
MEETING	HESLINGTON & FULFORD WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	25 JANUARY 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ASPDEN AND JAMIESON-BALL KRISTINA DAVEY SENIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICER, CYC SALLY BARKER NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT OFFICER, CYC SUZANNE PRANCE STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, CYC ALISTAIR BRIGGS TRAFFIC ENGINEER, CYC JON MEACOCK, DIRECTOR OF ESTATES, UNIVERSITY OF YORK TIM NGWENA, PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENT UNION MICHAEL GLEW , PROJECT MANAGER YORKSHIRE WATER ANDY BALL, PROJECT LEADER, BENTLEY 55 RESIDENTS
APOLOGIES	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. DROP IN SURGERY

Ten Residents arrived at the Drop In to speak to the Councillors, Street Environment Officer, and Neighbourhood Management Team. A display and joining information was available for Volunteer Snow Patrol Wardens.

2. WELCOME & MINUTES

Cllr Jamieson- Ball welcomed residents to the meeting and agreed the minutes of the last meeting a true record.

3. UNIVERSITY ROAD PARKING ISSUES

Alistair Briggs, Traffic Engineer, City of York Council, informed the meeting that a decision had been made earlier that day to place parking restrictions along the entire length of University Road on both sides of the road in order to prevent the parking problems that have occurred over recent years. It is hoped that this work will be completed by April 2011 following the legal process required.

Cllr Jamieson-Ball supported the decision for parking restrictions.

Tim Ngwena, President of University of York, outlined the continuing commitment to making the university a car free area. The key message for students is that there is no need to have a car in York as there are far better transport alternatives. Before students move to York, they are

informed that there are no parking places available on campus for those living in university accommodation with a few exceptions who can pay for a discounted permit. Information is provided on the extensive bus service at the university, the benefits of cycling and the support offered for cycle safety and maintenance advice. This has been taken up very successfully by students.

John Meacock, Director of Estates, University of York introduced himself and informed the meeting that the University of York supported the decision on parking restrictions along University Road and on Heslington Lane.

The meeting was then opened up to residents to ask questions and the following points were noted:

- Cars are left outside residents properties on a daily basis. When asked, some students reported that there are no facilities on campus, but the cost and time element of travelling by public transport from Leeds and other cities is prohibitive. Tim Ngwena outlined that students have freedom of choice, the university has been working hard to promote car sharing but they cannot force people to use other means of transport.
- Additional parking will be added for the campus and the new swimming pool. A cycle track has been proposed from the Park & Ride and a possible bus route straight to campus.
- A resident asked the meeting to clarify their views on the financial responsibility for resident parking schemes.
ACTION: Alistair Briggs to clarify and the resident to email A. Briggs the relevant part of the CYC Transport document.
- It is hoped that the temporary buildings at the library site and the ????? site will be removed during the Summer which will increase the number of parking places available on campus. The larger Portacabin at the ????? site will remain.
- Rising bollards are not a feasible option to solve the problem of excessive parking on residential streets as 24 hour access is still required by residents, visitors and emergency services. These are more suitable to block off one entrance to an area that suffers from rat running. Cllr Jamieson-Ball informed the meeting that a similar scheme was consulted on previously and rejected.
- Concern was raised that people would park on the grass verge to avoid the double yellow line parking restrictions. Cllr Jamieson-Ball informed the meeting that the verge would be subject to the same parking restrictions and a parking penalty could still be issued.
- There are 150 parking spaces on campus and barriers are being implemented. There also plans for 150 extra parking spaces at Grimston Bar and ????? new spaces for the new swimming pool.

Permits for the campus parking spaces cost £30 per year or 0.6% of staff salary.

- If parking was free on campus this would most likely encourage further cars users to use the spaces, which would impact on road congestion.
- Cllr Jamieson-Ball advocated that instead of looking at the impact of increased parking on streets surrounding the university campus on an annual basis in a piece-meal fashion, as directed by the planning conditions of the campus expansion, the issues should be considered holistically and a plan to tackle the whole problem in one go should be considered. Parking restrictions must go hand in hand with resident parking schemes to avoid pushing the problems to other areas each year. He suggested installing a cycle path from the Park & Ride site to the campus and a bus link through campus. A vision for everyone will be the only way to solve the existing problems.
- Anyone found abusing a resident parking scheme through illegal selling of permits etc. will have their permit confiscated. There has been a recent case of this occurring when it was discovered that a permit had been put on sale on E-bay.
- A resident of Fulford outlined concerns that the parking problems in Heslington would move on to Fulford next.
ACTION: Cllr Aspden will raise this issue at the next Fulford Parish Council meeting.

4. FULFORD RISING MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Michael Glew, Project Manager, Yorkshire Water and Andy Ball from the Project Team of Bentley gave a presentation on the Fulford rising mains replacement project. The meeting was shown plans of where the work is to take place and were reassured that all the land will be restored to it's original condition and, in some cases, improved upon. Some Roman artefacts, including a broach, buckles and coins had been found during the archaeological explorations of the site. Work began in November but has been slow due to bad weather and flooding. Himalayan Balsam has been found on Fulford Ings and will be removed from the area over coming years to try to eliminate it permanently. The Tansy Beetle has also been found in the areas to be worked on and have been temporarily removed to a safe environment whilst the works take place. They will be returned once the site has been restored.

A resident requested that any archaeological artefacts be display in Fulford. **ACTION:** Cllr Aspden will investigate this possibility.

A general discussion took place about the location of part of the works. The officers and residents progressed the discussion outside of the meeting.

Reassurance was given to residents that the Himalayan Balsam is treated with a non hazardous substance .

5. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

A general discussion took place about the provisional list of Local Improvement Schemes 2011/2012, that were published in the January 2011 edition of Your Ward. The list of schemes were approved for funding in 2011/12 subject to the schemes being legal, feasible and within budget.

Provisional Schemes Lists 2011-12

Scheme ref	Description	Cost £
HF-11-02	A fund for to continue filling the existing ward committee-funded salt bins (Delwood, Fulfordgate and Glen Close), as well as two new bins on Langwith Lane (Heslington) and Pasture Farm Close (Fulford).	£1,100
HF-11-04	Contribution towards installing cycle storage outside Fulford Cemetery on Fordlands Road	£500
HF-11-05	Re-paint street light columns back in both wards, where the original paint has flaked off	£1,000
HF-11-06	Replace the shabby litter bin at the Connaught court bus shelter on Main street, Fulford	£450
HF-11-13	Contribution towards continued hire of the Sustrans rangers who maintain off-road cycle routes in the wards.	£250
HF-11-14	Community chest to fund projects and ongoing improvements throughout the year.	£3,000
HF-11-15	Grant to York Carers' Centre. Funds will be used to hold sessions at local venues in Heslington and Fulford, offering support to carers and raising awareness of carers issues. More information about the group can be found at: www.yorkcarerscentre.co.uk	£450
HF-11-16	Grant to Age Concern to run a toenail cutting service in local venues. Six sessions will be in Heslington and six in Fulford.	£500
HF-11-17	Grant to Older Citizens' Advocacy York to provide advice sessions for older citizens within the ward	£1,700
HF-11-20	Grant towards the refurbishment of Fulford Social Hall windows, including secondary glazing where required.	£3,000
HF-11-22	Grant to Street Sports York to continue the street sports programme in Heslington & Fulford.(10 two-hour sessions,5 in each ward)	£2,000
HF-11-23	Grant to Heslington Sportsfield Management Committee towards refurbishment of the pavilion at the Outgang	£5,000
HF-11-24	Grant to Fulford Junior Club for resources and to fund external groups to come in and run various workshops and activities	£1,500
HF-11-25	Funding towards new play equipment in existing play areas	£1,000
Reserve Schemes		
HF-11-03	Street lighting pot to carry out improvements in both wards, including work in Fordlands crescent and School lane based on the designs commissioned from 2010/11 funding	£6,000
HF-11-07	Add new litter bins between heath Moor drive, Fulford and along Heslington Lane towards the university - reserve	£2,400
HF-11-08	Grant to Edible Holmesfield to purchase and grow fruit,nut and herb trees and bushes so that residents can help themselves	£490

Cllr Jamieson-Ball, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 9.05 pm].