
MEETING	DERWENT, HEWORTH WITHOUT & OSBALDWICK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	4 JULY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS AYRE, BROOKS AND WARTERS

1. **DROP IN SURGERY**

Prior to the formal meeting, members of the public had the opportunity to speak to the Ward Councillors, Councillors Ayre, Brooks and Warters, as well as Julie Hood, (Neighbourhood Management Officer) and Ian Dunn (Street Environment Officer).

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Derwent, Heworth Without and Osbaldwick Ward Committee, held on 6 February 2012, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

Apologies had been received from North Yorkshire Police as no one from the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team could attend the meeting due to the team being on day shift with "Crucial Crew" commitments and July 4th duties at Menwith Hill.

PC 1796 Alex Dobson, York Rural East Beat Manager, had provided a written update which was circulated at the meeting and is attached as an annex to these minutes.

No issues were raised regarding policing in the ward.

RESOLVED: That the update on the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team be noted.

REASON: In order that Ward Members, parish councils and residents are kept informed regarding police work in the ward.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY

Residents were given the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns they may have in respect of the ward.

The following issues were raised:

- There are large potholes towards edge of Woodlands Grove which pose a danger to cyclists.
- Drivers pull onto the grass verge by flats on corner of Woodlands Grove which is damaging the grass. Complaints have been made to the Council already. Concrete posts would prevent this from happening.
- Notice Board at end of the stray is empty, one door has been ripped off and it is covered with graffiti. Who is responsible for this? Money was raised by hosting a Jubilee party to purchase a new community notice board to be located at end of Westlands Grove. What is process for this? *Members agreed to look into planning issues for the new board.*
- Concern raised by residents that none of three Ward Members are members of ruling Labour Group. Some residents felt that this disadvantaged the ward. *Members advised residents that the Council's Forward Plan is published online and members of the public have the right to speak at meetings or can email the Cabinet Member with concerns. Ward Committees are non-political.*
- The "Keep Clear" road marking to allow drivers to exit from Straylands onto Malton Road is very faint and is difficult to read. *Ward Members agreed to speak to transport officers on this issue.*
- Tang Hall Beck is full of rubbish and trees have fallen in. *Ward Members agreed to liaise with the Foss Internal Drainage Board on this issue.*

- One resident raised concerns about being bothered by dogs on the “nice part of the stray” when playing with her children. She stated that this is also likely to be an issue for a local school which uses this part of the stray too. Other residents noted that the stray was common land with open access and therefore everyone including dog walkers should be able to use it.
- Would like more information on the new Smartphone app featured in Your Voice. *Ward Members explained that this is a free app available to anyone with a Smartphone – it enables the user to photograph an issue, such as littering or graffiti, the app works out its location using the phone’s GPS, allows you to add comments then submits it to the Council for action.*
- Would like more information on future housing development on Whitby Drive. *Ward Members stated that outline planning consent has been granted for 4 dwellings. It is expected that the land will be sold with outline permission. Any purchaser would have to submit another application to the council for full planning permission before any building work could commence.*
- Concern that a semi on Burnholme Avenue is being used as business rather than a home. *Ward Members advised the concerned resident to contact planning enforcement officers at the Council.*

RESOLVED: That the issues raised be noted.

REASON: In order that residents concerns are addressed.

5. **WARD COMMITTEE FUNDED SCHEMES 2012/13**

Ward Members were asked to agree the schemes to be funded through the Ward Committee for 2012/13. Details of how funding was now allocated, and a list of eligible schemes for the year, had been circulated at the meeting. It explained that the funding was now split into 3 pots as follows:

- Ward Budgets: Each ward had an allocation to use as grant funding to commission local voluntary and community organisations to meet identified needs
- Other Voluntary Sector Support: Funding to support those voluntary sector organisations that provide services to more than one ward and that are currently forced to apply for a plethora of individual ward committee grants. It was not intended that this fund would be open to Council services such as Street Sport; however, it was proposed that in the first year only, whilst the Ward Credits pot was being established, Council services were allowed to bid.

Your Consortium had won the tender to administer the schemes according to the Council's criteria and priorities and would provide support to the recipient organisations including accessing additional funding / revenue sources, helping them to become more sustainable.

- Ward Credits: A "credits pot" to be allocated to identified wards to be used to commission new services, either from within the Council or from other partners / sectors, to deliver on the Ward priorities.

Ward Members acknowledged that the majority of schemes were no longer eligible for ward funding and noted that the eligible schemes which had been put forward, and amounts applied for, were as follows:

- A grant for maintenance of the scout and guide hall in Dunnington - £1,000 (Derwent Ward)
- A grant to Heworth Cricket Club towards increased wicket space for juniors - £1,300 (Heworth Without Ward)
- A grant to Osbaldwick Sport Club for the provision of cricket coaching 0 £1,000 (Osbaldwick Ward)
- A grant to Dunnington Cricket Club towards fencing the practice area - £2,500 (Derwent Ward)
- A community chest for Derwent schemes that come up during the year (Derwent Ward)
- A community chest for Osbaldwick schemes that come up during the year (Osbaldwick Ward)

Some residents stated that that they had not been asked to vote on the schemes. Ward Members advised that the voting forms

for each ward had been included within the Your Voice/Your Ward publications but acknowledged that voting was lower than previous years. Residents raised concerns that many of them were not receiving the Your Voice/Your Ward publications through their door and this would be a factor in why voting was down. Ward Members advised that in future, they would be talking to residents to determine the priorities for the ward and then deciding on which schemes to fund based on this information.

Following discussion it was agreed that the £4,340 for Derwent, Heworth Without and Osbaldwick Ward Committee for 2012-13 be allocated as follows:

Derwent Ward (£1,426)

To be allocated as follows:

- A contribution towards the maintenance of the scout and guide hall in Dunnington - £750
- A contribution towards fencing the practice area of Dunnington Cricket Club - £500
- Community Chest - £176 (to be used to support local voluntary groups deliver projects which focus on the Ward priorities)

Heworth Without Ward (£1,488)

To be allocated to a community chest to be used to support local voluntary groups deliver projects which focus on the ward priorities.

Osbaldwick Ward (£1,425)

To be allocated to Osbaldwick Sports Club for the provision of cricket coaching.

RESOLVED: That Ward Members agree the allocation of ward funding as detailed above.

REASON: To enable ward grant funding to be allocated to local ward schemes for 2012-13.

Note: Councillor Brooks declared an personal and prejudicial interest in this item as she is a trustee of the Dunnington Scouts and Guides Management Committee. She left the room while discussion took

place on the schemes and did not participate in the vote.

6. CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Nick Eggleton from Transdev had been invited to attend the meeting to talk to residents about recent changes to bus services in the Ward but had not been able to attend and had sent his apologies. He provided a written update on bus services to Ashley Park which was circulated to Ward Members and residents at the meeting. This has also been attached as an annex to the minutes.

Residents raised concerns that, due to the way the timetables of the Coastliner (844 and 840) and No 11 services were organised, there was some overlapping of services. They reported that the number 11 service frequently did not run to time and residents often experienced delays. Furthermore there was no evening or Sunday service on this route.

It was suggested that a meeting take place in order to discuss bus travel in Heworth Without ward.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Ward Member for Heworth Without Ward liaise with the Neighbourhood Management Officer to organise a meeting to discuss bus travel in the ward.

(ii) That representatives from both Transdev and First York be invited to this meeting to provide their views and answer questions.

REASON: To ensure that residents concerns regarding bus travel in Heworth Without ward are given due consideration.

7. YOUR WARD FORUM

The Ward Members introduced the 'Your Ward Forum' and asked residents to suggest issues they would like discussed at future informal meetings.

Residents suggested it would be interesting to look at planning issues in order to gain an insight into how planning is handled in the city, including the policy framework and how applications are dealt with.

RESOLVED: That the issue detailed above be put forward for inclusion on the agenda for the next informal meeting.

REASON: To ensure that issues relevant to the ward raised by members and residents at meetings are given due consideration.

Councillor N Ayre, Chair

[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.25 pm].

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Derwent, Heworth Without and Osbaldwick Ward Committee Annual Meeting – 4 July 2012

Police Update

Apologies that no one from the team can attend as the team are on day shift with 'Crucial crew' commitments and July 4th duties at Menwith Hill.

As of 4th June 2012 the updated Safer Neighbourhood team for Derwent, Osbaldwick and Heworth Without is as follows –

Inspector Jo Brooksbank,
Sgt 1343 Donna Musgrove,
PC 1796 Alex Dobson - Beat Manager,
PCSO 5537 Anne Simpson – Derwent and Heworth Without,
PCSO 5611 Simon Cartwright – Osbaldwick.

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Crimes in the Ward over the past 3 months – April/ May /June.

Osbaldwick – 45 crimes (includes shop theft at B&Q and fraud at BP Hull road, x 9) – (Previous year 34 crimes).

Derwent – 18 crimes (previous year 16 crimes)

Heworth Without – 17 crimes (previous year 22 crimes).

The team have daily taskings which are targeting local criminals and anti social behaviour (ASB) hotspots. These targets are visited to disrupt their behaviour and the ASB areas are patrolled as part of the daily patrols plans.

The PCSO ASB patrol car is out on a daily basis on local patrols and answers calls of ASB in the area.

The team also have 'weekly important goals' focusing on targeting and reducing crime in the area and the focus for July 2012 is on vehicle crime (Op Buckaroo).

There are 4 active problem solving plans running at the moment in the area which relate to ASB (Op Brink) , Metal theft (Op Tornado), Vehicle crime (Op Buckaroo), Burglary (Op Haven..

We are still running a selection of surgeries throughout the month and if you have any queries you are more than welcome to attend these. A full list can be found on the NYP internet site or on the notice boards within the Wards. Cycle marking (Op Spoke) can be requested from your local PCSO.

We encourage local Residents to please report incidents of ASB or any criminal activity to the local team so they can stay up to date of area incidents and we can support the local community and gather information related to issues on our area.

Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the team.

Should anyone wish to contact the police please use the 101 telephone number and choose option 2 and then ask for the officer by name of collar number or 999 for emergencies.

Thanks

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Non Emergency Telephone Number - 101

Bus Services to Ashley Park

Route 844 was introduced as an experiment back in May 2009. Transdev were at that time experiencing competition from another bus operator between York, Tadcaster and Leeds.

The introduction of 844 was accompanied by the existing Coastliner service being altered to take a more direct route between York and Leeds and offering our longer distance passengers a much quicker journey. Route 844 also covered those parts of Tadcaster and Copmanthorpe no longer served by the 'fast' journeys.

Two years latter passenger numbers between York and Leeds have grown and in sufficient numbers to justify the continued existence of both services between the two cities. The number of passengers using the service between York City Centre and Ashley Park has however proved to be insufficient to cover the cost of operating this section of route. Please be reassured that we will only withdraw from an area when we find ourselves in such a situation. As a number of local commentators have written in the York Press if numbers had been greater we would have been delighted to continue.

The resources used have now been reallocated to provide a direct link between Leeds, Tadcaster, Copmanthorpe and The University of York. We hope that the large number of students travelling to and from the University, often without possession of a car, will provide in time a much greater flow of passengers than that carried in the Ashley Park experiment.

Nigel Eggleton
July 4th 2012

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