
MEETING	RURAL WEST YORK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	29 JANUARY 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS GILLIES, HEALEY AND HUDSON

1. WARD COMMITTEE INFORMATION DROP-IN

Residents had the opportunity to speak to a number of ward team and other agencies at the 45 minute information session.

- Street Sports Bus sessions in the ward
- How to help tackle speeding in your area (display)
- The work of Environmental Protection services
- Composting advice from York Rotters
- Council recycling initiatives
- York Environment Forum
- York's World Heritage Status Bid
- York Environment Forum
- Yorkshire Rural Community Council

Residents gave their views on:

- the top policing priorities for the ward in to the Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team, in a facilitated exercise.

There was also an informal opportunity to speak to:

- their Ward Councillors and some Parish Councillors and Clerks
- Angus Young, Street Environment Officer
- Graeme Dawson, Neighbourhood Management Officer

2. POLICE: RURAL WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM UPDATE

PS Andy Haigh thanked the residents attending for participating in the prioritisation exercise, and went on to give a brief crime figures update.

Crime overall had fallen by 24% with around 40 fewer victims. Burglary and auto-crime had fallen.

Some youth disturbance issues in Poppleton were being dealt with by ABCs – Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

Questions

What can residents do to combat speeding?

- The council and the police work in partnership over speeding, and at present speeding prevention / detection is not the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, though the police recognise it is a concern.
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams may soon have access to, and training on speed-guns, and be able to issue speeding tickets. In the meantime, if passed a vehicle registration number that has been speeding in the area, individuals will be written to and warned about their behaviour.
- Residents were pointed to the display of “It’s Our Neighbourhood: Watch Your Speed” material available at the meeting.

Could the Police explain a little more about Acceptable Behaviour Contracts?

The Contracts are a civil agreement between a child, their parents and the Police. The idea is to bring the problem of a child’s anti-social behaviour directly to their parents attention, and work with all concerned to effect changes.

Should the process not work, then courts will look more favourably upon granting an ASBO (anti-social behaviour order) which has stronger powers available to it.

3. WARD BUDGET

Cllr Healey introduced the ward budget, and explained to the meeting that many prioritised 2008/9 schemes could be done in the 2007/8 financial year.

Funds have been made available for £15,000 to be allocated to the Main Street, Copmanthorpe street lighting scheme in the 2007/8 financial year.

Askham Richard’s kerbing project along School Lane, has been deferred to an early start in the new financial year, allowing more of the project to be completed than if it had gone ahead in 2007/8.

Scheme RW-08-10 to install a further bin on Top Lane, Copmanthorpe was withdrawn at the meeting, due to resident and Parish Councillor comments that the money was better spent on other projects. York Pride funding had recently replaced a bin in there.

A commitment was made to therefore redirect this funding to youth projects in 2007/8 in Copmanthorpe and Poppleton.

Ward Councillors commented on the complications ward budgeting had presented when there were two funds of revenue and capital for the ward. The hope is that these can be merged when the council sets its annual budget, and so give more flexibility, especially in a situation where there are more revenue projects than capital.

Councillors also said they had allocated funding trying to maintain a good balance across the ward.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY

- Some residents commented that they hadn't received the city budget consultation document.
- A resident commented that there is a perceived increase of developers developing greenbelt in the ward, particularly a concern around Rufforth.

Cllr Ian Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 7.30 pm and finished at 8.45 pm, 28 ward residents attended]

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RURAL WEST YORK WARD COMMITTEE							
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES LIST 2008 / 9							
As approved 29 January 08							
					Capital	Revenue	Brought forward to 07 underspend
			Cost		£11,470	£21,370	
Village / Whole Ward							
AMBITION 1 SAFER COMMUNITIES							
RW-08-05	Grant to Age Concern to fund a Community Outreach Support Worker to visit and support older residents identified as lonely and isolated.	Ward	£2,366			£2,366	
RW-08-06	Contribute to ongoing improvement work to street lighting in Main St, Copmanthorpe.	Copmanthorpe	£15,000				£15,000
RW-08-03	Investigate speed calming measures in Hessay e.g. vehicle activated signs, subject to feasibility and council policy.	Hessay	£2,500				£2,500
RW-08-34 (RW-07-08)	Askham Richard Kerbing project, to install kerbing along the prison side of School Lane.	Askham Richard	£10,000			£10,000	
					£0	£12,366	£17,500
AMBITION 2 CLEANER, GREENER ENVIRONMENT							
RW-08-14	Grant to Nether Poppleton Parish Council to fund Phase Three of the Tree Management Plan: work on the ash trees on Riverside Walk.	Nether Poppleton	£1,000				£1,000
RW-08-12	Provide public seating to the grassed area of Rufforth village green and other public spaces, and provision of trees, shrubs and bulbs.	Rufforth	£1,500				£1,500
RW-08-13	Grant to Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council to improve and develop the wild flower meadow adjacent to the burial ground in Knapton, to provide a facility to all to enjoy with grassed areas and fringe planting of trees.	Knapton	£500				£500
					£0	£0	£3,000

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AMBITION 3 MORE COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES							
RW-08-23	Grant to York and District Sports Federation for the 'Fund for the Gifted' project, which targets young sports people aged 18 and under, to help pay for some of the training, travel and equipment costs associated with their chosen sport.	Ward	£250			£250	
RW-08-22	Provision of a fund for youth activities	Ward	£6,000			£6,000	
RW-08-32	Ward wide playground improvements	Ward	£11,470		£11,470		
RW-08-28	Grant to Poppleton Lunch Club to pay for venue hire and volunteer driver expenses.	Nether / Upper Poppleton	£500			£500	
RW-08-31	Help fund the production of a Parish Plan for both Rufforth and Knaption Villages in conjunction with Yorkshire Rural Community Council.	Rufforth / Knaption	£500				£500
RW-08-33	Rural West York ward community events fund	Ward	£2,500			£1,500	
					£11,470	£8,250	£500
OTHER SCHEMES							
RW-08-31	Help fund the production of a Parish Plan for both Rufforth and Knaption Villages in conjunction with Yorkshire Rural Community Council.	Rufforth / Knaption	£500				£500
RW-08-32	Rural West York Community Chest, including supporting ambition to facilitate consultation					£750	
					£0	£750	£500
					£11,470	£21,366	£21,500
					£0	£4	n/a