

**Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum
19 July 2010
Fieldhead Carr Primary School**

Appendix 5

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Suzi Armitage, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Martin Hackett (Area Management), John Holmes (LCC - Youth Service), Dennis Smith (local resident), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Wendy Rogers (LCC - Environmental Action Team), David Armitage (LCC – EAT), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Wanderers), Dennis Faulkner (Skelton Woods Environmental Group), Heather Jackson (Skelkton Woods Env Group), Deborah Hillerby (Fieldhead Carr Primary School), Tracey Tansey (Whinmoor Warriors), Jason Askham (Whinmoor Warriors), PCSO 471 Devlin (WYP), Sgt Andy Hill (WYP).

Apologies:

None.

1.0	Welcome / introductions / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2.0	Minutes and matters arising from 29 March 2009	
2.1	Agreed as true record.	
2.2	(3.1) Highways issues on Coal Road – Greg Sharpe sent notes on speed and accident surveys. There had been a major reduction in accidents since traffic calming introduced and recent monitoring showed very little traffic travelling in excess of 30mph limit.	
2.3	(3.8) Land at rear of Fieldhead Carr Primary School – the path is owned by highways and the grass by Aire Valley Homes (AVH). Mr Smith felt the grass cutting in this area was unsatisfactory. It was agreed that the AVH Environmental Officer would monitor maintenance of this piece of land.	
3.0	Report from Aire Valley Homes	
3.1	Work to the 5M properties is now completed.	
3.2	The Housing Manager provided details of arrears cases in Whinmoor with 200 tenants currently being in arrears. AVH have now employed a debt adviser to assist tenants with debt.	
3.3	There are currently 5 void properties in Whinmoor; between April and June there had been 13 re-lets.	
3.4	There are currently 4 active ASB cases in Whinmoor that have council tenancies.	
3.5	It will cost £29k per parking zone. At the moment there are no funds available to carry out this work. Hebden Green is having a lot of problems with parking and refuse collection vehicles have difficulty with collections.	
3.6	A garage survey is currently being carried out to determine demand. The results will influence future investment.	

4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	No issues.	
5.0	Youth work programme – John Holmes	
5.1	John gave an update about the current programme and distributed details of the activities available during the summer.	
5.2	Other key points raised included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May it averaged 2 young people attending evening activities at Fieldhead Carr. It's now between 15 and 20. • Youth Services is providing more in the way of activities young people are asking for rather than assuming what they want. • John and his team are addressing ASB with individuals when they see it and challenging them about it. • More work with NEET's and connecting with colleges and further education establishments • Staffing – no plans to increase staffing levels. • The summer programme is working with younger aged children than Youth Service tends to deal with. Projects in Whinmoor every Wednesday from 2.30 til 4.30 and 5.30 til 7.30. 	
6.0	Community Safety	
6.1	Police update Sgt Andy Hill introduced himself to the Forum and crime statistics were discussed, with the following highlights:	
6.2	Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a 50% reduction in burglary from the same time last year. Some of this is down to 1 individual currently in gaol who was responsible for many burglaries. • Burglary is still a priority across the whole of Leeds 	
6.3	ASB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanks Parade much quieter. • Off road bikes have been causing a nuisance. The video van has been used to identify the vehicles and owners and motorbikes are seized if owners continue to use them inappropriately. • The IT issues at White Laithe shops have now been resolved with pictures being transmitted to Killingbeck Police Station. There is still an issue about protocols that has to be resolved. 	
6.4	Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Smith is still having problems with youths outside his home. A previous study by Community Safety recommended alleygating. However 2 local residents objected and the scheme could not go ahead. Cllr Gruen requested that community safety re-look at this issue. MH agreed to pass this request to Beverley Yearwood (Community Safety). It was suggested BY contact the objectors to see if they have had a change of heart and clarify why they had objected to the gate closure. 	
7.0	Parks & Countryside	
7.1	Naburn Play Area. This was deferred as no officers were in attendance.	

7.2	The Forum was informed that government funding had been withdrawn. Top pitch at Fieldhead Carr. Drainage work completed on 16 July. The pitch should be playable for the start of the season.	
7.3	Floodlighting to other pitches. It was reported that P&C had submitted plans to Fieldhead Carr Primary School recommending floodlights to the outer edges of the pitches after their initial suggestion to install floodlights in between the pitches was rejected by the school governors. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Whinmoor Warriors, Fieldhead Carr School and Parks & Countryside to resolve this matter.	
8.0	Environmental action and enforcement	
8.1	A report on activities undertaken was read out, this included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April – July – 149 requests for service in the ward were received, mainly about noise. • There have been 12 cases of flytipping in Whinmoor • Sewage and drainage issues in the Redhalls • 2 notices served due to condition of gardens • Mice infestation in Sherburn Road 	
8.2	Cllr Gruen was pleased that the environmental officers were tackling problematic issues but suggested the service needs to be better connected with Ward Members, keeping them informed of what happens after notices served, action taken etc. It was agreed that there would be more direct communication with Ward Members concerning the outcome of notices being served, letters sent etc.	
9.0`	AOB	
9.1	Britain in Bloom is visiting various sites across Leeds in the next few weeks. The Skelton woods Environment Group are in with a chance of winning an award.	
9.2	It was asked if the notice board outside the library could be relocated opposite the shops on the grass verge near the school. It was also asked if additional keys could be provided. MH agreed to contact the company who installed the notice board and get a cost prior to raising any order. Date of next meeting: 11 October 2010 at 6pm, Fieldhead Carr Primary School.	MH