

**Minutes from 27 July 2010  
at Cross Gates and District Good Neighbours Building**

**Present:**

Attendance register was not returned / left at the end of the meeting.  
Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Suzi Armitage, Martin Hackett (LCC – Area Management), James Nundy (LCC – AM, minutes)

**Apologies:**

Steve Seymour (Cross Gates Shopping Centre), Barbara Lister (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Rev. Fran Rhys (Cross Gates Methodist Church)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 14 April 2010</b>	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
3.1	<b>Good Neighbours schemes</b> The councillors are still fighting for the continuation of the current set-up and Cllr Gruen will be taking it up again at Executive Board.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
4.1	None.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Parking issues – Silkstone Way</b>	
5.1	Parking has been an issue in the Silkstone / Kennerleigh areas for many years. Thought to be commuters parking for free then using the train to get to Leeds.	
5.2	The emergency services and bin wagons have also mentioned having problems getting through.	
5.3	Greg Sharp to be chased about responses to previous points raised at the forum.	
5.4	It was queried whether parking restrictions could be introduced, or maybe single white lines (with t-bars) across driveways as some residents are getting blocked in their own driveways.	
5.5	Private hire cars congregate opposite the Devon pub also causing obstructions on the blind bend.	
5.6	Grass verges are being damaged. Culprits can be fined / action taken if culprits can be traced.	
5.7	Issue with mobility scooter advertising by the Silkstone's is being dealt with.	
5.8	The forum were asked if they would like a public residents meeting with the	

	<p>councillors, LCC Highway officers and the Police etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum agreed it would be a good idea</li> <li>• Cllrs agreed to arrange the meeting but the attendance register was not returned so names of the new attendees are not known</li> </ul>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Speed cameras – Dylan Turner (Casualty Reduction Partnership)</b>	
6.1	Traffic speed survey on Austhorpe Road has been compiled from 2005-2010 data. Need to prove accident statistics but there was no data to suggest speed restriction will help.	
6.2	Cost of speed cameras are prohibitive (approximately £14,000 each), and is a reactive measure rather than proactive. Police don't act on speeding until 35mph is reached in a 30mph zone.	
6.3	Austhorpe Road is in the top 80 roads in Leeds.	
6.4	The survey produced two main findings for the accidents logged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrians</li> <li>• People falling off buses</li> </ul> Therefore no justification for speed cameras.	
6.5	Speed survey showed busy times are 7am-7pm and one in ten vehicles were recorded as travelling at 40mph.	
6.6	Between 9pm and 11pm, there have only been two recorded accidents in the last five years.	
6.7	Data for A6120 could also be analysed, along with the stretch of ring road from Station Road to Colton roundabout.	DT
6.8	PCSOs offered to put the item down as a briefing item for the beat.	
6.9	LCC is responsible for producing safe roads. The Police are responsible for enforcing the speed.	
6.10	Could look into alternatives like speed detection signs or beacons? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Sharp to be invited to the next forum</li> </ul>	AMT
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	
7.1	<b>Police</b> Quarterly review of NPT. Newsletter was distributed. Burglaries are still a high priority but 50% lower than a few months ago	
7.2	Devon pub: residents having issues with private hire vehicles	
7.3	<b>Silkstone parking:</b> cars were not found to be obstructing drives when the area was visited so nothing could be done at that time. Patrols will continue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cars parking with two wheels on the pavement: as long as there's enough room for a buggy or mobility scooter to get past, the police are ok with it.</li> <li>• No double parking has been seen on patrols.</li> </ul>	
7.4	<b>Manston Park:</b> alcohol has recently been seized but the park has been quiet lately.	
7.5	<b>Community Environmental Support Officers (CESOs)</b> The Neighbourhood Warden service has now been removed. CESOs are now working across Leeds in an environmental action capacity. Cross Gates and Whinmoor have two CESOs – Simon Norman (tel: 07891 278 378) and Wendy	

	Rogers (Tel: 07891 277 700), who patrol the area with enforcement powers and deal with environmental and noise issues.	
7.6	<p>Issues tackled so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of illegal street banners have been removed from Station Road.</li> <li>• Collapsed sewer in Kennerleigh's</li> <li>• Commercial waste issues on Austhorpe Road</li> <li>• Issues with bins on Sandiford Terrace</li> </ul>	
7.6	CESO uniform was modelled by Simon.	
7.7	<p><b>Guides:</b> The building is still getting attacked but not as much as it used to be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional patrols were requested.</li> </ul>	Police
7.8	Issue of noise at the Devon Pub was raised - speakers had been positioned outside and the music level was above acceptable.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Christmas lights</b>	
8.1	The Heritage style street lights have now been painted and the scheme for festive lights is progressing well.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Youth Service update</b> – John Holmes	
9.1	Summer programme is ongoing and Manston Park is regularly attended, although no serious issues have been seen.	
9.2	Sessions are running 2:30-7:30pm for 9-13 year olds.	
9.3	Summer activities programme was tabled.	
9.4	ASB hotspots are targeted as informed by the Police, and the team will be happy to visit problem areas as highlighted by residents if the residents pass the necessary details to John.	
9.5	Contact details were tabled.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>AOB and date of next meeting</b>	
10.1	The extension to the licence for the <b>Barnbo pub</b> has been objected against.	
10.2	<p>Mr Pickles raised a point about <b>the allotment next to Manston School</b>: Half of the site near the Grafton ginnel was fenced off. Will allotments be introduced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress is being made to introduce allotments in the area – there is currently no provision in the area</li> <li>• A survey of underground services came back showing there are no services at the site</li> <li>• Although thought likely, it is not yet known if a planning application will be required</li> <li>• The land highlighted is in a poor state of repair, so would become a much better place should an allotment be introduced</li> </ul>	
10.3	<p><b>Theft of Yorkshire stone in the area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Police / PCSO / CESO patrols were requested</li> <li>• DI Wakefield suggested removing the temptation</li> </ul>	

10.4	<b>Items for next agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greg Sharp to be invited to the next forum</li><li>• Discussion about fencing for properties along Grafton ginnel being damaged by ASB</li></ul>	
10.5	Date of next meeting is scheduled for 20 October 2010.	