

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), David Armitage (LCC - Environmental Action Team), Insp Tom Harrison (WYP), PCSO 471 Ged Devlin (WYP), Heather Jamieson (Seacroft Parish), Mechelle Myers (WHRA), Sharon Smith (Whinmoor Junior BC), Rita Green (Whinmoor BC), Mindi Singh (Trader).

Apologies:

Ken Hill, Debbie Hillerby, Heather Jackson.

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	(6.3) There are still problems with the CCTV system at White Laithe shops. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't work. WYP have an IT expert on the job and expect their side of things resolved very soon. MS felt the system was not fit for purpose as contractors had visited on several occasions and had been unable to resolve the issues. The following was agreed:	
2.3	(i) the contractor would be asked to visit the site and meet with MS and WYP to resolve the outstanding problems before the warranty was up. (ii) MH would arrange for some CCTV signs to be erected. (iii) MH would ask CASAC to liaise with MS to determine if the camera angles needed adjusting	MH
2.4	(6.4) It was reported that Community Safety had revisited the objectors to the alleygating project behind Fieldhead Carr. The objectors will not change their minds and continue to object to the closure. The project cannot now go ahead.	
3.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
3.1	Several local residents attended for the first time to express concern about large groups of youths gathering around the shops and in the woods on weekends causing nuisance and vandalism. It was reported that many are coming from across east Leeds to meet in Whinmoor on Fridays and Saturdays.	
3.2	WYP agreed to make a concerted effort to target the area on weekends and disperse the youths. Youth Service agreed to use detached officers to work on Wednesday and Friday evenings.	

4.0	Community Safety	
4.1	Swarcliffe and Stanks are the areas within the ward that suffer from the highest rates of crime.	
4.2	In Whinmoor 40 crimes had been committed since the 1 September 2010. The main problem in Whinmoor was ASB and WYP are trying to engage with young people to get them involved in positive activity as well as pursuing those engaged in crime.	
5.0	Youth work	
5.1	JH distributed information concerning the summer activities provided in the ward.	
5.2	Between 20 and 25 young people are regularly attending the Monday night and Wednesday night youth clubs at Fieldhead Carr CC and over 80 young people recently attended the BBQ at the centre.	
5.3	JH confirmed that youth workers will be involved in projects to divert young people away from bad behaviour and would work with partner agencies to engage with young people across the area.	
6.0	Environmental Enforcement	
6.1	The CESOs have been involved in enforcement work on commercial properties; issues of noise nuisance; working with probation services at Hebden Path and Pendas Arms; taking enforcement action against residents with untidy/overgrown gardens.	
6.2	There was a general discussion on a number of current issues. However several residents felt that the CESOs were not as visible or approachable as their predecessors, Neighbourhood Wardens. Several residents in attendance felt that Wardens had a presence that people appreciated and could be contacted easily and often got an immediate response. It was felt that the CESOs needed to look at how Wardens used to engage with local people and return to that way of working. DA was asked to take this message back to his management team.	DA
7.0	Aire Valley Homes	
7.1	Arrears reduced from July 2009 by £7,000; under occupancy scheme has three applicants registered and one recently transferred; there are five voids and one under notice; there have been seven re-lets from July to September; there have been two new ASB cases.	
7.2	PP reported that AVH have monthly walkabouts and all residents are invited. For dates please contact PP.	
7.3	AVH have consulted with garage occupiers on the Baildons and Hebdens regarding demolition or refurbishment. The outcome of the consultation will be known within 4 weeks. Cllr Gruen was supportive of funding being targeted at these areas as a lot of money had been spent in Swarcliffe but very little in Whinmoor.	

8.0	AOB	
8.1	Coal Road Traffic – Highways provided data on accidents and traffic flow. The data suggests that there is no need for further traffic calming. It is also anticipated that there will be major cuts in highways finances in 2011 which will mean only the most critical areas can have traffic calming.	
8.2	Fieldhead Carr pitches – a planning application has now been submitted for floodlights to the bottom pitches.	
9.0	Date of next meeting	
9.1	10 January 2011 at 6pm, Fieldhead Carr Primary School.	