

**Combined Armley Community Forum and PACT meeting minutes**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**Chair:** Cllr Janet Harper

**Present:** D&H Boutle, E Bowes, B Davies, B Mason, B Holmes, R Harrison, T Maynard, Cllr A Lowe, A Parnham, B&M Brewis, P Hannah, J Ford, D Peck, K Lemm, J Lynskey, J Gill, Cllr J McKenna, M Stead, B Draper, J&J Newsome, X Chevillard, J Ramell, E Handley, P Kempster, K Sibson

1	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Mrs Smyth, Mrs Richmond, Fr Wright, S Myers, Mr & Mrs Rayworth, B Nelson	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
2.1	3 - When will work at Theaker Lane start? Planning permission is in place, the developer has three years to start building. 6.4 When will the Morbaine project start? The site is unlikely to be developed before the new Tesco, presently under construction in Wortley, is completed.	
3	<b>Police update:</b>	
3.1	Inspector Wheeler updated the forum on crime figures for the area. Burglary - 18 - down by 13 on the previous year Theft from Motor Vehicle - 17 - down by 16 Theft of Motor Vehicle - 2 - down 6 Robbery - 2 - No change	
3.2	Insp Wheeler reported on eight arrests in the local area for crimes including burglary, robbery and theft of motor vehicle. Officers stopped two individuals at 1.50am and charged them with going equipped to steal. The police are urging residents to close curtains and blinds after dark and keep a light on if going out.	
3.3	The Neighbourhood Policing Team are changing shifts in the run up to bonfire night to combat anti-social behaviour in the evenings. Officers will visit shops asking them to not sell eggs and flour to children. Test purchases for alcohol and fireworks will be carried out around Armley.	
3.4	Inspector Wheeler welcomed questions from the floor: What was the incident a couple of weeks ago in the ginnel from Station Road to Whingate, it was closed for two days? Insp Wheeler will provide the information via the police website.	
3.5	Complaints of fireworks going off by the Cedars every Sunday at around 7.30pm. Inspector Wheeler urged residents to call the non-emergency number 101 to report anti-social behaviour.	
3.6	Members of the forum asked for further information on the Police and Crime Commissioner elections. This is a new post, the Commissioner will oversee policing but will not have control of the police force, that will remain with the Chief Constable. More information is on the West Yorkshire Police website.	
3.7	What arrangements are there to remove burnt out vehicles? The number for abandoned vehicles is on the back of the agenda 0113 2224406	
3.8	Has anyone been caught for the theft of York stone reported at the last forum? No.	

3.9	Reports of vandalism and under age drinking in the Rose Garden at Gotts Park. Inspector Wheeler to ask Parkswatch and NPT officers to visit the area.	
3.10	Complaint about individuals tipping over bins and rifling through the contents on the Avaries. The police, West North West Homes and council officers are making regular visits.	
3.12	D Boutle thanked the police for a quick response to the theft of equipment from the shed at Charlie Cake Park. No-one has been caught.	
3.13	Complaint about groups drinking alcohol on Town Street. The police are aware of the issue and are enforcing the DPPO no drinking zone. A multi-agency group is trying to look at ways of tackling the problem. A survey was carried out on Town Street and nearby flats with a polish speaking police volunteer. Insp Wheeler noted that it is not always Eastern Europeans who are drinking, there are also groups of UK nationals that have been stopped and warned by the police.	
3.14	Cllr Harper thanked Inspector Wheeler for attending.	
4	<b>Highways</b>	
4.1	Chris Way attended to update the forum on several schemes in Armley	
4.2	Tong Road / Wesley Road - scheme to build out corners of the junction to improve visibility will start on site before Christmas.	
4.3	A Traffic Regulation Order for Hall Lane, Green Road and Wesley Road has been approved for double yellow lines.	
4.4	Armley Ridge Road / Cockshot Lane - Traffic calming measures including speed cushions and narrowed carriageway will be installed in the next few months.	
4.5	Canal Road - a refuge will be built to help traffic from the Aviaries	
4.6	It is hoped that a scheme to re-profile the Crabb Lane / Mistress Lane junction will get the go-ahead to reduce accidents.	
4.7	Questions from the floor: On the Highways improvement plan for next year, York stone slabs on the Armley Granges will be removed. Cllr Lowe asked that this work not be carried out as residents want to keep the York stone. C Way to ask the Highways Maintenance Team for clarification.	CW
4.8	Is Clyde Court in the TRO zone? Yes, there are 12 streets altogether in the zone. Notices will go up and if no objections are received, the lines will go down after four weeks.	
4.9	Can the priority on the bridge at Carr Croft be changed to favour traffic coming from Tong Road? Visibility is bad and cars come over very fast. Overgrown vegetation is also causing a problem. CW advised that traffic lights would be the ideal solution but there is no funding at the moment. He will look into the issue and report the bushes to British Waterways.	
4.10	Gelder Road needs a no exit sign at the top as people are driving onto the one way street.	
4.11	The speed bumps on Theaker Lane by Christ Church school aren't working, people slow down for the bumps and speed up between them right in front of the school, it needs a chicane especially if new houses are going to increase traffic. CW to see if a speed survey can be carried out.	CW

4.12	Trees growing over the traffic lights at Tong Road / Third Avenue make them difficult to see. CW to report.	CW
4.13	Complaint that the red surface on the new Kirkstall Road bus lane is very difficult to cycle on. It is ridged due to the way it is applied, it is not ridged for any other reason. CW to report back to the A65 team and ask for a response for the next meeting.	CW
4.14	Cars turning round don't see the one way sign on Mistress Lane. The alterations to the junction may change that.	
4.15	When will Brooklyn Street and Nancroft Mount be resurfaced? Will check and report back.	CW
4.16	Cllr Harper thanked Chris for attending.	
5	<b>Festive Lights</b>	
5.1	K Sibson reported that the festive lights switch on will be on Saturday 24th November from 5pm - 7pm. There will be local bands, Ronnie the Rhino, Radio Aire and fireworks.	
6	<b>Any other Business</b>	
6.1	Query about the work on Armley Moor and the exercise equipment. The current work is to improve the paths and seating. The council asked that the exercise equipment be installed as part of the £170,000 scheme to improve the Moor, and the Trust gave permission.	
6.2	A member of the forum reported she had received a fine from the operator of the Tesco / Wilkinson car park despite only being parked for a few minutes. After speaking to the landlord the fine was cancelled.	
6.3	The grass at Park Street used to be cut by the council but was never put on the private contract. Councillors explained that they had looked into this several times but the land is 'orphan' and does not belong to the Council. The Councillors have offered to pay for a one off cut, and will ask again about the possibility of it being adopted.	AL
6.4	Councillor Harper reminded the forum of the Remembrance Day memorial at Armley Park on the 11th November.	
7	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	
7.1	Tuesday 20th November, the start time will go back to 7pm.	