

**Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum  
 21 September 2009  
 Fieldhead Carr Primary School**
**Present:**

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Sam Lowe (South East Area Management), Alan Brummitt (SEC Street Lighting), Lynda Bowen (LCC Adult Social Care), Heather Jackson (Skelton Woods Environmental Group), Nick Edensor (Fieldhead Carr Primary School), Nicola Sheerin (White Laith Primary School), Sheila Storey (Whinmoor St Paul's CE Primary School), Tracey Tansey (Whinmoor Warriors ARLFC), D Smith (resident), Mike Weaver (Neighbourhood Warden), Rita Green (resident), Sharon Smith (Whinmoor Junior Bowling), Mindi Singh (Local shop keeper), Leon Walters (resident / Fieldhead Community Centre Management Committee), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Caroline Ellsworth (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Greg Sharp (LCC – Highways), Mechelle Myers (Wellington Hill Residents Assoc), Kevin Vaughn (AVHL)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome / introductions / apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.1	Cllr Gruen was due to arrive approximately 6:30pm from another meeting, so Cllr Grahame welcomed everybody to the meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies noted.	
1.2	Cllr Gruen arrived at 6:20pm.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes from 6 July 2009</b>	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
3.1	<b>Highways issues on Coal Road – Greg Sharp (via email)</b> (5.3) A count was arranged just inside the 30mph length of Coal Road at the 30 / 40 change point coming from the Seacroft Ring Road. This count was taken at a position before the traffic calming commenced. That count indicated that there was little initial change in general traffic speed and therefore I propose, now that the schools have gone back to school and a new season of counts can be undertaken, to have a count done mid-point between the change in speed limit and the mini roundabout to check whether the traffic calming is having a positive effect on speed reduction. When I have the results I shall comment further.	GS
3.2	Accident Studies have indicated that the injury accident reduction that has resulted since the traffic calming was introduced makes it difficult to justify significant further expenditure. Currently with the limited funds available for all types of project, only situations with a history of killed and serious injury are being considered as a priority, this may change in future.	
3.3	(5.4) I have been to inspect the signing for the roundabout and all the signs at the junction can be seen by approaching drivers from a suitable distance for them to adjust their speed and give way at the roundabout to those already circulating from the right hand side. Observations on site indicate that there are also two sets of advance warning signs on each	

	<p>approach to the junction. I believe that the majority of motorists are aware of this junction as regular users and those that are not have every opportunity with the signing available to use the roundabout correctly, hence that could be a contributory factor in the reduction in the severity of accidents that has been evident in recent years.</p>	
3.4	The results from the 2005 and 2008 counts for Coal Road indicate a reduction in traffic volume during the peak flows monitored.	
3.5	James Buckley (Accident Studies) looked at the issue of Whinmoor Gardens 'rat running'. He looked at the area to the east of the Wetherby Road / Ring Road roundabout and whilst it is not disputed that the practice does take place, there is no accident history to suggest that it has turned into a safety problem.	
3.6	He further stated, "Apart from one accident where the driver failed to stop, I have been able to confirm that all of the drivers involved in the few accidents that have occurred were residents of the area. The hit and run accident occurred at an off peak period and was probably not a rat runner."	
3.7	James Buckley also arranged a speed reading for Sherburn Road and the figures were found to be as follows the 85%ile (speed at which 85 out of every 100 drivers were travelling at or below) was just under 34mph. The mean speed was found to be at 28mph. His conclusion was that the accident rate is half what it was before the traffic calming was introduced and it no longer features in the 'Lengths for Concern' document that features sites that should now be prioritised for the limited staff and financial resources available.	
3.8	(6.05) Approval has been granted by LCC Legal for a <b>CCTV scheme at Fieldhead Shops</b> . Some of the shopkeepers have agreed to the maintenance charges, but others are still to sign up.	SL
3.9	(7.1) Improvements to <b>Fieldhead Carr pitches</b> not thought to have commenced yet, and no update as to why.	SL
3.10	(7.3) Installation of an <b>A-frame</b> at entrance onto Skelton Woods pitches is now complete.	
3.11	(9.1) <b>Sherburn Road MUGA</b> – councillors have been updated.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
4.1	<b>Whinmoor Warriors</b> – Tracey Tansey LCC Lettings have started charging for weekend use of the playing fields (Still free of charge during the week). Annual costs would be in the region of £12,000 so an £8,000 bid has been submitted to Awards for All. A further report will be provided at the next meeting.	SL
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	
5.1	<b>Neighbourhood Warden</b> – Mike Weaver (tel :07891 279 200) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flytipping and littering is still a problem along the Spotted Path / Coal Road</li> <li>• A burglary action week / Operation Champion is to come</li> <li>• A planning application has been submitted for the church</li> <li>• Off-road biking in Skelton Woods seems to be alleviated – probably due to the installation of the A-frame. Will keep monitoring.</li> </ul>	

5.2	Concerns have been raised over seven local ASBOs which expire at the end of September.	
5.3	Fieldhead Open Day was well received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Gruen thanked everyone involved for their efforts</li> </ul>	
5.4	There is an environmental project happening in Hawthorn Woods.	
5.5	Older Persons Event Week will take place at St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre next week.	
5.6	Weapons awareness training is still ongoing.	
5.7	Next update for the future of the wardens service is expected in mid-October.	
5.8	Mike was thanked by Nick Edensor for all his help with the school and local area.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>From Day Centres to Day Services</b> – Lynda Bowen	
6.1	A handout entitled 'Day Services Consultation' was tabled and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultation is on change of use at Day Centres as numbers of weekday attendances has dropped to a low of approximately 320 in 2009/10 (quarter 1) from a high of approximately 510 in 2003/04 (quarter 1)</li> <li>• In this area, the consultation involves Naburn Court and the Doreen Hamilton Centre</li> <li>• Following completion of the consultation in September 09, if necessary, alternative uses for the Day Centres will be looked into</li> <li>• Final decision will be made by Executive Board in November 2009</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Gruen said local warden members, carers, residents and local community were very supportive of the Naburn Court facilities and apposed to the proposed closure.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>PPFI Street lighting programme in Whinmoor</b> – Alan Brummitt	
7.1	Alan did a presentation on the street lighting replacement scheme by Southern Electric Contracting (SEC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coming to Crossgates and Whinmoor ward in the near future</li> <li>• Replacing all the concrete lighting columns with more efficient modern equipment which gives out white light</li> <li>• New columns are guaranteed for 30 years</li> <li>• Every household should have received a 'Your street lighting is going to be improved by SEC' booklet with FAQs and contact numbers in it</li> <li>• Louvers are available if the light shines on bedroom windows</li> <li>• Lamp upgrades are available eg to heritage style for around £800 and to include hanging basket brackets for £50-60</li> </ul>	
7.2	Hebden's area was put forward as a priority area to be completed first.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Report from Aire Valley Homes</b>	
8.1	Kevin Vaughan was ill but a brief report was tabled, including info that the area is still popular with each property receiving 200-300 bids.	

8.2	<b>Car parking issues at garages</b> - a meeting has taken place and some actions are to be followed up.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Fieldhead Carr Community Centre</b> – Sam Lowe	
9.1	An update was given by Sam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Open Day on 8 August was very well received</li> <li>• A survey was completed as to what else the community would like to see going on in the Centre. The majority of requests was for activities for youths</li> <li>• Building work is now complete</li> <li>• A display unit in connection with the Centre is to be installed at the shops towards the end of October</li> <li>• A new exterior sign has been ordered for the Centre</li> </ul>	
9.2	'What's On' fliers were requested to be sent out to local schools. Sam to arrange.	SL
<b>10.0</b>	<b>AOB / Next meeting</b>	
10.1	There has been a meeting in connection with the planning application for Grimesdyke Primary. Councillors Armitage and Grahame are against the proposals. As a member of the Plans East Panel Councillor Gruen declared an interest, as he would be part of the decision making process.	
10.2	Three local schools are to get more involved in clubs for the young and old (eg IT classes). Signposting for additional funding was requested. Cllr Gruen suggested a business case be made for councillors and Area management to consider.	
10.3	Concern was raised over the seven ASBOs due to expire soon, as some of the youths are ex-pupils and might decide to cause trouble for the schools. Sam Lowe to speak with Sgt Mason and feedback to Nick Edensor.	SL
10.4	PACT meetings were highlighted	
10.5	Cllr Gruen to write to all LCC officer non-attendees.	Cllr Gruen
10.6	Next meeting scheduled for 14 December 09.	