

Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum 7 October 2009 St Gregory's Social Club

Present:

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Martin Hackett (South East Area Management), Alison Ford (Swarcliffe Children's Centre), PCSO Murphy (West Yorkshire Police), Doreen Scahill (Whinmoor 'B' Residents Association), Rita Grainger (Whinmoor 'B' RA), Sheila Corcoran (Stanks / Swarcliffe Tenants Association), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme), Nick Swithenbank (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Kevin Vaughan (AVHL), Nathan Vaughn (Neighbourhood Warden), John Nicholson (SS TRA), Derek Lawrence (LCC Youth Service), Alan Brummitt (Southern Electric Contracting), Rachel Corcoran (SEC), Siddiga Austin (resident), Christine Spencer (resident), Jean Jackson (resident), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes)

Apologies:

Inspector Mason, Revd. Mike Benwell (Churches Together), Ron Grahame (resident)

1.0	Welcome / introductions / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everybody to the meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies noted.	
2.0	Minutes from 1 July 2009	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(3.1) Stanks Parade Shops CCTV – the cameras a re now installed and the residents are satisfied	
3.2	(5.4) Wildlife area at Swarcliffe Children's Centre – the West Yorkshire Probation Team might be able to help with the work. Cllrs to investigate.	Cllrs
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	 Stanks Parade Shops Everyone involved with the CCTV project was thanked for their efforts It was noted the youths are now congregating at the doorway to the flats, but a tree is in the way of the cameras line of sight The small fence at the shops is still inadequate at blocking escape routes – ward members to consider putting a bid to Area Panel to get a six foot fence installed Issues were raised to Aire Valley Homes in connection with a fire door for the flats above the shops opening outwards, having a broken lock since installation and not having frosted glass. The forum heard how the door meets the safety regulations of Carillion, but not of the residents 	Cllrs
5.0	Community Safety	
5.1	Crime statistics were tabled and run through. Highlights over the last six week period included decreases in assaults by 13% and burglary (dwelling) by 43%. Overall reported crime is down by 1.3%	

5.2	Sneak-in buglaries are still happening for too frequently and `Is your door unlocked' leaflets were tabled.	
5.3	Cllr Gruen raised concerns that the Police aren't giving the support to residents needs and requested a meeting for the councillors and Insp Mason as soon as possible. The ASB problems are unacceptable eg for the Stanks Parade flats residents.	
5.4	 Neighbourhood Warden report – Nathan Vaughn (tel: 07891 279500) The Cock Beck bridge has been mended and painted Railings have been painted outside Stanks fire station Environmental project at Brayton Green bungalows Helped paint posts for Stanks Parade CCTV Helped to get a flytipper fined £772 	
6.0	PPFI Street lighting renewal contact – Alan Brummitt	
6.16.26.3	 Alan did a presentation on the street lighting replacement scheme by Southern Electric Contracting (SEC): Coming to the Cross Gates and Whinmoor ward in the near future Replacing all the concrete lighting columns with more efficient modern equipment which gives out white light New columns are guaranteed for 30 years Every household should have received a 'Your street lighting is going to be improved by SEC' booklet with FAQs and contact numbers in it Louvers are available if the light shines on bedroom windows Lamp upgrades are available eg to heritage style for around £800 and to include hanging basket brackets for £50-60 The Core Investment Programme (CIP) began in North Whinmoor last week. Neighbourhood watch signs will be retained and added back onto the column nearest the site of the old one. 	
6.4	If ginnels are lit at the moment, they will be illuminated by replacement columns.	
7.0	Service for young people – Derek Lawrence	
7.1	A brochure about Leeds Youth Service was tabled.	
7.2	The summer programme was well received.	
7.3	An awards ceremony took place at St Gregory's Social Club a few weeks ago and involved 63 young people.	
7.4	More late Friday nights and weekend sessions are to come.	
7.5	Half term programmes are being worked up at the moment.	

8.0	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme - Ken Hill	
8.1	The luncheon clubs are now serving 100 people a week.	
8.2	Monthly trips (eg to Blackpool) have been well received.	
8.3	Christmas party is taking place on 17 December, with singing / entertainment from 23 Corpus Christi students. There will be a performance from Pocket Panto again.	
8.4	The gardening service ends next month. 450 gardens have been completed, with 351 completed under the new 'Outer East' contract.	
8.5	The decorating service starts in December and 18 referrals have been received so far.	
8.6	The newsletter was tabled.	
8.7	The atmosphere in St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre is now even better since it was redecorated.	
9.0	AOB / Next meeting	
9.1	Fire Service reported that it was been quieter than usual for this time of year.	
9.2	Next meeting is scheduled for 3 Feb 2010.	