

**Minutes from 20 October 2010
at Cross Gates and District Good Neighbours Building**

Appendix 4

Present:

Cllr Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Management, minutes), Jean Thacker (Grafton Villas), Roy Dobson (resident), Simon Norman (LCC – Environmental Services), Paul Spandler (LCC – ES), Synthia Mawson (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Greg Sharp (LCC – Highways), Dave Coulthard (Cross Gates Shopping Centre), PC 201 Wilkinson (West Yorkshire Police), PC 3489 Green (WYP), John Holmes (LCC – Youth Service), Fran Rhys (Crossgates Methodist Church), Tony Pickles (resident), Barry & Julie Hamilton (residents), Mrs Brighton (resident), B. Hardy (resident), Kirsti Cale (Crossgates Traders Association)

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Gruen, Stephen Seymour (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Ann-Marie Vella (1st MG), Phillip Marsden (D NW), Alex Webb (LCC – Events Team)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everybody introduced themselves and the above apologies were noted.	
1.2	James Nundy was congratulated on his secondment.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2010	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(7.8) Excess noise from Devon pub – LCC Enforcement have visited the landlady in connection with the noise levels and keeping the area free of litter	
3.2	The issues with Roadrunner private hire vehicles as detailed at previous forums has got better, but some problems still persist. LCC Enforcement have visited the company in an effort to address the remaining problems.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	None.	
5.0	Christmas lights update – James Nundy / Kirsti Cale	
5.1	Lamp post motifs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that there will be 14 motifs along Austhorpe Road and 6 on Station Road, funded by the Area Committee. Installation date is Friday 22 September 	
5.2	Switch-on event: 28 November 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of options are being looked into as per the location and exact details of the event will be released in due course Crossgates shopping Centre offered the use of their stage Revd Rhys offered to enquire whether the church choir would be 	

	available	
6.0	Parking issues on Silkstone Way	
6.1	<p>A meeting took place earlier today with Cllr Pauline Grahame, Cllr Richard Lewis, Howard Claxton (LCC – Highways), Simon Norman (LCC – Environmental Action Team) and Mr Dobson (resident), for a discussion about solving the obstruction issues in front of residents driveways and also at the junction with the Ring Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that double yellow lines can be painted on both sides of Silkstone Way, to be joint funded by the Outer East Area Committee and LCC City Services 	City Services / AMT
6.2	Greg Sharp gave details of a legislation.	
6.3	<p>There was a request to have a new island installed on the Ring Road by the Silkstone Way turning to stop overtaking and give drivers turning right some protection from oncoming traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A speed survey is to be completed and Greg to feed results back to the Forum 	GS
7.0	Community Safety / Environmental action	
7.1	<p>Police update PC Mark Wilkinson has been working in this area for 18 months and PC Green for six months. They gave an update on crime statistics for the Cross Gates and Manston area over the last quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall crime is down 5% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assaults up 20% Burglary (dwelling) down 14% Criminal damage up 15% Damage to vehicles down 25% Robbery down 15% Theft from person up 250% (but this equates to 12 incidents) Theft from vehicle down 50% Taking vehicle without consent (TWOC) – no change 	
7.2	Current hotspot is Austhorpe Road with five reports of ASB, three assaults, two theft from vehicles and one criminal damage. Station Road is the second hotspot with four ASB, one burglary and one assault.	
7.3	There is still a known group causing problems in Manston Park.	
7.4	There were reports of drugs and drug dealers in / around the Devon pub. The police recommended anonymous calls to Crimestoppers if residents are afraid of reprisals.	
7.5	<p>Environmental Action – Simon Norman and Paul Spandler A report was given about recent activity, including 125 requests for action, mostly frequently occurring were neighbourhood noise, waste, overgrown vegetation, fly tipping and littering.</p>	
7.6	There have been three half-days of action in the Crossgates Shopping Centre, giving away 'stubbies' for safe disposal of smoked cigarettes, education and £75 fines for those who are caught dropping litter.	
7.7	<p>Simon gave out his contact details: 07891 278 378 / simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been issues at the former petrol station next to Marks & Spencer Seven fixed penalty notices have been served for drivers littering 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from cars • Dogs fouling on Manston Park • Issues in the ginnel running from Lulworth Crescent to Austhope Lane • Simon offered to attend neighbourhood watch and Traders association meetings (Please get in touch with him if you do) • Visits completed in connection with commercial waste • 'SMA' graffiti tags removed • Reports of late night party noise nuisance on Kelmscott Lane • Sandiford Terrace and the land nearby is to be cleaned up • The 'cake walk' path (Sunnyside nursing home side) is to be upgraded by Network Rail in the near future 	
8.0	Youth service update – John Holmes	
8.1	Sessions at John Smeaton Leisure Centre have attracted 40 young people on Mondays and football coaching sessions on Fridays are also popular.	
8.2	Sessional work is also ongoing at Manston Park, with detached youth workers in there on Tuesday evenings, working with older males.	
8.3	Healthy cooking sessions have taken place and soup is a by-product, which is then distributed at other detached sessions.	
8.4	Breeze website: breezeleeds.org	
8.5	Discussion on the 13-19 age group.	
8.6	More engagement is needed with youths with special needs.	
8.7	Kirsti Cale asked again for youth work programme fliers so she can advertise the sessions in the shops. John to let Kirsti have some.	JH
9.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
9.1	<p>Shopping Centre update from Dave Coulthard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently three empty units – one has a lease and one recently went into liquidation • Greenwoods frontage is now let. Shop fit is starting on 21 October • Scaffolding at the front of the Centre for parapet works. Due to complete at the end of November • Multi-storey car park and additional five units: holes are dug, but an objection was received • Shopping Centre Santa visit on 21 November 	
9.2	Moira Flynn thanked the Crossgates Traders for their support and contributions.	
9.3	<p>Allotments</p> <p>A survey has been completed and over £50,000 is needed to bring the site back into use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planning application needs to be done • Removal of concrete is estimated at £40,000 • Fencing will be around £10,000 • Water pipe work £10,000 <p>LCC Parks & Countryside are to employ two allotments officers who will be able to work on the scheme</p> <p>A discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to adopt allotments to join up with Grafton villas ginnel? • Toilet block could be installed on site because the pipework should 	

	<p>still be in place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will access and parking be controlled? • Need to wait for LCC officers to come back with information before a meeting can be set up 	
9.4	<p>Grafton Villas Jean Thacker was thanked for attending a recent meeting. Cllr Grahame hopes to get the scheme progressing again.</p>	
9.5	<p>Plans for a new zebra crossing on Austhorpe Road There are proposals to have a new zebra crossing between North Road and the entrance to the shopping centre. The scheme was first proposed several years ago but shelved due to funding. A vehicle and pedestrian count survey has been completed and the scheme is at the feasibility stage. A discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members for the forum were puzzled as to why it has been proposed. There does need to be another safe crossing point, but felt a pelican crossing at an alternative location would be far more appropriate. • The zebra crossing is part of a package of improvements including introduction of a weight limit on Whitkirk Lane and paving improvements on Austhorpe Lane / Manston pub • When was the scheme requested and by whom? Greg Sharp to investigate. • Cllr Grahame to speak to Cllr Lewis, as the Executive Member for Highways 	<p>GS Cllr Grahame</p>
9.6	<p>1st Manston Guides An update was highlighted by Cllr Grahame, saving the detail for delivery by Ann-Marie at the next forum</p>	<p>A-M V</p>
9.7	<p>Time and date for next meeting Scheduled for 12 January 2010.</p>	<p>All</p>