

Appendix 5

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons, Gwen Green (resident), Peter Conlon (Resident), Patricia Wragg (Resident), Coullin Virgil Meikle (Youth Service), Colin / Denise Wilshor (Residents), Peter / Barbara Hudson (Residents), PCSO 395 (WYP) PCSO 381 (WYP), PC 2160 Walters (WYP), Thelma Dixon (Resident), Margaret Ward (Resident), Patricia Wynter (Resident), Mrs M Thornton (Resident), John O’Sullivan (Veolia), Mr & Mrs Boucher (Residents), Mr & Mrs Goodall (Residents), M Oates (Resident), A Linley (Resident), Mr / Mrs Fisher (residents), John Pearson (LCC EAT), Derek Pearson (Leeds Lights), T Dennis (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Management, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Bill Hyde, Alan Wakefield (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), Barbara Ambler (31 Field End Crescent), Joyce Schofield (Field End Crescent).

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Minutes from 13 October 2011	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	None identified excluding ones already appearing in the agenda	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	<p>Parking issues at Whitkirk Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Lyons provided an update on work to gain a co-ordinated solution to parent parking issues on streets around Whitkirk Primary School. He said a meetings had been held between the school, Highways and AM in July, November, December and January with the result all parties agreed in principal to a trial drop-off area. The matter was now being considered by the School Trust Chair. One resident said her vehicle invariably became trapped between parked cars when she left for work. Another noted parents had started parking on Templegate hill meaning drivers have to overtake in a dangerous area. <p>Action: Cllr Lyons said once there was a way ahead to consider he will call a site visit to include concerned residents.</p>	<p>Cllr L</p> <p>Cllr L</p>
4.2	<p>A resident asked why Templegate had been selected as an area for the new Leeds cycleway to use. PM read the reply he had received from officers developing the scheme: "There is an alternative route that passes through Temple Newsam, however this is via a bridleway that is very rough in places and is unlit. You would also have to cycle down a steep section to a stream before climbing up the other side of the valley. The route via Templegate Crescent uses relatively quiet roads and has better gradients, and connects better with the communities in the route’s corridor. Being tarmaced it can also be</p>	

	<p><i>used in all weathers. It also provides links to Whitkirk School and Temple Moor. This route and the tracks over the greenspace behind Templegate Crescent was actually devised as part of a Safe Route to School some time ago and received funding as such. It has been marked on our cycle map for at least 10 years and has been used by cyclists, as far as I know, without incident. It is hoped that providing the route will help persuade people to make journeys by cycle rather than car and by doing so reduce problem car parking and congestion in the area, particularly around the schools."</i></p> <p>CLlr Lyons and Templegate residents at the meeting agreed this was not satisfactory and Templegate should not be used as a cycle route. Officers to be requested to find a suitable alternative.</p>	PM
5.0	PACT – Community Safety	
5.1	PC Walters said priorities in Halton continued to be speeding on Selby Road and ASB generally concentrated around Matalan and Tescos.	
5.2	Crime figures highlighted in the last 6 weeks show crime significantly down on previous figures. A current problem in the region are vans being stripped to access precious metals from a catalytic converter.	
Q)	At Grove Road Children’s Park ASB has been incredible with under age children buying alcohol and some girls unconscious. Incredibly the youth worker van and workers were there at the time. <i>(Please see Youth work report below)</i>	Police/VM
	This has been a regular area for trouble – especially on the tennis courts. The meeting point for the trouble causers is Grove Road.	
A)	The area is registered as a Hot Spot.	
Q)	Will a fence go around Grove Road playfield?	
A)	CLlr Lyons said “I don’t know at present and will look into it.”	
6.0	Youth Work – Virgil Meikle (Youth Work Manager)	
6.1	The Chair amended the Agenda running order so Virgil could update on the Grove Road situation.	
6.2	The focus is on escalating problem of people (youths – 30 year olds) congregating near the Tesco’s store. On the day referred above, the service was informed of youths congregating and sent its coach and member of staff down to find some 250 people there. As the coach can only accommodate 50 at one time many participants remained unattended whilst priority decisions were made. In addition to drink the other problem in the area is legal highs. Youth Service is working with the Police but we don’t think the problem will be easily resolved.	VM/Police
6.3	At its usual location near the Tesco’s store, problems are escalating of children kicking bottles at the vehicle. As a result, a better nearby location is being sought.	
6.4	We now have a partnership with schools so kids have direct input. If there are problems we can bring in support from asb team and others.	
6.5	During half term there are several events in partnership with Temple	

	Newsam and Corpus Christi schools to provide lots of activities.	
6.6	Projects in the area include retaining limited facilities at Halton Moor which are going well – especially the Friday night project.	
7.0	Environmental – Veolia Waste Treatment Facility – John O’Sullivan	
7.1	John O’Sullivan attended the meeting on behalf of Veolia to outline his company’s scheme for the incinerator on the former market site in Halton Moor.	
7.2	He said if the scheme receives planning permission, all debris will be unloaded inside the building and legal agreements will be in place to ensure there is only one access route in for vehicles.	
7.3	The premise will be designed in accordance with strict EU Waste Incineration rules meaning there are no emissions or only very little.	
7.4	Ongoing monitoring of emissions are always available on the website.	
7.5	John said the company have not yet finalised plans and so they welcomed ideas from residents of the area. Cllr Lyons said he was not happy that the incinerator was to be built 200 yards from homes. Concern was raised over the scheme being undertaken as a pfi. Cllr Lyons said there will be a meeting with residents in the next 4 weeks to raise ideas and concerns. Wherever possible, questions should be presented in advance to Area Management or Cllr Lyons so that Veolia can prepare comprehensive answers.	Cllr L / PM
	John Pearson (CEO)	
7.6	Having returned from a period of leave following surgery, John was warmly welcomed back. Working with the city locality team, Environmental Action and Housing to identify household gardens breaching their tenancy agreement and, where appropriate, taking action.	JP
7.7	Current cases in Halton include trade waste problems at two shops, litter and dog fouling around the Colton MacDonald’s area. The entrance to Thorpe Park Estate has been regrassed and cleared to resolve pest control problems.	JP
7.8	The area has had general gulley cleaning, bin emptying and leaf removal.	
Q)	How frequently are dog litter bins emptied as I walked to two in succession which were both totally full?	JP
A)	Bagged dog waste can now go into any Council litter bin. John will ensure the bins referred to are quickly emptied.	
8.0	Any other business	
8.1	Mr Fisher said a sign has been placed in front of his house to tell people when they could park there. Mr Fisher said he did require it moving. He simply wished to note it had unexpectedly appeared.	
8.2	The next meeting is scheduled for 12 April 2012.	

