

Appendix 5
Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Suzi Armitage, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Jeanette Dowden (LCC – South East Area Management), Inspector Tom Harrison (West Yorkshire Police), PS Mark Birkett (WYP), PCSO Victoria Robinson (WYP), PCSO James Deakin (WYP), Mindi Singh (Local shopkeeper), Derek Lawrence (LCC - Youth Service), Dennis Smith (local resident), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Wendy Rogers (LCC - Environmental Action Team), Paul Spandler (LCC – EAT), Mechelle Myers (Wellington Hill Residents Assoc), Dennis Faulkner (Skelton Woods Environmental Group), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes)

Apologies:

Caroline Elsworth (Aire Valley Homes)

| 1.0 | Welcome / introductions / apologies | Action |
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| 1.1 | Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. | |
| 2.0 | Minutes from 14 December 2009 | |
| 2.1 | Pam Parker’s apologies were not noted on the previous minutes, otherwise, they were agreed as accurate. | |
| 3.0 | Matters arising from those minutes | |
| 3.1 | (3.1) Highways issues on Coal Road No update report on the traffic issues has been received from Greg Sharp as yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to pursue and ensure GS reports back to next meeting | GS JD/GS |
| 3.2 | (3.2) PFI street lighting programme One of the lighting columns in the Hebden’s has been resited. | |
| 3.3 | (5.5) Naburn Court Day Centre The Naburn Court Day Centre is now being kept open three days per week. This is a successful outcome from local lobbying. | |
| 3.4 | (6.3) Drainage issues at the top pitch (Whinmoor Warriors) The pitches recently flooded again. Tony Stringwell is the LCC Parks and Countryside officer for this project. It is to be noted that Fieldhead Carr Primary School are against the installation of the pitch floodlights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Gruen hasn’t had an update on the drainage issues and requested a report as to why no action appears to have taken place. JD to prompt TS to provide update for Cllr Gruen urgently | JD/TS Urgent |
| 3.5 | (7.1) White Laithe Approach shops CCTV system Two cameras are now installed, allowing real-time viewing via the internet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs need to be installed warning that the area is under surveillance of CCTV – but who is responsible? • Has anyone been arrested from the footage taken? • This item to go on the next agenda | Police JN |

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| 3.6 | (8.0) Grimes Dyke planning application Expecting a large number of objections from local residents and schools to the plans for 500 dwellings. | |
| 3.7 | (9.2) Police log of all calls received in connection with the local area, so the Forum can see the priorities The system has been interrogated but hundreds of reports came to light. The reports were difficult to analyse and wouldn't provide helpful information. Some calls might not have been logged as incidents and could have been sent straight to an officer to deal with. | |
| 3.8 | (10.4) Land at the rear of Fieldhead Carr Primary School Who owns the strip of land which runs between the school perimeter and the grassed area, before the houses? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Rogers to investigate, inform the Chair asap and report back at next forum | WR |
| 4.0 | 10 minute open floor | |
| 4.1 | No issues. | |
| 5.0 | Youth work programme – Derek Lawrence | |
| 5.1 | Derek gave an update about the current programme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mondays – Fieldhead Carr Arts Award Project Group: bronze stage completed Tuesdays – Football World Wednesday – new group set up with detached work Thursdays – hope to start with a new mobile group soon. The BUMPY motorbike course needs £1,800 to move from the bronze to silver level Friday – detached work ongoing | |
| 5.2 | Derek and his team were thanked by Cllr Gruen for the Easter event they ran at Fieldhead Carr on 27 March 2010. | |
| 5.3 | East Leeds Family Learning Centre has now been demolished and the temporary east area HQ is at the Denis Healy Centre in Seacroft, with an area base at St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre | |
| 5.4 | Current vacancies are hoped to be released in April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next agenda should include an update on Youth Service staffing | JN |
| 6.0 | Community Safety | |
| 6.1 | Police update Inspector Tom Harrison introduced himself to the Forum and crime statistics were discussed, with the following highlights: | |
| 6.2 | Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last six week period recorded 80 crimes, with 117 recorded on the same period last year. There has been a steady reduction over the last three months Burglary is still a priority across the whole of Leeds North Whinmoor is not currently a hot spot area for crime | |
| 6.3 | ASB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current hotspot is White Laithe Shops Footage obtained from the CCTV system is to be analysed in connection with the shop ceiling break-in and the theft of newspapers | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of a bogus official visiting the bungalows asking for £1 a week for St Gemma's • Damage to cars in Naburn View – no official reports of damage to cars have been received <p>LCC - Environmental Action Team</p> | |
| 6.4 | Paul Spandler attended the Forum to introduce Wendy Rogers. Since the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding ceased, the Neighbourhood Warden Service has been withdrawn and the wardens have had the opportunity to apply to be Community Environmental Officers (CEOs) and Community Environmental Support Officers (CESOs). 23 of the 33 wardens were successful with this recruitment and Wendy is covering the Cross Gates and Whinmoor Ward as a CESO. Her mobile number is 07891 277 700. | |
| 6.5 | CEOs and CESOs focus on environmental issues such as noise nuisance, dumping, litter, dog fouling, highway obstructions, overgrown vegetation and graffiti etc. The new roles comes with enforcement powers. | |
| 6.6 | Councillors want to supplement additional posts for the Outer East area. | |
| 6.7 | It was noted that Mike Weaver (former Neighbourhood Warden for this area) was successful in the recruitment and is now working as a CESO in Harehills, having expressed a preference to gain new experience in a different patch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Smith praised Mike for all his hard work in the area • Mr Singh summarised the situation well | |
| 6.8 | Inspector Harrison welcomed Wendy to the area and looks forward to further positive working relationships. | |
| 7.0 | Report from Aire Valley Homes – Pam Parker | |
| 7.1 | Will be working with Wendy Rogers tackling waste in gardens, giving 28 days notice for action required. If the issue remains, then fines can be issued. | |
| 7.2 | Tenants leaving properties should be handed back in the same pristine condition as when they took the property (inside and out). The tenants are visited by housing officers before they move out to assess the property – if any issues aren't addressed, the tenants will be fined. | |
| 7.3 | There are currently five ASB cases ongoing across Whinmoor, two of which are drugs related. | |
| 7.4 | The 5Ms refurbishment completed in December 2009. The tenants are happy with it and are noticing improvements with their heating bills already. | |
| 7.5 | Properties in the Whinmoor area are receiving in the region of 100 expressions of interest at the moment. | |
| 7.6 | Still working with the Police and looking forward to working with Wendy. | |
| 8.0 | AOB / Next meeting | |
| 8.1 | <p>Items for next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Laithe Approach shops CCTV system (see 3.5) • Update on Youth Service staffing (see 5.4) | JD JD |
| 8.2 | Next meeting date will be set at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting. | |