

Appendix 3

Present:

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (South East Area Management), Sheila Corcoran (Swarcliffe & Stanks TRA), Siddiga Austin (resident), Jean Jackson (resident), John Nicholson (Swarcliffe TRA), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme), Mariana Richardson (Swarcliffe TRA), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – CESO), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), John Holmes (LCC – Youth Service), Andy Hill (West Yorkshire Police)

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Gruen, Inspector Tom Harrison (WYP), Graham Ambler (WYFS)

1.0	Welcome / introductions / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everybody to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting	
2.1	Police intend to advertise the PACT meetings better as the attendance was poor tonight.	Police
2.2	Crime levels over the last six weeks have improved, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary dwelling has decreased from 18 to four • There were several reports of ASB from snowballs • Europrofile locks are still being targeted. Police to provide information about upgrades • ASB at Stanks Parade shops is still ongoing but quieter – thought to be due to the colder weather. This issue is a PACT priority • Notices issued at White Laith shops seemed to have worked, so will try this approach at Stanks Parade • Reports of speeding traffic from Barwick Road into the estate: eg 40mph around 10/11am. Traffic police and NPT to monitor and report back • Reports of ASB problems at the side of Mojo's. It is a live ASBU case, and they are working on obtaining a bolt-on • Rear of the Whinmoor Pub – young people are not congregating there as much now • The Squinting Cat pub is due for demolition 	
3.0	Minutes from 6 October 2010	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(5.1) Correction: Communal door at Stanks Parade still opens <i>outwards</i> .	PP
4.2	(5.3) Land at rear of garages at Stanks Parade – resident still hasn't officially heard of the outcome to her request to purchase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Parker to follow up 	

5.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
5.1	<p>Stanks Parade shops</p> <p>It was highlighted that some of the residents now have the issue of a locked gate (therefore a blocked fire escape route). Flat 18 is locking an internal gate, blocking the access from flats 16/18 to 20/22. Flats 20 and 22 would find themselves without a fire escape route if the refuse bins are positioned across their exit door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Trodd or Kimberley to be asked to visit the properties and address the issue. Pam Parker to arrange. 	PP
5.2	<p>Litter on Swarcliffe estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents raised concerns that the levels of litter are increasing, especially by the shops • NV has reported the issue through the relevant channels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted litter is a problem across the ward and city as a whole ○ Hoped there will be an improvement in the near future 	
6.0	Environmental Action team update - Nathan Vaughn	
6.1	<p>Report from the CESO</p> <p>NV reported on the following work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden notices for overgrown hedges etc – there are three ongoing cases • Tackling dog fouling and bonfires • Covert dog fouling work in the Sherburn’s area • Fixed penalty notices issued by Sherburn Court for dumping waste – fines paid • Working with the Community Payback Team on jobs in Ash Tree Approach, Sledmere Woods and with the Brayton Green drying area project • Litter – there are pockets of bad littering, thought to be pupils from John Smeaton school: NV will be talking to the school and Mark Smith • Whinmoor ‘B’ flower beds • Cast iron grates and covers going missing from the highway 	NV
6.2	Nathan was commended for continuing to do an excellent job in the area.	
7.0	Housing issues in Swarcliffe – Pam Parker	
7.1	<p>Update report from Aire Valley Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one property under notice to vacate • Seven voids on the estate at the moment • Turnover is slow at the moment • Swarcliffe is currently one of the highest sought after areas • The incentive scheme was highlighted (option to downsize property if under occupied, with £1,000 is available per bedroom released) • A new ASB Team will be in operation from April – There are 11 live cases at the moment and four have been closed • Monthly environmental walkabouts are continuing – the next one is scheduled for Friday. The last one produced the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eight untidy gardens ○ Dumping referrals ○ 18 referrals for potholes ○ Litter referrals • Update of gas certificates is 100% complete 	

8.0	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme – Ken Hill	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorating scheme is ongoing • Core funding issues still being challenged re Adult Social Care and Leeds Irish Healthy Homes – to be looked at by LCC Legal Services. The report is to go the next Executive Board (after February). Funding has been extended until June 2011, but there is the knock on effect that no funding applications can be submitted as the future of the group is still unknown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was noted that the decision to allow LIHH to have the contract came about by the previous LCC administration. ○ The current administration strongly support these networks and Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme 	
9.0	Any Other Business / next meeting	
9.1	<p>Youth Service – John Holmes JH gave an update of recent work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Thursday and Friday youth groups are still very popular • Positive work with certain individuals • The Service will be writing a Ward Plan and comments are welcomed. Would like to run sessions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teenage pregnancy (mums and dads) ○ School age NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) ○ Young people in foster care ○ Anti social behaviour 	
9.2	<p>LCC budgets An update was given on the Council’s requirement to save £90 million in 2011/12. This represents a saving of approximately 12% this year and 26% over the next four years. It will be a particularly hard time with everything being assessed and prioritised and savings made to ‘back room’ functions and reappraising some services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A priority will be to keep protecting the vulnerable members of our communities • Assets will be used more intelligently • There will be no cuts in LCC funding for PCSOs • Will probably mean more potholes remain unfilled 	
9.3	<p>The Outer East Area Committee’s Community Charter 2010/11 was tabled and copies were available to take away.</p>	
9.4	<p>Date of next meeting: 20 April 2011 at 6pm, St Gregory’s Youth and Adult Centre.</p>	