



Present: Cllr Andrea McKenna (Chair), Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth), Susan Ashworth (Garforth in Bloom), Shirley Raisey (Garforth Residents Association), Sgt Goodwill (West Yorkshire Police), PC Smith, PCSO Reeves, (West Yorkshire Police), Chris Booth (West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service), Jane Anne Parsons (Garforth Traders Association), Ian Forster (Garforth Residents Assoc), Eric Pepper (Garforth Probus), Jayne Hookham (Resident), Dave Richardson (Garforth & District Lions), Susan Ashworth (Garforth in Bloom), Carol Woodhead (Garforth in Bloom), Tom Smith (LCC - Env. Services), Sharon Elliott (Garforth Academy/Cluster), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team)

Apologies: Cllr Mark Dobson, Cllr Tom Murray, Alison Lane (Garforth Traders' Association), Adrian Lee (Youth Service), Ken Woodhead (Garforth & District Lions)

1.0	Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor McKenna welcomed everyone.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting from 24 January 2012 and matters arising	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record. No matters arising.	
3.0	Community Safety	
3.1	PACT: Report from Police – Sgt Goodwill introduced his PCSO colleagues Emily Smith and Graham Reeves and said crime figures for Garforth & Swillington (G&S) showed a drop of 158 compared to the previous year. Of this burglary of dwellings had reduced by over 60. The Offender Management Programme involving police contact with ex offenders has helped this reduction. The downward trend continues and the last 6 weeks has seen a further reduction of approximately 30.	
3.2	Report from Fire Service – Graham Ambler has moved to a new area and , Garforth is now covered by Station Master Chris Booth who was welcomed to the meeting. He said that, like the Police, the number of incidents has decreased. From 1 st April 55 incidents have been reported however most were false alarms. Seven were fires with three in property and no-one being injured. The service attended 5 road traffic incidents compared with 9 for the same period last year. The Fire Station is holding an open day on Saturday 24 June. And those attending the meeting said it was well worth a visit. CB said he will contact the Olympic event organisers as it occurs on the weekend the torch is in Leeds.	PM/CB
4.0	Environmental Services – Tom Smith	
4.1	Tom said the Environmental Support Officer for the area is Simon Norman and he will be attending more Forums in future. There have been 103 requests for environmental enforcement in Garforth &	

4.2	<p>Swillington since the last Forum on 27 January. A key issue in the area remains fly tipping and searches are always done to discover who has done the tipping. TS is investigating renting portable cctv cameras to assist. PM suggested TS considers the possibility of sharing hire with the Police so they can identify youths illegally buying alcohol and encouraging others to do so</p> <p>TS said his team recently undertook 4 weeks of intensive work within the Ward to combat dog fouling g. The main benefit was raising awareness that action would be taken on people failing to clean up and also that the Council has new Responsible Dog Ownership rules including no dogs can be beside a road without a lead and they are banned from schools and children's playing areas.</p> <p>On the Main Street the area to the rear of Greggs Bakers had been cleared having been found to be in a terrible state and rat infested.</p>	
4.3	<p>EE continue to deal with a wide range of issues including bins left on streets, illegal advertising and overflowing drains.</p>	
4.4	<p>Q. Cllr MacKenna said she welcomed Simon attending future meetings and also suggested EE look at using concealed cctv cameras.</p>	
	<p>A. Tom said they were investigating the legal and practical issues of using concealed cctv cameras.</p>	
4.5	<p>Q. A man living in our street has started keeping chickens and a cockrel which is disturbing neighbours. Can this be stopped?</p>	
	<p>A. If you email me I will investigate this.</p>	
	<p>Q. Dog fouling at Brierlands is still a problem as the Cedar Ridge side is untended yet the Brierlands side is. Can you please look into doing both sides?</p>	
	<p>A. I will investigate ownership and responsibility.</p>	
	<p>Q. The lane to the allotments at Church Lane on occasions is disgusting with dog fouling.</p>	
	<p>A. We monitor this area and will investigate the current problem.</p>	
	<p>Q. There's problems of littering on King's Lane and this will at least in part be down to schoolchildren.</p>	
	<p>A. Will speak with the school. We hope next year to have dedicated support to tackle litter. This will mean councillors and forums can approve the order in which areas are tackled.</p>	
	<p>Q. May it be possible to offer a prize to schools to encourage their pupils not to litter?</p>	
	<p>Q. Despite occasional litter blitzes by takeaway owners there has recently been a lot of litter at the top of Main Street.</p>	
	<p>A. Will refer for action. PM added that warning takeaway owners that unless they kept their areas tidy they would be held responsible worked well in many</p>	

	<p>areas.</p> <p>Q. Can anything be done about plastics being thrown into hedgerows?</p> <p>A. The problem is that it is usually left along major roads where there is a speeding car safety issue for litter pickers. They are currently being trained in how to deal with litter on major roads.</p>	
5.0	Services for Young People	
5.1	<p>Youth Work Adrian Lee had given his apologies in advance of the meeting because he had been called away to deal with a last minute problem.</p> <p>Garforth Academy / Cluster – Sharon Elliott Sharon handed out booklets showing the Garforth Easter Holiday Programme. She said 169 children had attended ranging from Year 6 to 11. Other activities include the Youth Club on Wednesday evenings which is going well and proving especially popular for children with special needs, Thursday's Momentum Dance which attracted 103 dancers to a recent exhibition. The Cluster has developed and now gets referrals for children's welfare and undertakes agency work with family support services.</p>	
5.2		
6.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
6.1	<p>Garforth Car Parking – A resident drew attention to the inconvenience caused by drivers double parking on Main Street and ask if a disc zone system was to be introduced. PM said a disc zone had been considered and rejected and the parking strategy remarking of Main Street should deal with the double parking problem.</p>	
6.2	<p>The Chair asked PM to investigate if the recently cleared land behind Greggs could be used for parking. PM said legal are trying to discover who owns the former petrol station site. Why aren't traffic lights introduced on Charlie Sweeps Corner? The Chair agreed they were needed and said it is being encouraged.</p>	
6.3	<p>Effective speed restrictions are needed on Oak Crescent to stop drivers using it as a quick route to and from the train station. The Chair said highways will be asked to investigate the situation. Why is the barrier at Barley Hill not down at nights and could a street light be added there so people can use car park outside daylight hours. The Chair said she would find out.</p>	
6.4	<p>SHLAA – Ian Forster said the recently completed Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment could lead to Garforth and Aberford being effectively joined by houses. Those attending agreed with the Chair that it is vital Garforth, Great Preston and Swillington remain independent areas. Murray said this is currently being assessed and one of the discussions concerns future use of the Thorpe Park site. He said there is a lot of talk about possible introduction of a retail offer.</p> <p>Cllr Dobson said the UDP set out development opportunities so everyone knew what was happening. However developers increasingly convinced planning it</p>	

	<p>was not viable for them to build on brownfield sites. Potentially the SHLAA could therefore lead to saturation of villages and sought after locations which could lead to them merging into each other and replacement by new towns.</p> <p>Garforth Clinic - Cllr Dobson said he has been told the Primary Care Trust will keep the clinic open until they can find an alternative position in Garforth. Cllr Dobson said there should be a health and welfare blueprint for Garforth.</p>	
7.0	Date of Next Meeting	
7.1	The next meeting date will be agreed following the election and is likely to be in July 2012.	All