

Notes of meeting
 7.30pm-9pm, 26th January 2012
 Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens, Bramley

1.0	Introductions	
1.1	Cllr Taggart (Acting Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Steve McBarron (Chair), Cllr Hanley and Cllr Atkinson. Best wishes were sent to Cllr Atkinson from the Forum.	
2.0	Notes of the previous meeting and matters arising	
2.1	The notes were agreed as correct after one correction was made, at 2.11 – the vehicle is a tractor unit from an articulated lorry.	
2.2	5.5 – War Memorial Meeting. Caroline Gruen noted that this meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 8 th February at 10am at Cllr Hanley’s offices on Stanningley Road (Aagard Hanley). Patrick Simpson agreed to attend on behalf of the Forum.	
3.0	Police PACT Update (Inspector Mark Wheeler)	
3.1	Inspector Wheeler introduced himself as the new Neighbourhood Inspector. In the last two months a lot of hard work has gone on to drive down crime, especially house burglaries during the Winter months. Officers have been working 8pm – 6am and this has resulted in a significant impact in burglaries.	
3.2	Priority crime figures for the whole ward since the last meeting and compared to the same period last year has seen 24 less house burglaries, 3 more theft from vehicles, 8 less theft of vehicles and 3 less robberies.	
3.3	Advice was offered around leaving a light on at night to give the perception of someone being home. Timer switches are available through Safer Leeds; please get in touch with the NPT for further information.	
3.4	The Police now have a new non-emergency number which is 101. This is a flat rate of 15p no matter how long your call lasts.	
3.5	There is some funding available through the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is where a % of money gained criminally is put to better use funding community groups. Applications are available for between £500 and £1000, projects must involve the Police. Contact Insp Wheeler directly through the NPT for further information.	
3.6	Residents were concerned changing working patterns could result in a spike, however the Darker Nights campaign was to reduce known seasonal spikes over Christmas and resources will be looked at again in March. The Darker Nights campaign was run in conjunction with other usual resources such as 999 teams, Drugs teams etc... these will continue in March.	
3.7	Police have looked into vehicles being parked too close to the kerb on St Catherine’s Crescent; officers will continue to monitor the area.	MW
3.8	Thanks were given to the Police from a resident in relation to a crime at their home in November 2011. This was seconded by a different resident who also had a positive Police experience. Insp Wheeler thanked the group for the feedback and noted that Officers welcome positive feedback.	
4.0	Environmental Services – Jason Singh and Claire Copley	
4.1	There have been recent service changes. The service is directly accountable to residents through local Cllrs and is committed to meetings such as Forums to meet with local people.	
4.2	The Service has two functions. Firstly street cleansing (mechanical and manual), and secondly Environmental Enforcement.	
4.3	A clear up in the Landseers was undertaken, this has improved the area, businesses are also being checked for waste contracts.	

4.4	A resident asked about rats; the enforcement team can look at this and serve notice on businesses or landowners.	
4.5	The derelict petrol station site has rats. The land is part LCC and part the petrol company. There is flytipping. JS agreed to look into issues.	JS
4.6	Ginnel on the top of Newlay Lane to Town Street. There is dog dirt and standing water. Work is ongoing looking at ginnels with Councillors. CC will report the issue to dog wardens and liaise with PCSOs for enforcement purposes, and look at cleaning the area.	CC
4.7	A resident asked if people walking dogs with no bag with them for the dog dirt are committing an offence however the offence is not cleaning up the dirt and walking away.	
4.8	Footpath Rossfield Chase past the Unicorn. The ginnel needs cleaning. JS to find out ownership and look at cleansing.	JS
4.9	Leeds and Bradford Road, back of Broadlea Close near the woods. As this is a wind trap, litter blows and gathers in the wood. CC to look at issues.	CC
4.10	Henley St where it meets Bath Lane, wind causes litter to gather. This was fenced off but not sure who by. Highways will look into this from a rights of way issue and CC will look at the litter.	GS CC
4.11	Broken glass following an RTA, this is an escalated complaint but still no action has been taken. CC apologised for this and explained that there have been new service schedules brought in which are more achievable. CC will look into this.	CC
4.12	Flytipping on Rodley Town Street near the Nature Reserve. This is a one off issue, CC will arrange for it to be cleared.	CC
4.13	Pavements in Rodley on Last Ingham Road are littered. CC will look at scheduling for sweepers and see if this area can be built in.	CC
4.14	St Catherine's Crescent, bin operatives are not picking up rubbish they have knocked on the floor from overflowing bins. JS will pick this up with Refuse colleagues and progress.	JS
4.15	Wellington Gardens dog fouling, this is a real issue but not regular times/people. CC will need statements from residents or PCSOs, she will speak to PCSOs and try to gain evidence for enforcement and arrange a clean up too.	CC
4.16	Dog mess can be put into any rubbish bin, not just specific dog mess bins.	
5.0	20mph Zone - Gurdip Bahi and Tim Parry	
5.1	GB gave a history of the scheme and showed the Forum the plans of the new Zone. The report needs to be approved at the next Highways Board in February; if approved then construction will begin in April. Residents within the zone have been consulted via letter.	
5.2	There are no junctions highlighted for new road markings unless accidents have been caused by people over running the junction. The installation of the pedestrian lights at the retail park has nearly finished.	
5.3	Signs designed by children in the local primary schools will go up alongside 20mph signs. Also, painted markings of 20 on the road and smaller signs as a reminder.	
5.4	The Forum supports the 20mph zone.	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Cllr Taggart noted that Christmas Lights were put up incorrectly then taken down, and acknowledged this as an error. Due to a difficult budget, IW Area Committee focussed money on Bramley Baths so there was no resource for Christmas Lights at Bramley shops. Cllrs will see what opportunities there are for lights in 2012 but cannot make any promises.	
6.2	There is to be a pilot, most likely in Garforth, of changing bin collections to fortnightly, ie alternative collections. Also looking at possibility of trialling glass collections.	
6.3	There are some plans in the area for Diamond Jubilee events. St Peter's and St Margaret's are planning an event. Newlay and Whitecote Residents Association and the Scouts are planning a sports day event. SM to add to the next agenda for discussion.	SM
7.0	Date of next meeting	
7.1	Thursday 29 th March 2012, Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens, Bramley	