes funded by the Area Committee. A discussion took place on this. MH agreed to speak to Bev Yearwood and legal to clarify the position. As an interim measure he would request a covert camera be installed.	MH
6.06	The ongoing activities at the shops were deplored by Cllr Gruen. Under the new policing Pledge action is required to address the situation.	
6.07	Neighbourhood Warden – Mike Weaver (tel :07891 279 200) Flytipping on Spotted Path and in Skelton woods is still an issue.	
6.08	Operation Champion to come in near future.	
6.09	Problems with motorbikes in Skelton woods	
6.10	Issues with young people coming from Seacroft into the area	
6.11	Been working with Fieldhead Community Centre Management Committee and there will be an open day on Saturday 8 August. West Yorkshire Probationers have been used to help paint the interior.	
6.12	The Quest Project has won the Leeds leg of the competition. The entrants are now to go to London for the next stage	
6.13	White Laithe Garth ginnel – issues with congregation of young people on the A-frame. Cllr Grahame to make enquiries into getting the ginnel cleaned.	Cllr Grahame
6.14	A discussion took place about the future of the Wardens Service. Mike and Nathan were thanked for all of their good work in the ward. Cllr	

	Gruen told the forum how supportive the councillors are of the wardens and they'll fight to keep two wardens in the area.	
7.0	Leisure – Tony Stringwell	
7.1	Fieldhead Carr Pitches The pitches should be ready for September. Jane Cash (Parks and Countryside) will come back with an update on the floodlight installation timescale – Tony to chase up and copy the councillors in. The funding has been secured via the Outer East Area Committee.	TS
7.2	Skelton Woods Pitches A handout plan was tabled detailing the scheme to remove the excess water from the pitches. The scheme, using 'polystorm cell soakaways' will pull water to the edges of the pitches and then down into the current drainage system. Tenders are out at the moment.	
7.3	Tony to check with forestry and look into getting an A-frame for the entrance onto Skelton Woods pitches, and keep the councillors updated.	TS
8.0	Fieldhead Community Centre	
8.1	Sam Lowe to contact Cllr Gruen about advertising for the open day.	SL
8.2	Health and Safety issues have been looked into by Alan Broughton: Trophy cabinet needs to be moved, or have a protective film on the glass. No changes were required to the shelf in the caretakers office.	
8.3	Sam Lowe to look into a lettings notice board advertising room hire within the Centre grounds, eg external notice board.	SL
8.4	The summer holiday youth work programme has started and an additional four week programme for a hard to reach group has been established.	
9.0	Housing Issues / Aire valley Homes Leeds / Regeneration schemes	
9.1	Costs for the MUGA on Sherburn Road have risen from £70K to £100K. It is on hold at the moment due to the funding issues.	
9.2	There is now a drop in service in the mobile office at White Laithe Court on Wednesdays.	
9.3	The Keepmoat development is on site with the last phase on the 5Ms – due for completion in December 09. There will be tenant satisfaction surveys upon completion.	
9.4	Out of hours emergency numbers for Keepmoat were requested by the councillors.	
9.5	All of the owners not in the scheme have been offered unused roof tiles for free (recycling)	

9.6	<p>Environmental project There is £80,000 available from AVH Area Panel.</p>	
10.0	<p>AOB / Next meeting</p>	
10.1	<p>Glendale (the LCC grass cutting contractor) were criticised for cutting the grass at too great a speed and not litter picking effectively before starting the cut.</p>	
10.2	<p>Car parking in Naburn Fold was highlighted as an issue, but the forum heard how a parking scheme would cost in the region of £30,000 and the money is not available.</p>	
10.3	<p>Dave Wisnia (Head teacher at Fieldhead Carr Primary) is retiring from teaching. He was thanked by Cllr Gruen and best wishes were given by the forum.</p>	
10.4	<p>Next meeting: 21 September 2009</p>	