

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: 29th July 2010

Present: Stephen McBarron (Chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, BK Miller, S Breens, M Houseman, g Tempest, C Heaton, M Peott, N Gibson, A Silson, S Fothergill, J Lockett, P Miles, M Tyson, A Carroll (WYP), D Thornton (WYP), S Longley, I Shaw, R Cross, S Withers, JB Quimby, BM Lees, BM North, K Miller, L McGhee (vice chair), Norman G, Sohail Effendi (WNWAMT).

Apologies: Tom Maynard

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

An issue regarding bus service raised at the last meeting was omitted from the minutes, Cllr Hanley took up this item and informed the meeting that

- he had met up with the METRO representative to address this issue, a detailed discussion took place and while they were sympathetic to needs of the residents, unfortunately it all boils down to economics and to keep a service running people needs to use those services as popular routes will have priority.
- Cllr Hanley informed the meeting that METRO does not have the power to force another bus service in providing a specific service.
- Cllr Hanley stated that while he appreciates residents sentiments, however, there are limits as to what the councillors can resolve, private bus companies can be asked but can't be forced to provide unprofitable service.
- Cllr Hanley also mentioned that a number of issues have been resolved by the councillors including 31 million for the school in the are and future parks and pavement work.
- Cllr Hanley offered to organise another meeting with the bus services and to include residents in the meeting.
- A suggestion to do a petition was also raised at the meeting.

2.7 Minutes were approved as accurate record of the meeting.

3.0 Dog Control Orders – Steve Waterhouse

3.1 Steve Waterhouse from Environmental Action Team attended the meeting for this item and stated that Dog Control \Orders can be established under the provision of the Clean Neighbourhoods And Environment Act 20058 (CNEA). It is already an offence not to clear up after your dog has fouled.

Leeds city council is considering implementing the following orders

- Keeping dogs on lead in prescribed areas – this would apply to specific areas ensuring public safety and cleanliness.
- Requesting a dog is put on a lead – this would be used where dogs being exercised off the lead are causing problems to other users of the land and it is felt the dog should be kept under control.
- Maximum number of dogs walked at any one time - this is to ensure that the owner is able to control the behaviour and remove all of the waste of the dogs they are responsible for .
- Banning dogs from prescribed areas – this is to keep areas such as schools and playgrounds safe and clean for children.

A second phase will be introduced sometime next year and proposal will include

1. Football fields and
2. Dogs running in streets without a lead.

Action

Cllr Hanley

4.0 POLICE UPDATE

4.1 PCSO Alison Carol and Daniel Thornton attended the meeting for this item and informed the meeting that

- Double crack house closure in Bramley.
- ASB is not at present a problem, as there are a number of activities in the area to keep children occupied.
- Not doing too bad for burglaries, however people were urged to be careful in warm weather and ensure that no opportunities are presented to the burglars.
- Having small problem with off road bikes, so everyone was encouraged to report them
- Bramley carnival was a success, so nothing major to report as far as the police is concerned.
- 'Smiley Sid' was placed on Bramley Town Street, a number of children observed the Smiley Sid showing a smiley face to drivers driving within speed limits. Drivers not adhering to the speeding limit are sent warning letters and after the second letter they can be issued with fines.

5.0 Highways

5.1 Chris Way attended the meeting and presented following feedback.

- Pollard Lane: works have been tendered and once contract is awarded will start within 3 months.
- A scheme has been approved to provide some additional refuges on Leeds & Bradford Road. To start detailed design soon.
- Broad Lane. New safety cameras are in place.
- Broad Lane Zebra. A new Zebra crossing is being designed for outside Hollybush Primary school and will be built this financial year, hopefully before Christmas
- A scheme to re-line Half Mile Lane is being developed.
- Still hopeful of obtaining some funding for some TROs in the area.
- Ganners/Broadleas/Landseers 20mph Zone: no further action to date, on hold indefinitely.
- Aston Road/Snowdens. There are some slight accidents in this area which warrant further investigation. It may be possible to pursue some measures in next years' annual programme.

6.0 Report from Ward Members

6.1

- Good news, an additional one million pound have been found to put into adaptations scheme.
- Meals on wheels – current administration is asking for this service to be extended to 7 days a week.
- Hayleysfield allotment – the job is going ahead start date 6th September 2010.
- ARAMARK day event took place on 9th July 2010, it was very successful and whole site looks significantly better.
- Rodley park will be done up.
- Paths in Rodley were visited, improvements to paths will start in September 2010.
- Gritting is city wide issue, last year was particularly harsh, we are starting a major enquiry to see how things can be made better.
- I am glad with the attendance, the speakers and the issues being raised and discussed.

6.2 Residents mentioned that the response from council departments is significantly better under current management.

7.0 A O B

7.1 None

8.0 Next meeting

30th September 2010