

**Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum & PACT meeting
19 July 2011
held at Fieldhead Community Centre**

Appendix 2

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Management, minutes), Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Services), Sgt Andy Hill (West Yorkshire Police), PCSO Sharon Taylor (WYP), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch / Killingbeck Crime Prevention Panel), Heather Jackson (Skelton Woods environmental Group), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Victoria Nunns (LCC – Parks & Countryside),

Apologies:

Insp Tom Harrison (WYP), Dorothy Burke (Bunnies Pre-School Group), Sharon Smith (Whinmoor Juniors), Rita Green (Whinmoor Bowling Club), Paul Spandler (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Wendy Rogers (LCC - EAT)

1.0	PACT meeting – Sgt Andy Hill & PCSO Sharon Taylor	Action
1.1	In the last six week period there have been a total of 32 crimes and 63 anti-social behaviour incidents recorded.	
1.2	Of the crimes, 16 have been burglary of dwellings via attack of Europrofile locks. The Forum was advised to replace door locks with something more secure. See recommendations from CASAC (casac.org.uk) who work with the Police.	
1.3	Victims of crime can be visited by the crime reduction officers – phone the police.	
1.4	Several motor bikes have been seized and it is hoped the issues won't be as bad as last summer.	
1.5	The ASB hotspots are currently: Stanks Drive, Stanks Gardens and Stanks Parade.	
1.6	Advertising for the PACT meetings is done via the police website, leaflet drops, newsletters and neighbourhood watch schemes. It was acknowledged that it could be improved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JN to work with the police to increase numbers attending the PACT / Forum meetings 	JN / Police
1.7	It was noted that Naburn Court had been broken into.	
1.8	A discussion took place between Cllr Grahame and the police. The main issues centred around a comment from Sgt Hill noting that if they have any issues, middle class residents tend to contact the police direct, rather than attending a meeting such as the PACT.	
1.9	It was also noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the past, the police meetings have been well attended • The same people tend to attend all of the meetings 	
1.10	Police drop-in sessions at the housing office stopped about six months ago. PP suggested they could be trialled again to see if the service can be sustained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Hill to discuss with Insp Harrison 	Sgt Hill

2.0	North Whinmoor Forum - welcome, introductions and apologies	
2.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies were noted.	
3.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2011	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(7.4) Pendas Arms pub / shops – the land surrounding this area is a mixture of ownership with LCC Parks & Countryside, Highways and ALMO. These service areas are trying to coordinate grass cutting on the same day. The responsibility for the land around the shops lies with the shops.	
4.2	Fieldhead Shops Paul Spandler / Environmental Action Team to visit the area and issue fixed penalty notices to anyone seen dropping litter.	
4.3	(6.3) Oakdale Nursery has now closed. It was surplus to requirements.	
4.4	(6.4) Whinmoor Library is staying open and will have additional young family space.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues raised.	
6.0	Update on Red Hall issues – Vicky Nunns	
6.1	<p>Travellers encampment</p> <p>The travellers are thought to have visited this site as LCC have secured many of their usual sites and they are looking for alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The traveller actually got in from the five acre side off Winmoor Lane, Parks & Countryside have since blocked this off • They have installed a knee rail from the Whinmoor Lane up to the rugby league to prevent any access via this location in the future and have installed a lockable metal barrier (opposite Strikes Garden Centre) where the bollards have previously been, so it can be secured but access can still be gained for maintenance. The barrier is set back to allow pedestrian access • The traveller liaison team took this to court on 15 June 2011 and the travellers left shortly afterwards • Most years the fields are so wet you can't get a caravan on or off and that this is why football isn't played there anymore • Parks & Countryside had been considering resurrecting the playing field status either for a one off summer football tournament or more likely a transition site to summer rugby league, probably suitable in a dry year • The changing rooms were stripped of all copper and lead during the time of the traveller encampment • There is still a problem with parking. Since the road was tarmaced the width of the road is reduced, and on a weekend customers visiting the garden centre fill that car park and then overflow onto the road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible parking on edge of grassed areas 	

6.2	<p>Naburn play area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Playbuilder money isn't available anymore but the new play area now has the go-ahead • A revised plan for a small play area was tabled with salient points • Six responses have been received so far • Next stage is reviewing, then costing and timescales • An update will be available for the October forum meeting for final tweaking and allow a start on site date in 2012 	
<p>7.0 Youth work in Whinmoor – Virgil Meikle</p>		
7.1	<p>The Youth Service brochure for the Whinmoor area was tabled.</p>	
7.2	<p>The Wednesday night sessions have now stopped due to the group using drugs and alternative provision is now in place to help them stop.</p>	
7.3	<p>A new session has started on Monday nights</p>	
7.4	<p>Pizza shop at White Laithe shops is a focus for youth provision and hot spots mentioned by the public are being targeted.</p>	
7.5	<p>Work with Extended Services is on-going and they have also provided some funding to develop projects in the John Smeaton area.</p>	
7.6	<p>In September, a major consultation with young people will take place.</p>	
7.7	<p>Sports activities are also being developed</p>	
7.8	<p>NEETs (young people Not in Education, Employment or Training) have been caught and diverted into skills based work eg apprenticeships</p>	
7.9	<p>Volunteers are recognised as doing invaluable work in the area.</p>	
7.10	<p>A poster was tabled detailing the Seacroft and Manston children's and young people event which will be on 1 August 2011 from 1-4pm in Manston Park.</p>	
7.11	<p>On Tuesday afternoons at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre, 5-12 older teenagers now attend a new group.</p>	
7.12	<p>The Outer East Area Committee has given £7,000 towards additional school holiday activities in the Cross Gates and Whinmoor ward. The money will be used to bring activities into the ward, rather than take the young people away eg to theme parks</p>	
7.13	<p>There has been a big push advertising what's available for young people, in schools and via the Breeze website: breezeleeds.org</p>	
7.14	<p>The Monday group at Fieldhead Community Centre started with three young people attending, but has risen to 12. It is a sports based group with team building and rapport building.</p>	

8.0	Environmental enforcement - Update from Environmental Action Team	
8.1	<p>Activity Report - 12 April 2011 to 19 July 2011 The Environmental Action Team responded to 126 requests for service in relation to local environmental issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices have been issued to 26 occupiers in the area requiring them to remove all refuse from their gardens • Nine occupiers have been advised that their hedges are overhanging the highway and require cutting back. Now it's the growing season all occupiers should ensure that their hedges are cut back to prevent them overhanging and obstructing footpaths and roads • An unauthorised crossing on the footpath on Red Hall Chase has been removed and replaced by an approved dropped kerb • An action day on the Red Halls resulted in flytipping being removed from around the garages and several private owners were required to tidy their gardens and cut back overgrown vegetation • Weekly referrals to LCC Cleansing and Aire Valley Homes to have any dumped waste and graffiti removed • Gas bottles dumped near Hebden Walk have been removed and safely disposed of • A large amount of furniture and domestic waste was dumped outside a property on Wellington Hill. The landlord was traced and made to remove the waste • A dog owner from Whinmoor area was fined £75 for allowing his dog to foul in Manston Park • Building work to development at the rear of West Winn Garth caused damage to footpath. Developer is to make good on completion of work 	All
8.2	<p>Wendy Rogers and Simon Norman (CESO) patrol the area weekly. If any residents would like Wendy or Simon to call in on them to discuss any issues in their area please get in touch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Rogers tel: 07891 277 700 • Simon Norman tel: 07891 278 378 	
8.3	<p>Cllr Gruen noted the push for clean, tidy and respectful streets, with appropriate action when required.</p>	
9.0	Report from Aire Valley Homes – Pam Parker	
9.1	Rent arrears have increased across the board, with a slight increase of £3,500 in the Whinmoor area. Promotion of advice sessions are taking place and benefits for those who qualify are expected to increase	
9.2	Two properties are under notice, five properties are in repair and 22 properties are relets (two through mutual exchange)	
9.3	The Aire Valley Homes Anti-Social Behaviour team launched in April and the monthly AVH meetings include an ASB section. There were three live cases, one is now closed and two are on-going (one in the Naburn's and one in the White Laithe's).	
9.4	There are two noise nuisance cases involving out of hours noise and a parking issue.	
9.5	Monthly walkabouts are on-going. The next is on 21 April and covering Coal	

	Road / Red Hall's area.	
9.6	A business plan is in place for adaptations and it is hoped all adaptation referrals will be completed this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion followed regarding reletting adapted properties 	
9.7	Baildon garages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £20,000 capital funding has been secured from Area Panel and Aire Valley Homes • A flier will be distributed in the near future with an update • Ten owners are still in the garages at the moment but there is an officer working with them • The plans have the full support of the ward members and have been working towards it for many years • Next step is procurement, to get best quotes from three contractors. Two quotes have been received to date, with one still to come back • First phase will be demolition 	
9.8	Red Hall area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Red Hall area is made up of owner occupiers and AVH tenants. It is seen to need attention – A day of action has been arranged for 19 May by AVH and estate caretakers to clear all the dumping, fly-tipping and litter • The Community Payback Team will be asked to paint the garage doors and fencing 	
9.9	Gardens 13 untidy gardens have been served with a clean up notice and they complied. AVH will be introducing a recharge scheme where AVH caretakers could visit to do some work, but the cost will be recharged back to the client.	
9.10	Hawthorn Farm / Bluebell Woods Options been looked at with Groundwork Leeds as to how best to improve the entrance.	
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
10.1	JN promoted the forthcoming cricket weeks for local young people aged 7-15 , with coaches from the Yorkshire Cricket Board. The Kippax week is 1-5 August and Whitkirk is 15-19 August. The Outer East Area Committee has put forward £5,000 towards the two cricket camps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information or to register, please call James on the number below 	All
10.2	JN promoted the Older Person's Event week , another event funded by the Outer East Area Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The week runs 26-30 September and there are five local events • The local event for the Whinmoor area is on Tuesday 27 September at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre in Swarcliffe • Each event starts with information stalls aimed at the older generation, followed by a buffet lunch and then afternoon entertainment • They are open to anyone 60 or over and living within the following outer east wards: Cross Gates & Whinmoor; Garforth & Swillington; Kippax & Methley; Temple Newsam • For more info and to reserve a place, please call James on the number below 	All
10.3	Next meeting is scheduled for 5 October 2011.	