

Present:

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Station Manager Graham Ambler (WY Fire Service Stanks/Garforth), PS Mark Birkett (WYP), PC Chris Adams (WYP), PC Brearley (WYP), Tom Smith (LCC Locality Team), Jean Jackson (Resident), Siddiga Austin (Resident), Sandra Murfin (Resident), J Murfin (Resident), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Pete Mudge (South East Area Management Team)

Apologies:

Revd. Dr. Mike Benwell (St Luke's Church), Marina Richardson (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action s
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
2.1 2.2 2.3	<p>Compared with the previous two years, all crimes are down excluding burglary.</p> <p>ASB Stanks and Swarcliffe are the hotspot areas with the majority of crimes being domestic or drink related. ASB recording has changed meaning 108 calls were recorded in the previous six weeks which is a decrease of 5.9%</p> <p>Q. Is Stanks still a social priority area? One resident had damage to a door window and a group of young people were seen with a carton of booze. This was reported and a nearby video van attended but no-one was caught and cctv cameras were not scrutinised.</p> <p>A. Yes it is still a Priority Area however there are police new to the area who may not know about the special priority. Police will research what occurred and ensure all officers are aware of priority.</p> <p>Q. Heard rumours of people being paid to buy booze in the area.</p> <p>A. Police investigating this and LCC Locality Team will investigate ways to keep the area around Swarcliffe Parade shops litter free.</p> <p>Farndale View Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Residents remain concerned by the MUGA and said a youth worker antagonised youths resulting in a brick being thrown at her house. The matter was reported to the Police but no-one attended. Residents said they have become so fed up with no response that they no</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB TS</p> <p>VM</p>

2.4	<p>longer ring the police. They also said a PCSO indicated that, as it is a play area, police won't answer calls. At the Forum, Police roundly refuted this situation saying their policy is most certainly to attend and residents should most definitely ring the Police immediately. In addition, an incident log is kept at housing office and all incidents should be recorded there.</p> <p>Insp Nick Smart has now replaced Insp Harrison for Crossgates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam.</p>	MB
3.0	Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum on 04 October 2011	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	None.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues.	
6.0	Locality Team Update – Locality Manager Tom Smith	
6.1	<p>Tom outlined responsibilities for the new Locality Team. He said: In the Outer East area environmental services has been completely restructured to separate waste management (refuse and recycling) from street cleansing with the latter having a service level agreement with Area Management and responsibility delegated to Area Committee.</p> <p>The result will be far greater partnership to ensure matters are quickly reported and dealt with.</p> <p>Cllr Gruen said he was pleased to see that service improvements are underway. He said: "I think better organisation and care for areas rather than the city as a whole is what matters. We are tailoring the service to the needs of the area. If you don't notice a difference tell us but please also tell us if you do."</p> <p>Q. What's happening about ginnels? A. Have identified 60 ginnels as priority ones to keep clean.</p> <p>Q. What's happened to regular street sweeping by the mechanical sweepers? A. Rota has changed so they may be coming at unfamiliar times. Tom will check their routines.</p> <p>Q. Weeds are growing yet they used to be sprayed. A. There has been a big problem with weeds – in part because chemicals have changed. Must keep on top of schedule and ensure it is right for the area.</p> <p>Q. Gulleys and grates are blocked in some areas resulting in large puddles. A. This will be investigated.</p> <p>Q. Behind garages on Stanks Way, foliage is overgrown and rubbish</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p>

	<p>includes needles and fins yet no-one accepts responsibility for cleaning the area.</p> <p>A. We will investigate as we will no longer accept no-one dealing with problems. We will either do it or act as a conduit to ensure it is done.</p> <p>Q, There's a lot of rubbish by the shops at Stanks Approach.</p> <p>A. Cllr Armitage said as shops are council owned the matter will be investigated by Locality team.</p> <p>Q. A skip was left in a lady's street for a long time and residents had to make several complaints before it was moved by Yorkshire Homes.</p> <p>A. Point was noted.</p>	
7.0	Changes to Fire Fighting - Station Manager Graham Ambler	
7.1	<p>In July Stanks Fire Station had 54 calls resulting in 16 incidents, 10 of significance with the worst being flooding at Parklands Girls High School caused by thieves stealing piping. In August the station received 56 calls resulting from 23 fires.</p> <p>Due to intensive time being spent on safety work and advance warnings the area has seen a 25% reduction in fires and 50% drop in the number of calls.</p> <p>Graham said cutbacks to the service have already been made but more were required with one of the proposals being to shut fire stations at Stanks and Gipton and build a new one at Killingbeck. If approved, there would be three fire engines at the station but one would only be used to assist in emergencies. Public consultation ends on 9th December.</p> <p>Already introduced is a city centre based engine dealing with minor incidents across the whole of Leeds.</p> <p>Graham said he had been led to believe that once all the planned reductions had been made, a further £2m would still be required by the end of year 4.</p> <p>Q. How many staff have or will lose their jobs?</p> <p>A. None at present as the only reductions have been through staff retirements.</p> <p>Q. What would happen if there was more than one fire at the same time?</p> <p>A. Resources are based on being able to tackle two large incidents at the same time which require 8 engines each.</p> <p>Q. Cllr Gruen said: "As Ward Councillors we want to hear views as we do not want people to only speak after the event. It is up to the Fire Service to reassure the public that cover still reaches this area and will be sufficient to future expansions planned for East Leeds.</p> <p>It was also noted the Service has not yet bought land on which to build a station in Killingbeck.</p> <p>A. We cannot buy the land until the consultation has shown it will go ahead and it could be up to 5 years before the new station opens.</p> <p>Cllr Armitage asked people at the forum to send in their views and these will then be referred on.</p>	

8.0	Environmental Action Team Update – Nathan Vaughn (Tel: 07891 272 500)	
8.1	At Swarcliffe Parade and Stanks Parade the Council has placed some black boards to cover and protect areas . The Swarcliffe one is suffering from graffiti.	
8.2	Squinting Cat and Whinmoor pubs – both now seem secure however taxis are ranking in front of the Squinting Cat.	NV
8.3	Probation projects – Sherburn Court: work has started on varnishing the seats and weeding flower beds. Investigating if anything can be done for the welcome stones.	NV
8.4	Rear ginnel of Ash Tree Approach: A dog fowler is being fined and enforcement hopes to make progress on fly tipping and litter.	
9.0	Potholes / Resurfacing Work	
9.1	No report – Arrange for next meeting	
10.0	Housing issues in Swarcliffe – Jeremy Lund	
10.1	JL delivered an update report. There are 4 properties on notice and 13 void in Swarcliffe. 23 have been re-let since July including 6 mutual exchanges.	
10.2	Eager to take people to task for being antisocial. Currently there are 2 cases progressing on noise nuisance.	
10.3	Q – A resident asked “Do you want three more?” A – Yes give them to me or come and see me to talk about it. Q – Actually they may have been dealt with as the noise is not so bad now.	
10.4	Cllr Armitage pointed out complaints need to be registered with Council rather than simply brought to the meeting.	
10.5	Keen to promote walkabouts and can make dates and routes available. Cllr Graham – “Most of the time we have walked around and then nothing has happened. It's OK for people to try it but we've done it before. Estate is a lot better since Nathan has become involved and he should get an award for dealing with issues so quickly. “ Q. 239 Stanks Lane South has a big tree that needs cutting down. A. Housing to investigate.	JL
11.0	Activities for young people in Swarcliffe – Virgil Meikle	

11.1	Holiday programme being run with extended services to bring school resources into community.	
11.2	Monday drop-in session has been lost as the person who linked from Connexions has got full time work and is no longer able to help.	
11.3	Still have a fitness group, healthy eating and 63 young people were attending on Thursday and Friday nights. This has now risen to 73 which would be too much for available staff however support is being provided from another area enabling the activities to continue. In addition a member of staff returned from maternity leave early in order to catch up on issues.	
11.4	Football has been stopped as it costs a third of total available budget. Replacement activities are being identified.	
11.5	MUGA – Youth services are monitoring MUGA. (Other MUGA issues were recorded in the PACT section above.) Cllr Armitage – David Purdy was asked for more costings for removal of the MUGA. He was unable to attend but will provide full figures.	
12.0	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme – update from Ken Hill	
12.1	Ken said the Older Person's Event Week went well when he attended on Tuesday.	
12.2	Jane Tomlinson Big Charity Giveaway gave £15,000 towards a minibus. Possibly this can be used for additional activities.	
12.3	Preparing for Tinsel and Turkey event taking Neighbours to Eastbourne.	
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12.5	308 gardens have been done and the scheme is now coming to an end. Councillors visited gardens last week. Decorating scheme is set to start. Residents simply need to provide the paint, wallpaper etc and labour , furniture removal etc is all done by the team.	
13.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
13.1	No other business was raised	
13.2	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1 st February 2012.	