

Outer East Area Committee Swarcliffe Forum & PACT Minutes from the meeting 20 April 2011

Present:

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (South East Area Management Team), Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Sgt. Chris Walters (West Yorkshire Police), Jean Jackson (resident), Siddiga Austin (resident), Stuart Austin (resident), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme), M. Richardson (SGNS), Doreen Scahill (Whinmoor 'B' Residents Association), Rita Grainger (WBRA), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes)

Apologies:

Lizzie Haigh (Swarcliffe Children's Centre)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Actio n
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and the apologies noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting	
2.1	Stanks Parade – flats and shops Residents reported the anti-social behaviour issues are on the increase again, for example balls being thrown at windows, fires on the wasteland. It was reported in person at Killingbeck Police Station but officers didn't follow it up – officers were asked to review the CCTV footage. • Stanks Parade will remain on as a PACT priority • There will be some proactive targeting / mini operation at the shops	
2.2	Crime statistics from the last six weeks were discussed: Reported burglaries in ward 11 (includes Cross Gates and Stanks) have decreased from 287 in 2009/10 to 286 in 2010/11. The last six week period saw 13 offences taking place on Hebden walk, Swarcliffe Avenue, Stanks Lane North, Sherburn Road, Sledmere Square, Millgreen Close, Farndale View and Ash Tree View. Many of these were via bogus officials / distractions or breaking Europrofile locks.	
2.3	Anti-social behaviour was recorded as 167 calls on the last six weeks. This is an increase of 50%. Examples include youths gathering, motorbikes, littering. Peak times are on Wednesdays and Fridays between 4pm and 8pm.	
2.5	Stanks Drive has been victim to vehicle damage – mainly buses / broken windows, with the peak time being 3pm-5pm. Bus drivers have also being subjected to verbal abuse by young people. The police are working with the bus companies to sort the issues out.	
	Mini motor bikes have been causing a nuisance in the Swarcliffe area –	

2.6	mainly over the weekends. The police off-road biker team is back on patrol, although one of the riders is still not back on two wheels. PCSO Michelle Hunton is very keen on reducing ASB associated with mini bikes.	
2.7	Sgt Walters was given information in relation to football ASB on Eastwood Drive.	
	Recent results	
2.8	 Vicky Bentley has been given a six year sentence for perverting the course of justice. Proceeds of Crime Act are looking into taking over £5,000 of her assets 	
2.9	John Nicholson has also been given a six year sentence for possession with intent	
	The Forum raised the issue of low number of residents in attendance at the PACT meeting.	
	The police are looking into raising awareness	
	Current PACT priorities:	
	Stanks Parade	
	Reducing theft of lead and metals from across Swarcliffe	
3.0	Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum on 2 February 2011	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
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	side difficult but Locality Teams are being set up through the restructure in June / July 2011 which should deal with service and get it back up to standard.	
7.0	Housing issues in Swarcliffe – Pam Parker	
7.1	10 properties are on notice and 11 are currently void. There were 29 relets between January and April 2011 (four were mutual exchanges).	
7.2	Partnership meetings are now ongoing for the new Leeds Anti-social Behaviour team (LASBT). LASBT have already taken up seven AVHL cases. ASB referrals are also still taken by Aire Valley Homes.	
7.3	Monthly and quarterly estate walkabouts are still ongoing. Please see the Aire Valley Homes website www.avhleeds.org.uk for dates and other details. Recent actions have produced the following: • 76 highway referrals • One litter referral • 12 untidy garden letters • 10 communal area issues Private garden issues can be dealt with by Nathan Vaughn (contact number above)	
8.0	Activities for young people in Swarcliffe – Virgil Meikle	
8.1	The current team is a god one and the volunteers were praised. The Youth Service have a good relationship with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.	
8.2	The youth bus / mobile provision is out in the area as often as possible and during the summer months there will be more outreach work done. The bus also offers drop-in service for information and advice.	
8.3	The Youth Service is operating a seven day service at the moment.	
9.0	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme – update from Ken Hill	
9.1	Luncheon clubs are still running over three days, with around 90 people attending per week.	
9.2	There will be a trip out to Great Broughton for the Royal Wedding.	
9.3	32 members are going to Morecambe for a summer version of the 'tinsel and turkey' event.	
9.4	The gardening scheme (for anyone over 60 living in the outer east Leeds wards who don't have a local relative who can help them) is up and running again. It operates from 1 April – 30 September 2011. Please call Ken with your requests on 0113 232 6910 and he will do the necessary checks.	

9.5	50 requests have been received to date	
9.6	The line dancing group (35 members) are doing well. The group meets twice a week.	
9.7	The computer café for silver surfers is still running on Thursdays.	
	The Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme quarterly newsletter is being distributed at the moment.	
10.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Next meeting date will be set by the Area Committee.	