

Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Kippax and Methley Forum

Meeting held on 21 September 2011 Brigshaw High School

Present:

Appendix 5

Councillor Keith Parker (Chair), Cllr James Lewis, Harold Wilson (Park Ave N'hood Watch), Doug Morley (Kippax PC), Pat Samy (KiB, Traders) Jack Bate (Kippax PC, KiB, Community Centre), Joy Bate (Kippax PC, KiB, Community Centre), Parvez Aziz, (LCC Youth Service) Simon Norman (LCC Env Action) Mike Weaver (Allerton Bywater PC), Joanne Lock (West Yorkshire Police), Rose Rowley (West Yorkshire Police), Jim Kerr (M&MRA), Chris Procter (LCC Traffic Management) Paul Spivey (Kippax PC), Pete Mudge (LCC SEAM)

Apologies: Cllr Keith Wakefield, Philip Roden, Michael Johnston. Adrian Lee, Paul Spandler. Joanne Harper.

1.0	Welcome / Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2011	
2.1	Minutes agreed as a true record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	Item 3,4 of previous minutes – St Aidens – there is a meeting next week.	
3.2	Item 4.2 of previous minutes - Education team has confirmed prices for hiring school rooms varies as it is set by the school's governors.	
3.3	Item 4.3 of previous minutes - Cllr Mike Weaver confirmed work on pumping station is now completed.	
3.4	Item 4.4 of previous minutes – Property at 89 Park Ave – confirmed home is now occupied and concerns resolved.	
3.5	Item 7.1 of previous minutes – Date for resurfacing of Brigshaw Lane not yet received but understood to be the October half-term.	
4.0	10 Minute open floor	
4.1	No matters were raised.	
5.0	Community Safety	
5.1	Police Report Crime figures are significantly down when compared with previous years.	
5.2	In the last six months stolen bikes have been seized and if owners cannot be found, have been given to youth groups.	
5.3	The summer figures for off road motorbiking problems have decreased by over 50% compared with previous years.	
5.4	Nuisance has reduced at Kippax Leisure Centre and police are concentrating on	

Billy Wood and Allerton.

5.5 New PCs for the area are PC John Dodd and PC Emily Smith.

Questions/issues raised

- **Q**. Cans and bottles left by drinkers can be seen on Kippax High St late at night.
- **A.** Continuing to monitor drinking on the High Street though this has decreased.
- **Q.** Nuisance issues have occurred on Sandwich Way in Allerton Bywater. Parish Cllr Weaver has told the to ring the police whenever nuisance occurs.
- **A.** Agree that is the correct process. Police will investigate the problem.
- **Q.** It would be useful to have figures for arrests in the Ward.
- **A.** Will aim to bring these to the next forum.
- **Q.** Park Lane and Allerton Bywater speeders.
- **A.** Some monitoring has occurred and advice warnings given to motorists.
- Q. Kippax Parish Council have been told of bin fires and plant thefts.
- **A.** Police are notified of bin fires by the fire service or the public. They have not been notified of the plant thefts.

6.0 Community Environment Support Officer (CESO)

- SN reported Environment Support is now included as the South East Locality Team covering street cleaning, footpath sweepers, litter bin emptying and picking, fly tipping and environmental enforcement.
- 6.2 SN reported there had been 108 requests for the Environmental Support service in Kippax and Methley.
- Parish Cllr Morley said ever since the caretaker has been employed by the Parish Council no litter picking on High Street has been done by LCC. SN said he would investigate.
- **6.4** SN said a notice had been served in Low Micklefield for illegal burning.

7.0 Youth Service and Activities for Young People – Parvez Aziz

- 7.1 Since April 2011, 510 young people have been supported around the Ward including dedicated events in Kippax, Allerton Bywater, Methley and Micklefield. This is on course to well exceed targets for the year.
- **7.2** PA gave a breakdown of the youth clubs in the ward:
 - Kippax Kabin has 30 regular users
 - Friday Night project at Kippax Leisure Centre will be able to continue as it has dedicated funding from Kippax Parish Council.
 - Allerton Bywater New youth events have been developed with funding support from Allerton Bywater Parish Council and the group.
 - Methley Youth centre has a range of new events.
 - Micklefield helping on a range of activities.
- **7.3** Activities at the centres include DJing, team games, cooking, job clubs, confidence building, support with CVs etc.
- **7.4** Projects underway include the bike project and one-to-one support to stop children smoking. The drop in asb over summer months has been assisted by youth supporting activities.
- **7.5** Events this month include a residential weekend, theme park visit and trips.

7.6 **Q** Jim Kerr asked if youth services work with the youth group in Methley? A Work with the group concerning over 11s as youth service is not funded to support under 11s. Q. How many youth workers do you have A. two full time and three part time. Parish Cllr Bates said it was fantastic that youth services did so much for the area with so few staff. Q. Parish Cllr Jack Bates said Kippax PC puts significant support into local facilities which were enjoyed by many youths from neighbouring areas. Could they contribute towards the costs. **A.** Many Kippax children attend youth club events in neighbouring areas such as Allerton Bywater. 7.7 PA thanked everyone including sponsors who have assisted with activities. 8.0 **Localism Bill** 8.1 PM gave a summary of parish council aspect of the Localism Bill progressing through Parliament. Key aspects were that the Bill will oversee major development in towns and villages and Parish Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and Asset Registers will be of great importance. Q. Parish Cllr Joy Bate said if no money is offered to pay for the plans how can areas do them. **A.** That's part of the challenges however it could come through local precepts or that until the start of November the government has a small pot of money available for pilot plans. **O.** Parish Cllr Doug Morley said that when the last parish plans were prepared experts were on hand to assist. **A.** City Council and Government are bound to assist where they can. 9.0 **Kippax Traders** 9.1 The Kippax Trader's Association was formed since the Council's Town Centre Manager's work on the High Street and with Ward Councillors, and shops and street furniture and Parish Council. Once improvements were underway we felt it would be a good idea to reform Kippax Traders' Association to promote the town centre. The association will give guidance to traders, lobby councillors, try and fill empty premises and encourage street tidiness. Working as a group will have more clout than as individuals. Our main aim is to work as a group to help the High Street and traders and community. 9.2 Cllr Parker said work on demolishing the building beside the White Swan has been stopped by Building Control until the demolition people prove they have addressed all safety issues. 9.3 Asset Management confirm they have interest in the former Ash Tree School site for housing and retail. 10.0 Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting 10.1 Pat Samy and members of Kippax in Bloom were congratulated for winning a gold in this year's contest. 10.2 Attendees were reminded that the Older Persons Event Week is being held in Kippax next Thursday and there are still a few places left.

Harold Wilson said his crime prevention panel wants funding to end cold calling on elderly people. Cllr Morley suggested he sends a request to Kippax Parish Council.

Date of next meeting: to be agreed at Area Committee