

Present: Cllr Tom Murray (Chair) Martin Hackett (East Leeds Area Management), Lynne White (ELAM), Bernard Caulfield (Swillington Parish Council, Judith Woodhead (Swillington Parish Council), B Limbert (Strawberry Avenue), James Wigginton (LCC – Planning Section) Sharon Elliott (Youth Service), Peter Wyatt (Garforth Lyons), David LeRoy (Garforth Community Association), Jim Pearson (Neighbourhood Watch), Councillor Mark Phillips, John Johnson (Great Preston Allotments & Leeds Voice), Mark Dobson (Chair, Garforth Residents Assoc), PC Nicholas Genn PC2890 (West Yorkshire Police), Dave Evans (Garforth Festival), Clive Deighton Great & Little Preston Parish Council), Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth), Ralph Hemlsey (Garforth Residents Assoc)

Apologies: Jane Lambert (Garforth Community College), Jim Butters (Garforth Fire Station), Joanne Prewer (Great Preston Resident), Linda Proctor (Vice chair East Garforth Tenants & Residents Association)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions made and apologies noted	
2.0	Minutes of meeting held on 20th July & 12th October 2006 and Matters Arising	
2.1	2.2 from 20/07/06 minutes – Funding of the kitchen for Garforth Miners Welfare Hall should have read £1,350 not £13,500	
2.2	<p>Jim Pearson queried that Simon Frosdick had previously passed diagrams round of Barley Hill Recreation Area and informed that funding was being sought to provide more car parking. MH agreed to enquire as he had been informed that funding could not be used from this source to provide additional parking.</p> <p>Answer to query <i>“The scheme in Garforth has car parking elements within it, however this is a realignment of the existing hard surfaces to increase capacity and flow not creating a new car parking area ”</i></p>	MH
3.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
3.1	Clive Deighton informed Great and Little Preston Parish Council had written to CISWO asking who owns the Cricket Ground and is concerned that they will claim ownership. The worry is that they will sell the land for building purposes. Cllr Murray said this was highly unlikely and it would be kept as a cricket pitch as it was Green Belt land. Clive said the Parish Council would like the Council to provide a solicitor to act on their behalf free of charge. Cllr Murray to attend the next Parish Council meeting as CISWO are attending. The information from that meeting may determine if LCC Legal can get involved.	
3.2	John Johnson informed that he had concerns about the allotments at Great Preston and over the past seven years has got nowhere with the Council on the issue of fencing and boundaries. Residents are claiming allotment land as their own. John	

3.3	<p>wanted help with the rose garden and MH informed him about the new Probation Scheme (posters and letters are going out)</p> <p>Jim Pearson – was concerned that the Police Forum had dropped from 4 a year to 2 and now wasn't aware of any at all and felt this was unsatisfactory. The forum agreed to support Jim in his attempt to resurrect the forums to at least 2 per year and Jim agreed to write to the Police Authority.</p>	JP
4.0	Community Safety	
4.1	<p>PC Nick Genn explained the Crime Statistics and beats shown on the Crime Stats leaflet given out. Asked if everyone was aware of the abbreviations and explained them. PC Genn went through October's stats and asked if anyone had any questions (all detailed on info sheet).</p> <p>4.2 Banrok ran for 2 days last week. Cllr Murray asked him to explain – The Police part in Banrok was well done and one of the best this year. One of the largest Class A Cocaine being retrieved (did not discuss details as this is ongoing)</p> <p>4.3 Bernard Caulfield asked if Leeds Watch picks up any information at the Cloisters Hotel. Cllr Murray said he would be grateful if PC Genn will look into it, he thinks it covers part of this area.</p> <p>4.4 Bernard Caulfield was talking about getting mosquitoes and asked if they were going to become illegal. PC Genn had not heard anything about this and said they are not illegal at the moment but will make enquiries.</p> <p>4.5 John Johnson said when a call is put into the Police they don't turn up, only a return call. PC Genn advised him to go through to Killingbeck and ask for a visit. There are problems outside St Aidan's Club and the residents are scared (PC Genn made a note)</p> <p>4.6 Jim Pearson was concerned that the Police can't deal with a small minority. PC Genn replied that they are limited with powers. Jim asked how often they use fixed penalties, PC Genn said they don't issue them because youths do not have the money and cannot pay them. Sharon Elliott and PC Genn were invited to the next Swillington Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>4.7 Clive Deighton asked is there is a curfew on Asbo's. PC Genn said it was dependant upon what was in the ASBO. Clive said closing Swillington Youth Club down had caused problems because they now have nowhere to go and feels the problems are just being moved around. Sharon Elliott said she thinks there is an issue of the responsibility of parents. Police are looking at now involving the parents.</p>	
5.0	Service to Young People	
5.1	<p>Sharon Elliott explained programme and Summer activities i.e. 5 trips including trip to Alton Towers, bowling, sport, dance, disco and this was a joint Brigshaw and Garforth venture involving 400 young people. Funding has been secured for the future for young people's events. Sharon asked PC Genn if during this period was the crime rate reduced and Cllr Murray said he would be interested to find this out and asked PC Genn to check.</p> <p>5.2 Summer 2007 nearly doubled (£50,000) but a large part of this money has to go towards funding admin staff which is necessary so that the Youth Workers can have more time to go out on to the streets to pull in more young people.</p>	

5.3	Jim Pearson enquired about the light on the youth shelter. Bernard Caulfield said that the shelter is used but the light will not be replaced because it will be broken again.	
5.4	<p>Dave Evans, Director of the Garforth Arts Festival introduced himself and gave a brief review of last year's festival. Dave is looking to put Garforth Festival on the map and making it grow this year by combining school children, community and artists. There was quite a lot of feedback from last year and many had enjoyed it. The attendance was between 8 to 9 thousand and the final evening was a great success. The 2007 Festival will have 3 brass bands attending. There will be a combined concert at the College with various age group attending. Alan Morrison from Brighouse and Rastrick Band are already booked. For the 2007 Festival a Professional Events Team will be booked.</p> <p>Sharon Elliott informed Dave of that he can apply for funding from Youth Service as the project involves young people. The contact name is Mandy Green on 2243141. Cllr Murray thanked Dave for all his hard work.</p>	
6.0	Town & district Centre Update	
6.1	Martin Hackett explained status of the bid. Martin informed that there were plans to consider selling the One Stop Centre. Staff would move to the library which would become a One Stop Centre and Library. The funds to extend would come from the sale.	
6.2	The library forms part of the T&DC project. The feasibility study on the library should be completed in December and this work will be combined and considered for approval by Asset Management Group in December. The semi pedestrianisation has been taken out of the bid due to high cost.	
6.3	Cllr Murray said this was one of the biggest problems in Garforth is parking but the city wide parking survey for Town & District Centre's did not include Garforth in its first phase. A survey of parking in Garforth had been requested but for a 1 day survey it will cost £1400. Cllr Murray asked Martin if he could ask the question as to whether or not this could be done free	MH
7.0	Additional Item	
7.1	<p>Jim Wigginton spoke on siting of caravans on farmer's land in Garforth (farmer Mr Makin). The issue were :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Lane 2. Services laid out. <p>Jim passed a plan round showing facilities on the land which can be used by seasonal workers but Mr Makin hadn't removed them after the stipulated time. Leeds City Council requests he remove them. Mr Makin made an application to retain them and was refused. The Council served an Enforcement Notice and an appeal is still with Planning. The Council's view is that putting services in is changing the use of the site.</p>	
7.2	Jim explained that this is presently with the Council's Legal Team and they are looking at every avenue which exists to get this land back to a field without caravans and this is complicated with other issues.	
7.3	Jim answered questions put to him from John Johnson, Jim Pearson, Mark Dobson and Ralph Hemsley. Cllr Murray said the residents should have compensation for what they have put up with and not Mr Makin who has made money over the past months. Cllr Murray asked Jim what else could the residents do and Jim said no more	

	at present and they will notify residents if it is going to go to the High Court.	
8.0	Date of next meeting	
8.1	10 th January 2007 – 6.00 p.m. Garforth Community College	