

Farnley and Wortley Forum

Date: 12th November St John's Church

Present: Rev Dowling (St John's Church), Mr & Mrs Broadbent, Ross Langford (Leeds NHS Trust), John Cummins (Groundwork), L Patterson, D Ward, A Rudd, A Priestley, Cllr Andy Parnham.

Apologies: Kathy Ronald, Cllr A Blackburn

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<p>1.0 Apologies Kathy Ronald, Cllr A Blackburn</p>	
<p>2.0 Previous minutes 2.1 The minutes were agreed as a correct record. Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that a planning application had gone in for a new dental surgery on Tong Road.</p>	
<p>3.0 Matters arising 3.1 There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>4.0 Lower Wortley Road Improvement Scheme 4.1 Cllr Blackburn gave an update on the improvement scheme and stated that work would start on the 23/11/09.</p>	
<p>5.0 NHS Leeds – Foundation Trust: Ross Langford 5.1 Ross Langford introduced himself and informed the meeting that Leeds Teaching Hospitals wishes to move from a Trust to a foundation (not for profit organisation). 5.2 The idea of the foundation is to become more democratically accountable. 5.3 Ross left some literature for people to read on these plans, and invited people to fill in the enclosed questionnaire. 5.4 In addition, Ross stated that the foundation needs to appoint members who will hold the Board Of Directors to account in relation to strategy. 5.5 Cllr Blackburn stated that members of the Area Committee had objected to the proposals put forward by the Foundation regarding their constituency boundaries in creating Foundations. Cllr Blackburn urged the meeting to give feedback to the Trust on this proposal in order to ensure that neighbourhood areas are grouped with other areas with similar needs. 5.6 A query was made as to whether PCTs and Health Trusts would become part of the Foundation. Ross confirmed that they would not – they would remain separate. 5.7 A question was raised as to whether the governors of the Foundation would be pro rata per area based on population size. Ross confirmed that each constituency boundary would have two governors who would receive no</p>	

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6.0 Metro / First Bus – 66 and 67 service

- 6.1 Paul Harrison attended the meeting from First Bus.
- 6.2 Cllr Blackburn gave a brief summary on the history of the problems.
- 6.3 Members of the meeting then raised several queries / concerns about the service around lateness, breakdowns and frequency of the service, specifically around the 4.15 bus that has now moved to 4.00.
- 6.4 Paul Harrison stated that whilst the 66/67 service has been in the hands of the Bramley depot, they have put more buses on, have a standby driver to cover if there are any hold ups, and he personally checks the movement of the buses from Bradford.
- 6.5 In addition, a resident stated that when the 67 was taken off her part of the route, it has resulted in many elderly people not being able to access Pudsey to do their shopping, and that she had a petition from approx 50 people asking for it to be re-initiated.
- 6.6 Another member of the meeting commented on the fact that she had received a letter from First Bus about the removing of the 67 from her area, stating that she only lived 5 minutes away from the number 5 bus. The lady stated that she had found this letter to be insulting.
- 6.7 Paul stated that he has noted concerns and would pass these on to Richard Harris, Commercial Director.
- 6.8 Cllr Blackburn stated that any queries Paul passes on to Richard Harris will be responded to and passed back to either Area Management or Cllr Blackburn, who will forward them to attendees of the forum.

**Paul
Harrison,
Richard
Harris**

7.0 20mph Traffic Calming Zones

- 7.1 Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that two 20mph traffic calming zones are being implemented in the Dragons area and the Whincover and Cobdens.

8.0 Groundwork

- 8.1 John Cummins attended the meeting and gave a short presentation on the Junior Warden Scheme, and informed the meeting what this scheme entails. To highlight this, John gave examples of where the scheme had been implemented in the Farnley and Wortley Ward.
- 8.2 John left leaflets about the scheme for the forum members to read about the scheme.

9.0 Police / Community Safety Issues

- 9.1 Cllr Blackburn invited the audience to pass any comments on regarding community safety to Area Management, as the police were attending the Tenants and Residents meeting in the area.
- 9.2 A resident raised the issue of car parking on Dixon Lane Rd grass verges, resulting in a dangerous situation emerging, which he had raised 9 months ago and no feedback had been given, and the cars are still parking here.
- 9.3 Cllr Blackburn asked for Area Management to raise this with the Inspector and copy him in to the email.

S Woodhead

10.0 Youth Service

- 10.1 The Youth Service did not attend the meeting on this occasion.

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11.0 Grotspot areas

11.1 Area Management invited any area of concern regarding litter, graffiti etc to be reported to them. No comments were received.

12.0 Tension Monitoring

12.1 Area Management invited any areas of concern regarding tension monitoring to be reported to them. No comments were received.

12.2 A member of the audience asked if Neighbourhood Watch Schemes still existed. Another member of the audience suggested Pudsey Police Station would be able to advise her.

13.0 Any Other Business

13.1 Roy Greux informed the meeting that some improvements had been made to West Flatts Park – tarmaced surfaces. Ray also said that the football changing rooms had been refurbished.

13.2 Wortley Recreation Ground is currently experiencing a lot of graffiti. The difficulty at the moment is the Graffiti Removal Team will only remove graffiti of a racist or sexual nature.