



## Outer East Area Committee

Swarcliffe & Stanks Forum  
and PACT meeting

## Minutes from the meeting of 3 October 2012

**Present:**

Cllr Suzi Armitage (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (South East Area Support Team, minutes), Michelle Hunton (West Yorkshire Police), Andy Hill (WYP), Chris Booth (West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue), Alison Ford (Swarcliffe Children's Centre), Eric Vary (resident), Paul Nicholson (resident), Mark Nicholson (resident), Peter Simpson (resident), Sandra and James Murfin (residents), Marina Richardson (resident), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours), Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Rita Grainger (resident), Dot Scahill (resident), Mike Benwell (Churches Together), John Nicholson (resident), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes)

**Apologies:**

None

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.1	Cllr Armitage welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PACT meeting – Sgt Andy Hill</b>	
2.1	Local crime statistics were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary numbers have reduced across Leeds</li> <li>Anti social behaviour calls have reduced</li> </ul>	
2.2	The off-road motorcycle team is operating from Garforth Police Station.	
2.3	A resident from Southwood Road gave details of sustained ASB issues over the last four years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was reported the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) have recently had a break though with the case and are working closely with the police</li> </ul>	
2.4	<b>Dangerous dogs on the estate</b> Reports of two Japanese Akitas (one cream, one dark tan) seen in the vicinity of Stanks Parade. Nathan and the police are working closely to resolve the issues. Suspected address given to the police. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathan is on the Trim Trail everyday and hasn't seen either dog on it</li> </ul>	
2.5	Satisfaction rates have varied from 70%-80%.	
2.6	The police call in at the housing office every shift, whenever possible.	
2.7	<b>PACT priorities:</b> 1. Issues on Southwood Road as described in item 2.3	Police
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes from Swarcliffe Forum on 27 June 2012</b>	
3.1	The minutes were agreed as accurate.	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
4.1	<p><b>(4.2) New litter bins at Stanks Parade shops</b> – a large white car belonging to one of the shop owners is regularly being parked on the pavement outside the shop, restricting access to one of the new litter bins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan to investigate</li> </ul>	NV
4.2	<p><b>(6.1) Staging Post</b> – the former pub is closed but the owners haven't surrendered the licence. They are looking for someone suitable to reopen it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Armitage will chase the owners for an update</li> </ul>	Cllr A
4.3	<p><b>(6.4) Grass cutting across the area</b> – The new contractors for grass cutting across Leeds are called Continental. All of the 'missed' areas are on a schedule and the situation should improve soon. It was highlighted that they should also pay attention to areas under benches and around trees.</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
5.1	<p><b>Mill Green Gardens parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways and Aire Valley Homes have met and are looking into the options for making the maximum number of bays available</li> <li>• Plans and recommendations are awaited from Highways</li> <li>• The scheme will be funded by the Swarcliffe PFI credits</li> <li>• Councillors have always pursued this scheme</li> </ul>	
5.2	<p><b>Yorkshire Transformations</b></p> <p>Residents queried the availability of YTL performance reports as they had never seen by some and as a consequence, a special forum was requested to be set up between YTL and residents so such information could be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was highlighted that residents groups where these issues were discussed in the area had sadly folded due to apathy from residents</li> <li>• Cllr Gruen informed the forum he hadn't received any complaints via his postbag or through the ward surgeries</li> <li>• Residents also informed the forum the YTL website was last updated in 2006 and customer satisfaction forms had been replaced by phone calls</li> <li>• Councillors requested the next Swarcliffe Forum &amp; PACT meeting also be advertised as 'with YTL' and invite a suitable representative</li> </ul>	JN
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Locality Team Update – Nathan Vaughn (Tel: 07891 279 500)</b>	
6.1	Two new litter bins have been installed at Stanks Parade and one at Barwick Road at the end of the Trim Trail.	
6.2	<p><b>Squinting Cat</b></p> <p>Notice was served as it was open to access but is now secure on the lower level.</p>	
6.3	There has been a successful prosecution in the Penwell area for waste in gardens.	
6.4	<p><b>Grass cutting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways are to maintain the land to the rear of the Staging Post</li> </ul>	

6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The land to the rear of the Children's Centre is due to get cut on the final cut of the year</li> <li>Flower beds have improved and the Community Payback Team (West Yorkshire Probation) are due to do the others</li> </ul> <p><b>Persimmon Homes development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mud on road issues in Penwell Garth</li> <li>Access issues for larger vehicles trying to enter the site</li> </ul>	
6.6	Dog control orders were highlighted.	
6.7	<p><b>Flytipping in Eastwood Nook</b> (green waste and mattresses) The situation in is being monitored. Letters have been sent to residents.</p>	NV
6.8	<p>Residents reported overgrown trees in Mill Green View and a very overgrown hedge blocking pavement in Stanks Lane South.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathan to investigate</li> </ul>	NV
<b>7.0</b>	<b>New initiatives</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Co-Op food store in Swarcliffe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed new food shop on Swarcliffe Ave (near Langbar Road)</li> <li>Revised opening date is now 18 October 2012</li> <li>Shop fitters are currently in the unit</li> <li>Letters to be sent to residents</li> <li>Mercia Developments are very keen to get tenants into all of the units</li> </ul>	
7.2	<p><b>Swarcliffe gala: 18 August 2012</b> – Coullin Meikle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors were thanked for funding the event</li> <li>Over 450 residents attended</li> <li>Lots of young people involved</li> <li>Ather's Fair attended too</li> <li>Good feedback has been received and will be included for next years event</li> <li>Unfortunately, some residents received fliers after the event</li> <li>The councillors expressed their thanks to everyone involved</li> </ul>	
7.3	<p><b>Fire Service</b> – Chris Booth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CB introduced himself as the new Station Commander for the area and gave details about the closure of Stanks and Gipton fire stations, to be replaced by a new facility on York Road</li> <li>The preferred site is by Killingbeck Police Station but dates are not yet known</li> <li>Chris's contact details are: <a href="mailto:chris.booth@westyorksfire.gov.uk">chris.booth@westyorksfire.gov.uk</a> and (0113) 273 1371 but always dial 999 in an emergency</li> </ul>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Aire Valley Homes housing update</b> – Jeremy Lunn	
8.1	<p><b>Replacement door lock initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 Europrofile locks across 24 streets in hotspot areas have been replaced by Avocet locks. Burglaries are reducing</li> <li>British Standard locks have been used in the PFI contract</li> </ul>	
8.2	<p><b>Rent collections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rate of collection is getting better. The new advertising campaign highlighted for No.56 buses. The campaign will run</li> </ul>	

	<p>October 2012 to January 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident suggested ASB is also added to the poster design</li> <li>• The AVH helpline was discussed for people having trouble paying their rent 0800 915 6660</li> </ul>	
8.3	<p><b>Void Properties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 22 void properties within Swarcliffe and Whinmoor</li> <li>• For YTL the average turnaround time is approximately 11 working days</li> <li>• £3,000 has been recharged to tenants who have caused damage to properties</li> </ul>	
8.4	There have been 67 breaches of tenancy since the last report, all of which were low level eg issues with gardens.	
8.5	Conditions of the sale of council houses were discussed.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Activities for young people – Virgil Meikle (Youth Work Manager)</b>	
9.1	<p>Virgil gave a summary of recent work and projects were highlighted including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Flames - careers advice</li> <li>• Leeds Inspired</li> <li>• Project X-treme – temporary skateboard park</li> <li>• Swarcliffe Warriors are now second in the football league</li> <li>• Summer programme sessions were as popular as ever and the councillors were thanked for funding the additional programme</li> <li>• 'Meet on the Street' fliers were tabled</li> <li>• Young people have been proactive with cleaning up local playing areas</li> <li>• The Breeze website was highlighted for young people to access activities for young people: <b><a href="http://www.breezeleeds.org">www.breezeleeds.org</a></b></li> </ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme</b>	
10.1	SGNS were successful with the contract to continue.	
10.2	The new minibus is now operational and the funders were thanked.	
10.3	SGNS have won the Community Stars Award for best community service	
10.4	Housing surgery is done at St Gregory's Y&A Centre. PCSO surgeries will start in October at the luncheon clubs.	
10.5	Leeds Community Foundation awarded £10,000 to fund a new outreach worker.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Any other business and date of next meeting</b>	
11.1	<p><b>Cricket weeks</b> – James Nundy</p> <p>With funding from the local councillors via the Outer East Area Committee, another two successful crickets weeks were delivered by the Yorkshire Cricket Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kippax</b> (30 July – 3 Aug 2012) attracted an average of 75 cricketers per day. 80% were boys, 20% were girls</li> <li>• <b>Whitkirk</b> (13 – 17 August 2012) attracted an average of 130</li> </ul>	

	<p>cricketers per day. 82% were boys and 18% were girls. So many girls attended this week that Whitkirk Cricket Club were able to establish a girls team for the first time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the back of both weeks sufficient young people were interested in taking part in a Young Leaders course which teaches about the umpiring side of the game too</li> <li>• Six young people showing the most potential were selected to be offered further coaching on the ProCoach course at Headingley Cricket Ground</li> </ul>	
<p>11.2</p>	<p><b>Go for gold this summer and organise a community clean-up in your area</b> – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JN tabled a poster which has been distributed across outer east Leeds highlighting the support his office can give in relation to community clean-ups</li> <li>• If you are interested in organising one, please give him a call on 0113 336 8940</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>
<p>11.3</p>	<p><b>Older Persons Event Week</b> – Ken Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Swarcliffe leg of the event week took place at St Gregory’s Youth and Adult Centre on Tuesday 2 October</li> <li>• 94 people attended</li> <li>• Lots of information stalls</li> <li>• Line dancing demonstration</li> <li>• Elvis tribute act</li> <li>• Positive comments received</li> </ul>	
<p>11.4</p>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30 January 2013.</p>	<p>All</p>