
MEETING	DERWENT, HEWORTH WITHOUT & OSBALDWICK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	30 APRIL 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS AYRE, BROOKS AND MORLEY 34 Local Residents Angus Young, Street Environment Officer, CYC Barry Otterly, York Environment Forum Jackie Dale, Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust Jennifer Stanley, Neighbourhood Management Officer, CYC John Cook, Group Response Nigel Ingram, Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust PC Graeme Wright, NYP PCSO Nick Hirst PCSO Simon Cartwright
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS

1. WARD SURGERY 7:00PM - 8:00PM

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. Councillor Brooks introduced the meeting.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no questions regarding the minutes.

3. SAFER COMMUNITIES

1. PC Graham Wright gave an overview of Neighbourhood Policing in the area. Overall crime levels are down compared to last year. In Osbaldwick there has been a particular problem with commercial burglary which is currently being targeted with a special operation.
2. Operation Dawn was carried out in the ward During April. This was a multi agency week on action. It was a very successful week. Street Environment were involved in the cleaning up of lay-bys in the area.
3. The Police are still being contacted regularly regarding parking problems. The City of York Council now deal with this. There is a parking hotline for reporting parking problems 0800 138 11119.
4. Q. There is a problem with youths congregating in play areas. What is being done?
A. The Police are working with Group Response (Community Rangers).
5. Q. Are alcohol exclusion zones a good idea?

A. It depends on the place. There would have to be very strong evidence of a problem in order for one to be implemented.

6. John Cook from Group Response, who run the Community Ranger service, gave an update.

7. There is a problem with play areas in the ward. The Community Rangers lock the play areas at night as a good will gesture but cannot guarantee that this is done every night or at a set time.

8. The Community Rangers patrol the ward but can only attend specific incidents if residents inform them of what is happening. The Rangers will respond to residents phone calls between 17:30hrs and 01:00hrs. Their contact number is 01757213270.

4. YOUR ENVIRONMENT

1. Angus Young sent his apologies for this agenda item. **Any issues raised will be passed to AY for actioning.**

The following issues were raised:

- There is a problem with a resident not putting bins away on Hull Road.
- The laybys in the ward are a problem. Can better bins be put in?

2. Barry Otley, from the York Environment Forum addressed the meeting, and explained some of the work of the Forum.

York Environment Forum has been running for four years. They sit on the City's Environmental Partnership which feeds into the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership. There are also links with the Passenger Transport Network.

All members are volunteers, and meetings are held once per month at the Guildhall. Barry told the meeting that new members were welcome.

They are currently involved in:

- CYC Climate Change Strategy
- Transport planning
- Local Development Framework allocations
- Green Infrastructure

Q. How do the forum engage with residents?

A. There are lots of environmental groups in York and the forum is working with the Council to set up a directory so residents can easily find out about them.

Q. There is a problem with litter blowing off business sites. Is there a way of naming and shaming business?

A. BO will raise this issues at the next forum meeting.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY

1. A residents commented that on the article in Your City about the warden call service and recommended it to other residents.

2. It was commented that there is still a problem with travellers at Nodel Hill. **Action: AY is to follow this up next week.**

The travellers here are looking for a permanent place and will be given one as soon as possible.

3. Q. Dog fouling is a problem in Osbaldwick. How can the Dog Wardens be contacted?

A. The Dog Wardens can be contacted on 551551.

4. Q. Is there a law regarding keeping dogs on the lead near public highways?

A. The answer was not known. **Action: JS to pass the enquiry to the Dog Wardens.**

5. Q. It was commented that the verges on Bromley Garth have not been cut. **Action: JS to pass to AY.**

Councillor Jenny Brooks, Chair

[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 9.00 pm].