



## Outer East Area Committee

**Halton Forum**  
**Minutes from 12 April 2012**  
**Christ Church, Halton**

**Present:**

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Bill Hyde, Margaret Oates (resident), Terry Dennis (Resident), Edward Fryer (resident), Mora Illingworth (resident), Margaret Blenkhorn (resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Gwen Green (Resident), Peter Conlon (resident), Susan Petron (resident), Patricia Wraggs (resident), Colin and Denise Wilsher (residents), Margaret Ward (resident), Y Gumersal (resident), H J Sanderson (resident), Margaret Burton (resident), D MacQueen (resident), Audrey Linley (resident), Joyce Schofield (resident), Barbara Ambler (resident), Coullin Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), John Pearson (LCC Environmental Action Team), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Katherine Mitchell, Andrew Lingham (LCC Waste Management), Peter & Barbara Hewison, Mr Fisher, Alan Wakefield (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch).

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
1.1	Cllr Lyons (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PACT meeting for the Halton Area</b>	
2.1	This item was delayed till later in the meeting and subsequently postponed as Police did not attend. PM said police had emailed confirmation of their attendance and so he assumed an emergency meant they could not attend.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes from 19 January 2012</b>	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
4.1	PACT Meeting: Parks & Countryside has said their improvements to the Grove Road playing field will not include a fence around the perimeter.	
4.2	Item 6 – Veolia Waste Treatment Facility Update: The Chair said the agreed meeting was attended by Veolia, LCC Waste Management and residents and forum attendees. Since then the MP has been in touch with Cllr Lyons with regard to a future meeting. Cllr Hyde said the question of whether the BIFFA site could also accommodate household waste has been asked for more than two years.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
5.1	<b>Q:</b> What is the latest situation regarding Whitkirk Primary School and the number of cars impeding adjoining roads? <b>A:</b> PM provided a resume of the current situation and details from the school that: it has secured a yellow bus from which pupils will be	PM

	<p>escorted to the school by a staff member, governors would not trial a turning circle in the school on grounds of safety, governors want to continue to engage with the council on resolving the situation and thought parking restrictions on Templegate Walk and Crescent could ease the situation.</p> <p>A resident asked if parking could be banned on Templegate Walk and Crescent during the school rush hour. A resident of Templegate Crescent said parents parked on the street throughout the day.</p> <p>The Chair said the two form entry system has played a significant part in the unsatisfactory arrangements now in force. He said a meeting should be held to discuss a green transport plan.</p> <p>Cllr Hyde said excessive numbers of pupils was a common situation throughout Temple Newsam and many children travel long distances to school. In Colton there were 57 requests for 30 places. The matter is unsatisfactory and needs sorting.</p> <p>5.2 <b>Q:</b> Why has Templegate Crescent been selected as an area for the new Leeds cycleway?  <b>A:</b> Cllr Hyde said the original proposal was to go along a previously used cycle route via Temple Newsam but promoters of the scheme insisted there are insufficient funds to do this. The footpath in Colton is already being upgraded.</p> <p>Residents said a cycling officer had been to the site but they said the matter had not been resolved to the satisfaction of residents.</p> <p>The Chair said he is getting back to the Chief Highways Officer about the need for public consultation and he hoped people opposed to the new route will attend the meeting.</p> <p>5.3 <b>Q:</b> Are there plans for a gypsy encampment at the back of Seacroft Hospital adjoining Halton?  <b>A:</b> The proposal for that site is 500 homes and concern is whether flood alleviation has been properly assessed.</p> <p>Cllr Hyde said there will be a big impact on Primrose Valley Park and Section 106 money should be used to improve the park.</p>	<p>Cllr L</p> <p>Cllr L</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Environmental issues – John Pearson</b>	
6.1	JP said 10 fixed penalty notices have been issued in the last quarter.	
6.2	Emptying of the litter bins in the village centre had become a problem however this has now been resolved.	
6.3	A litter pick undertaken between the library and Primrose Lane resulted in 60 bags of rubbish being collected. Shop keepers have been assured the Council will fine or prosecute people found to be littering.	JP
6.4	New dog ownership rules in the city mean that people can no longer walk at the side of a road with a dog not on a lead however in areas where there is grass on either side the dogs can be unleashed. A greater number of Council employees have been trained to take action against people not obeying dog ownership rules.	JP
6.5	<b>Q:</b> Were rats found in the rubbish at Woodland Hill site?	

6.6	<p><b>A:</b> No but we are investigating responsibility and I have written to the shops and residents there.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Do you have responsibility for unemptied bins as at Sycamore Avenue we had to wait two months for the green bins to be emptied.</p> <p><b>A.</b> JP said he does not oversee it but would welcome being told of any problems and he will then notify the appropriate supervisor.</p>	JP
6.7	Residents said street cleaning is doing a great job.	JP
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Youth work – Virgil Meikle (Youth Work Manager)</b>	
7.1	<p>Following noisy behaviour by youth around Matalan and Templegate / Temple Walk which was discussed at the January meeting, Youth Service has done a lot of work in that area and have not received any complaints.</p> <p>Youth Service are also keeping tighter control on the numbers of people using the van and, in partnership with the Police, have dealt with identified trouble causers.</p>	VM / Police
7.2	VM said that following residential work with 12 severely challenged youths, every one of them are now in work or on courses.	
7.3	On Thursday 19 April Youth Service has an exciting event being staged with colleagues in the forecourt of Halton Moor Leisure Centre to provide activities under the Y-Not scheme.	
7.4	<p><b>Q.</b> Traditionally there have been problems with the football pitches behind Templegates however now the situation seems much better. Do Youth Service do work down Primrose Drive?</p> <p><b>A.</b> VM said they do undertake regular impact assessments on the Templegates site and also on Primrose Drive however there are restrictions on what his team can do there.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Q.</b> Cllr Hyde asked if Youth Service have been approached by teenagers on Knightsway to get a skateboard park. He understood a petition was going around and when he saw it there were over 100 signatures. He felt it may be better to site any park out of the way in Temple Newsam.</p> <p>Cllr Lyons said he has asked Parks and Countryside to come up with a scheme.</p> <p><b>A.</b> VM said the skateparks at Hyde Park and Hunslett are popular and Youth Service has mobile equipment to offer temporary skateparks on tennis courts and other suitable locations. The Colton area provision in Sainsbury's Car Park seems to be very positive.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
8.1	The Chair asked if there were any crime issues to report. It was noted that the hotspot for crime – particularly burglaries – were Grove Road Park, Templegate and Cricklegate.	All
8.2	Those attending were invited to raise any problems of which they were	

	<p>aware: A resident said there had been problems caused by a resident at the garages on Field End. There have also been a spate of fires in the area.</p> <p>Tyres have been slashed on vehicles at Birch Avenue.</p> <p>Across the area there is concern about the traditional seasonal problem of thefts from garages and sheds.</p> <p>8.2 There are a lot of vehicles travelling down streets looking for metal to take from gardens. JP said residents should take the registration number and report it to the Police so the number can be investigated.</p> <p>8.3 It was asked why PACT meetings were now solely held at the forum and why the Councillors had not been consulted over this.</p> <p>PM said the matter had been discussed and agreed for the NE and East region of Leeds at the Regional meeting of Police and Tasking Chairs.</p> <p>Cllr Lyons and Cllr Hyde agreed the forum could be used for PACT meetings but said the PACTs should also be held in their usual locations between forums.</p> <p>8.4 The date of the next Forum will be agreed by Area Committee.</p>	
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