

**Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum**

**Date:** Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Present:** Cllr Ted Hanley, Cllr D. Atkinson (Chair), David Mackey (Area Management) Peter Green, John Lockett, S. Withers, Jayne Learoyd, (Bramley Elderley Action) Margaret Wright, Jean Bedford (Co-optee Inner West Area Committee), P. Miles, Helen Garrand, Ian Hobson, Christine Roberts, Sandra Fothergill, Pauline Ward, R & B Rayworth, Sonia Evers, J Dix, Andrea Webb, Mary Tyson, Pat Miles, Y Clemens, T Napton, J Quimby, B Hodgson. Phil Hopton

Apologies: Rev. Julie Upton, Frank Brodie and Mark Law

**1.00 MINUTES FROM MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

Agreed as a true record although a number of people pointed out that they had not received their copy -

**2.00 MATTERS ARISING.**

**2.01** Bramley Shopping Centre at 5.00 – Cllr Atkinson advised that she and Steve Crocker from Area Management had met with Summerfield’s and raised the issue of high prices for staples – **Summerfield agreed to lower their prices**, which people agreed had happened. Cllr Atkinson reported back that Summerfield said they plan to stay at Bramley for at least the next years. David Mackey reported that there are **two new shops opening soon** at Bramley shopping centre but Hallidays the centre managers are keeping their names under wrap until they are ready to open.

**2.02 Bus Service #44 –Fairfields to Bramley Shopping Centre.** This item came up at the last meeting because of concern over reduced frequency of service. Phil Joyce from Metro attended the meeting and advised that it was bus companies policy to run frequent services only on the main corridors, such as Stanningley Road or Tong Road. These services run every 10 minutes and have proved profitable but services such as #44, which feed estates have not been as popular and do not make a profit for First Direct, so the services is more limited. Bus #44 was sponsored by ASDA between 10am and 2.00pm but this sponsorship has now come to an end.

Phil Joyce said that an alternative would be using an Access bus , which provided a door to door service to a shopping centre. He said he would get back to Cllr Atkinson and D Mackey if one could be provided for Bramley.

**2.02 Other transport news** – Phil Joyce spoke about the **new free city service** and asked people for feed back. All agreed that the service was very good and many had used it already. Mr Joyce said that the service was on a trial and was being sponsored by LCC as a means to reduce traffic congestion in the city.

**2.03** Also new is the **free bus transport for people over 60** years of age or disabled people. This service is available on any bus after 9.30am in West Yorkshire and can be used on buses that originate in West Yorkshire but terminate in North Yorkshire. This includes the return journey from North Yorkshire.

**2.04 Cleanliness on buses-** this was discussed because it was felt it had become an issue. Mr Joyce said that the driver was supposed to clean the bus at terminals before setting off again.

**Action**

Area Management to look at more sponsorship

Phil Joyce to pursue

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- 2.05 Missing bus stop** – people mentioned that there is a bus stop near St Catherines that is not marked so buses are not stopping – Phyl Joyce to follow up.

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### 3.00 POLICING UPDATE

- 3.01** PC Banks and PC Oleson introduced themselves as they are new to Bramley. PC Oleson has just taken on Bramley from his operations in Raynville and Wythers. PC Banks explained that there had been some **recent changes in deployment** and that there will be two new PCSOs and a PC for the area recruited soon.

- 3.02** A number of **recent issues** were raised by the public relating to gangs of youths who seem to be hanging around the neighbourhoods causing problems, these included:

- Ganners- 22 youths causing mischief and jumping on cars
- Bramley Fire Station – place for young people to gather
- Behind Pudsey Library
- Behind Daisy Pub and Dawns Funeral Directors
- Around Daisy Field Grange Nursing Home
- Damage to Piggeries garden

Phil Hopton from the ASBO Unit who was at the meeting said that he was aware of these youths and the places they were hanging around **but had no names** so was finding it difficult to target the individuals. Some people were able to identify individuals and said they could provide more information to Phil.

- 3.03** The **sale of alcohol** to these young people was seen by residents as an issue and a number sited particular shops that seemed to be in breach of the Trading Standards regulations. PC Oleson said that some investigations had been done in Bramley and Pudsey but was happy to do more if suspected shops could be identified.
- 3.04 Calling the police-** people complained about the lack of response- both in answering phones and coming out to address problems. PC Banks said that people should **call 999** if something was happening then and there as you will get an immediate answer to the call. She could not guarantee an immediate response because it depended on what else was happening at the time and what was considered more urgent by the police. She said that the other police contact numbers were best during office hours for non urgent reporting or if seeking information.

### 4.00 CANAL CLEAN UP

- 4.01** David Mackey announced that on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April there will be a community clean up along the canal. **Meeting place is Wyther Lane car park** by the canal at 10.00am. There will be other environmental work as well as litter picking. British Waterways will be supplying lunch and a boat ride at the end of the day. The clean up will cover from Aire Valley Marina to Kirkstall Bridge.

### 5.00 OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.01 Kuwait Petrol Station Site** – A letter from the Ombudsman was presented to the Chair regarding the Ombudsmen's investigation about Leeds City Council's slow response to the site being cleaned up. The letter was acknowledged by the Chair.

- 5.02 Bramley Parade** – Mr Napton informed the room that he would be interested in resurrecting the Bramley Parade, that was last held in the 1970s. Cllr Atkinson said that she would support the Parade and that this idea could be discussed at the next Area Committee.

- 6.00 Next meeting** – Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>

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