

**Minutes from the meeting of 27 June 2012**

Appendix 1

**Present:**

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (South East Area Support Team, minutes), John Nicholson (resident), Marina Richardson (resident), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC - Youth Service), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Sgt Simon Harrison (West Yorkshire Police), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Dot Scahill (resident), Rita Grainger (resident), Eric Vary (resident), Paul Nicholson (resident)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Peter Gruen, Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours), Jean Jackson (resident), Christine Spencer (resident)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies above were noted.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PACT meeting – Sgt Simon Harrison</b>	
2.1	Operation Confidence is now complete and leaflets are being distributed to gauge satisfaction.	
2.2	The last six weeks crime statistics were discussed. Figures included a note about burglary levels are at an all time low for the area.	
2.3	A noise nuisance query was brought to the PACT meeting but Aire Valley Homes and the councillors already know about the issue and are dealing with it.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum on 1 February 2012</b>	
3.1	(7.0) The telephone number for Nathan Vaughn (your local Community Environmental Support Officer) was listed incorrectly. His number should have read 07891 279 500.	
3.2	The minutes were otherwise agreed as accurate.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
4.1	(6.0) <b>Farndale MUGA</b> – residents stated they are not reporting incidents anymore because they have done so for years and the situation hasn't improved. It was reported that Scholes Football Club use the pitch next to it for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays.	
4.2	(7.5) <b>New litter bins</b> in the – Proposals are in place for two new litter bins on Stanks Parade and one at the Barwick Road end of the Trim Trail.	

4.3	(8.2) <b>Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations</b> – Swarcliffe Good Neighbours put on a celebratory event at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre. Everyone was dressed in red, white and blue and there was an article covering the event in the Yorkshire Event Post. The event was funded by your local ward members and thanks were expressed to everyone involved.	
4.4	(11.0) <b>Fire Service</b> – Stanks Fire Station will close. Dates are not yet known.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
5.1	An issue was raised about overgrown gardens in the area. Jeremy Lunn took details and will follow up the report.	JL
5.2	Report of a blocked gully outside the off-licence on Barwick Road. Jeremy to send an officer to investigate.	JL
5.3	Letters received by residents from Yorkshire Transformations – the wording of the letter was queried in relation to future maintenance of properties.	
5.4	Information about nuisance motorcycles in the area was passed to the police to follow up. Residents were reminded about calling 101 - the new non-emergency number for the police – where reports can be logged and passed to the off-road motor bike team. Your local councillors have helped to fund the Police off-road bikers for another year via their Area Committee well-being budget.	All
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Locality Team update</b> – Nathan Vaughn (Tel: 07891 279 500)	
6.1	<b>Pub news</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Whinmoor pub has been sold at auction and is due to become a Chinese restaurant</li> <li>• The Staging Post is not trading as a pub anymore</li> <li>• The Squinting Cat is open to access at the rear but a notice has been served to make it secure.</li> </ul>	
6.2	Some wooden panels had been stolen from behind the new Co-Op but were later recovered.	
6.3	A flytipping offender is due to appear at court.	
6.4	The quality of grass cutting was highlighted as poor on Whinmoor Way.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>New initiatives</b>	
7.1	<b>Co-Op food store in Swarcliffe</b> The unit is still due to be a Co-Op food store but it has to get approval at the Co-Op Regional Board meeting which will take place on 4 July 2012 (was due to be in April 2012). When the approvals are in place the shop fit out will begin.	

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Housing issues in Swarcliffe</b> – Jeremy Lunn	
8.1	There have been great improvements to the level of collected rent arrears but there is still approximately £260,000 owed.	
8.2	There are currently 21 empty properties but these are pre-allocated.	
8.3	There are currently 11 high profile anti-social behaviour cases.	
8.4	To the end of May there had been 30 beaches of tenancy.	
8.5	The officers for the area are Bev Hare, Alan Marsden and Karen Shaw.	
8.6	The Universal Benefit System will begin in 2013 – all payments will go directly to claimants.	
8.7	The under occupancy scheme has ended and the coalition government is introducing a downsizing housing scheme where you will pay extra for any unused bedrooms. More information will be sent out to all residents via official literature.	
8.8	<b>Europrofile locks replacement scheme</b> Europrofile locks in uPVC doors have been subject to attack in Leeds. A variation to the PFI scheme is being looked at to fit more resilient locks. A trial will be completed in Whinmoor by CASAC.	
8.9	A schedule of estate environmental walkabouts with AVH staff and environmental officers was tabled. Please phone <b>0800 915 6660</b> for more information or if you would like to be involved – everyone is welcome.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Activities for young people in Swarcliffe</b> - Deeta Tren-Humphries	
9.1	A handout was tabled titled 'Youth work report – Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward'. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympic inspired Future Flames event at Temple Newsam</li> <li>• Leeds Inspired artist working with the Thursday group</li> <li>• A temporary skateboard/scooter/bike park has been well received at St Gregory's following responses to a consultation</li> <li>• Common Assessment Framework</li> <li>• NEETs (young people Not in Education, Employment or Training)</li> <li>• High attendances at sessions</li> <li>• Voice &amp; Influence Group at St Greg's on a Monday</li> <li>• Swarcliffe Warriors – new football team established</li> <li>• Swarcliffe Gala on Saturday 18 August at St Gregory's Youth &amp; Adult Centre</li> </ul>	
9.2	For information on local activities for young people please contact Deeta on 07891 271 037.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme</b> – Ken Hill	
10.1	The contect to run the Good Neighbours Scheme has been won and will initially last for three years. It will begin in September. All five of the current local neighbourhood networks won their contracts.	

10.2	A 12 seater LDV Maxus has been bought with funding from the Jane Tomlinson Fund (£15,000), the Outer South East Area Panel (£5,000) and Jimmi's Fund (£5,000). It has a lift on the rear, will be going for sign writing soon and is hoped to be ready for service for September.	
10.3	It is hoped that a shopping service can be introduced making good use of the new vehicle.	
10.4	SWGfN have been nominated for an award (best community initiative category) in the Aire Valley Homes newsletter. Cast your votes now!	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>AOB and date of next meeting</b>	
11.1	<b>Outer East cricket camps 2012</b> – James Nundy With a £5,000 contribution from your local councillors via the Outer East Area Committee, the cricket camps for local young people aged 7-15 are back for their sixth year. Week one runs 30 July – 3 August at Kippax Welfare Cricket Club and week two runs 13-17 August at Whitkirk Cricket Club. All of the coaches come from the Yorkshire Cricket Board. To register and for more information please call James on 0113 336 8940.	
11.2	<b>Older Person's Event Week 2012</b> – James Nundy Back for its twelfth year and running 1-5 October, the event week which has been funded by your local councillors will come to St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre on Stanks Gardens in Swarcliffe, on Tuesday 2 October. The event will run 10:30am-2:30pm and will have a host of stalls and information in the morning followed by a free buffet lunch and then entertainment in the afternoon. Please call <b>Ken</b> at Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme to reserve a place on <b>0113 232 6910</b> .	
11.3	The next forum and PACT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3 October 2012.	All