
MEETING	DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD COMMITTEE Woodthorpe Primary School
DATE	6 OCTOBER 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS HOLVEY, REID AND SUNDERLAND
IN ATTENDANCE	55 local residents PC Mark Antonelli, North Yorkshire Police Cindy Benton, Neighbourhood Management Officer, CYC Andrew Williams, Street Environment Officer, CYC PCSO Angela Hollywood, North Yorkshire Police PCSO Richard Tempest, North Yorkshire Police PCSO Richard Dalby, North Yorkshire Police John Swires, Group Manager, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Ginnie Shaw, Neighbourhood Management Officer, CYC Damon Copperthwaite, Ass Director City Development & Transport, CYC Tony Clarke, Capital Programme Manager, Development & Transport, CYC Paul Thackray, Head of Highway & Street Operation, CYC

1. 6.15PM SURGERY

This was an opportunity for residents to talk to their ward councillors, Police and to report any street environment or any other ward-based issues.

2. 7.00PM MAIN MEETING

1. Welcome and introductions by Cllr Ann Reid

Extra Agenda Item added – York Fire Service Review

2. John Swires, Group Manager North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

John gave a brief update on the review of all the fire stations in York and in particular the main issues.

- The Fire Service are seeking the views of residents & businesses.
- Proposals are to be made regarding the relocation of fire stations within the city and the residents of York will be asked for their opinions about these proposals.
- There will be consultation papers all over the city in the next few weeks.

3. Police

PCSO Richard Dalby gave a brief ward update;

- Between the 13th & 16th October it will be 'Not in your Neighbourhood Week'. This is week of visible joined up working alongside various other agencies and a the Policing Team visiting more people during the week. This will include coffee mornings at sheltered housing and crime prevention surveys etc.
- There will also be street signs going up where there is Neighbourhood Watch.

Questions raised by residents were;

- Anything planned for the Middlethorpe Grove area?
 - There will be visits to the businesses and possibly the Police van giving crime prevention advice.

4. Askham Bar Park & Ride New Site

Paul Thackray, Damon Copperthwaite & Tony Clarke were present to explain about the proposed plans.

Paul gave a brief outline of the site (known as Sim Hills);

- The Access York Phase 1 development includes 3 new Park & Ride sites.
- The land for the new one to replace Askham Bar was formerly a waste disposal site.
- The present Site holds 550 cars and the new site will hold 1250 cars.
- We will also be looking at the pedestrian and cycle facilities for the site.
- As the site is on a hill then we will be looking very carefully at drainage and landscaping.
- Aiming to obtain gold standard car parking security.
- The main reception building will hopefully be a landmark building.
- The next step is to start formal consultation at the end of November.
- It should not affect the existing traffic as most of the work is of the highway.

Residents raised the following;

- What is the timeframe?
 - Hopefully the construction would start early in 2010 and would take 12 months
- Was this a council tip?
 - Yes it is a former landfill site and gas monitoring is taking place.
- Will this become an overflow car park for the college?
 - No as it will be a token system to park and the token has to be validated on the bus.
- Any thoughts to what will happen to the existing car park?
 - No decision has been made on this yet.
- Will the frequency of the bus service increase if more people are using the car park?
 - Yes we are hoping that this will increase to 6 or 7 on the route at one time.
- At the moment people walk and cycle to use the Park & Ride, will this still be possible?

- This is being looked at.
- Local residents should remember that this is a Park & Ride site and not a local bus service.
- The numbers 12 & 13 bus services go past Moor Lane at virtually the same time so can we change the frequency of them?
 - This is something we can ask First
- Is the existing site big enough for a community stadium?!
- The buses do not use the bus lane in the college.
- There will be a clear lighting need, cctv and landscaping at a low level.
 - Landscaping within the perimeter will be low level to enable security.

5. Ward Schemes 2009/2010

People were given the opportunity to speak about the ward schemes for 2009/2010, and also to raise any questions or queries about the schemes on the ballot list.

The following schemes were represented at the meeting;

- St Edwards Church – Michael Bailey
- Citizens Advice Bureau – Trisha
- Dringhouses Dance Group – Doreen Tiller
- Woodthorpe Playgroup – Caroline
- Westhorpe Scout Group – Mike Green

The Dringhouses Local History Group gave an update on the what they had spent the ward grant on that they received last year.

- A resident asked what is the feedback that we received from Group Response?

The overall satisfaction of the service has improved greatly and we receive quarterly reports.

3. 8.40PM HAVE YOUR SAY

- What will happen to the bus service when Moor Lane Bridge is closed?
 - Unsure as yet but it will probably go round Thanet road. There should be notification in the bus stops.
- Are Cllrs happy with the state of the paths after the grass cutter has been?
 - Cllrs to check how much extra it would cost to sweep grass up. Although the terrible weather this year has made the grass cutting programme more difficult.

Possible agenda items suggested for the next meeting;

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