

**Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Present:** Stephen McBarron(Chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, Laura McGhee, N Gibson, J Lockett, K Miller, B Miller, M Houseman, T Maynard, A Iqbal, S Longley, S Clark, J Quimby, S Fothergill, P Miles, S Withers, B Coutts, C Beard (Lineham Farm), P Staniforth(LCC – Parks & Countryside), Alison Friebe(WNW Area Management).

**Apologies:** Cllr Atkinson, E Rayworth, B Rayworth, R Cross, M Tyson, E Shaw, J Houseman, C Heaton, M Scott.

**1.0 WELCOME**

1.1 Steven McBarron welcomed everyone to the meeting. SW was thanked for the marvellous Xmas decorations. Alison Friebe was introduced as the replacement from Area Management for Sohail Effendi.

**2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

2.1 (3.1) AF apologised that the telephone number to report off road bikes is still missing from the list. The number is 0113 239 5092 and will be included in future.

2.2 (6.0) SE contacted Community Payback Service to see if people on probation can provide the services of cleaning the areas and emptying the bins. They can do work like this - however work must be referred to them via Environmental Services or another LCC dept. Once a referral is made a Senior LCC Officer will go out and assess the job. The CPS team can then only be used if there are respite facilities available locally (which LCC will then have to pay for) and also they need LCC supervision which is another overhead. So although they can be used it isn't as simple as just asking them to do a job. AF was asked if they could do gritting in small or hard to reach areas?

2.3 (6.0) AMT were asked to investigate the cost of litter bins and installation – this is £350 plus £50 for installation.

2.4 (4.1) Cllr TH – there re 32 grit-bins within this ward and the local Cllrs are trying to fund an additional 50% more. Cllr Hanley asked for volunteers to become Snow Wardens – contact Cllr TH if interested.  
Tel: (0113) 258 7456  
Email: ted.hanley@leeds.gov.uk  
Bus. Tel: (0113) 247 5478

**3.0 Police Feedback (PC Paul Richardson)**

3.1 Priorities at the moment are:

- Burglary: usually rises at this time of year with Xmas on the way but we are still showing a reduction division-wide;
- ASB: Several ASBOs are about to be served to residents in the area;
- Traffic operations: looking at speeding and drink-driving – (one resident reported speeding particularly on Westover Rd and the Warrels).

3.2 There have been some thefts of wheelie bins (often to burn) – Police advised to always report theft of bins.

3.3 There was a query and then discussion re. CCTV. Cllr TH explained that the installation, maintenance and monitoring cost of CCTV systems can be prohibitive. Also it is run through LCC and not the Police. The only new scheme at present in Bramley is the one on Broadleas Hill. PR – The Police CCTV van does patrol the area when possible. One resident who is having serious difficulty with car damage asked about filming offenders. PR – this can be a very sensitive area – not allowed to 'surveil'. A fake CCTV sign or camera can help. PR advised resident to try and call Police whilst offenders still on site if possible because then Police will prioritise the call.

3.4 TH/PR discussed the proposed spending cuts and how they will effect the Police force.

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Rumour has it that PCSOs and civilian staff will be reduced – TH/PR agreed that PCSOs provide a very valuable service and contribution towards Police work and public safety.

#### **4.0 Lineham Farm (Clare Beard)**

- 4.1 CB explained the origins of the Farm – from a derelict building that Cllr Denise Atkinson (then Lady Mayoress in 1992) identified as her charity, raising £100m towards the refurbishment and establishment of the Farm as a holiday venue for vulnerable or disadvantaged children. Cllr DA remains a very active trustee of the Farm (a registered charity).
- 4.2 The Farm is available for all Leeds schools but is on a first come first served basis. They can take 24 children (8-12yrs) a week. The children stay Monday to Friday – arriving Monday morning they walk down a long lane to the Farm which is an amazing sight especially as many will have had little experience of the countryside.
- 4.3 There are rules for the children to follow with a view to education but making it fun for e.g.:
- Children have to follow the teaspoon rule (trying new foods);
  - Follow 5-a-day;
  - Planting, picking and cooking vegetables;
  - Personal organisation i.e. keep own kit and bedroom sorted.
- 4.4 Activities include climbing, cycling, art classes, orienteering, high ropes, games room, library, looking after animals (sheep, pigs etc).
- 4.5 Cllr TH re-iterated what a wonderful resource the Farm is and what a great experience it is for the young people who visit. They do however rely on funding – they do have 4 open-days a year – the Xmas Fayre being the next one on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 11-3pm. More info available at [www.linehamfarm.co.uk](http://www.linehamfarm.co.uk).  
Contact details: enquiries@linehamfarm.co.uk , Tel: 0113 230 0959/281 7880.  
Lineham Farm Children's Centre  
Swan Lane, Eccup, LS16 8AZ

#### **5.0 Improvements to Bramley Park(Phil Staniforth)**

- 5.1 All new residential developments now have to donate a certain linked percentage of money towards local open space improvements. This is known as Section 106 monies. LCC is now beginning a programme of Park improvement work with Bramley Park being the first to benefit. There is approx £140k with possibly more available from Fairfield development.
- 5.2 The first stage is to undergo public consultation which Parks & Countryside are doing in a variety of ways – e.g. attending this forum. So far an assessment of the Park and a survey of some residents has resulted in the following proposed improvements:
- New gates to the Park;
  - Improvements to the Rose garden including all new roses and reducing wall size so easy to see into;
  - Old bowling green removed and area re-seeded with the beech hedge being removed;
  - Tennis courts refurbished;
  - One of the courts being made into a multi-use games area;
  - Footpath restoration;
  - Wildflower meadow and picnic area including seating to be installed;
  - Extra link paths to be installed.
- 5.3 PS passed around a 'storyboard' showing the proposed improvements and discussion/comments included:
- Why go to the expense of new gates when there are so many entrances that this seems a pointless exercise?
  - The play area needs refurbishment badly – the foam tarmac especially needs replacing. Maybe making this a more accessible play area including swings for all ages etc.
  - Why not a skateboard park or cycle track?
  - Have the bowls club been consulted with?
  - What residents have been consulted?
- 5.4 PS – this is only a first stage of consultation and none of these improvements are 'set in stone' . PS and Cllr TH welcome any comments and suggestions. Further opportunities will follow e.g. further meetings or questionnaires.

Please contact Cllr TH (details above at 2.4) or contact LCC - Parks & Countryside as follows:

Email - [Parks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Parks@leeds.gov.uk) or [Claire.hern@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.hern@leeds.gov.uk);

Write to Phil Staniforth, Parks & Countryside, Farnley Hall, Hall Lane, LS12 5HA.

Tel: 0113 395 7400

## **6.0 A O B**

- 6.1 Rodley Park has finally got the footpaths restored. Cllr TH explained that the Cllrs have worked hard to get a programme of Park improvements for Bramley and Bramley Park is the first although Rodley Park will be next and then Falls Park. Meanwhile some emergency repairs have been done in Stanningley Park.
- 6.2 A resident reported a dangerous hole with a broken pipe in it in Bramley Park. Cllr TH to pass to P&C.
- 6.3 The weighbridge at the bottom of Longfield Dv (old Crane works) is snapped in half. Cllr to look at who owns this land and therefore who is responsible.
- 6.4 The LCC Domestic Violence Team and West Leeds Domestic Violence Forum are organising a community event for women in Leeds as part of the 16 Days of Action Campaign. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at Fairfield CC – AF passed out forms.
- 6.5 The Chair wished everyone a Merry Xmas.

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## **7.0 Next meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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