

HAREWOOD AND WETHERBY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM
8th March

Agenda Items:

- Police
- Telecommunications masts
- Website

Feedback from the Meeting:

Meeting with Marcus Griffiths

Inspector Griffiths will be attending the Parish Forum on a regular basis as it is a good opportunity to meet all the Parish Councils. The number of PCSOs was raised and Inspector Griffiths stated that the number of PCSOs currently working in the outer North East had increased to 10, while there are 3 vacant posts that need to be filled. He also confirmed that a Well Being Fund application for CCTV in Boston Spa had been submitted and is being progressed.

Mobile Phone Masts

David Newbury the principle planner in the North East talked about the issues and planning policy around Mobile Phone Masts.

Government policy is to facilitate the growth of the network and LPAs are encouraged to respond positively. In Leeds the Unitary Development Plan allows the Council to decide on the siting and design of the masts. The aim is to reduce the contrast between the mast and the surrounding environment. In Leeds mast sharing and use of existing tall structures are utilised wherever possible and visual intrusion is minimised.

This was followed by a question and answer session which focused on the role Parish Councils can play in the consultation process. A request was made for increased involvement in this process. David Newbury requested that Parish Council contact details be forwarded to him so that he can supply these to the operators undertaking the consultation.

Website

The Town and Parish Council forum website is in operation and members of the forum have been invited to provide ideas for content. The website can be found at:

<http://www.parishcouncilforum.leedslearning.org>.

Area Delivery Plan

Consultation on the ADP was undertaken and feedback was provided by the Parish Councils on local issues and local priorities. This included a dog fouling enforcement problem, heavy goods vehicles in Wetherby, the need for more litter bins, the condition of roads and the slow response time to Parish Council's on Street scene referrals.