MEETING DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

COMMITTEE

DATE 6 FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT COUNCILLORS

TOM HOLVEY, ANN REID

SUE SUNDERLAND

26 local residents

PC Mark Antonelli, North Yorkshire Police

Cindy Benton, Neighbourhood Pride Officer, CYC Michelle Watling, Street Environment Officer, CYC

Erin Gardner, Waste Strategy Officer, CYC PCSO Angela Hollywood, North Yorkshire Police PCSO Richard Tempest, North Yorkshire Police PCSO Christopher Upton, North Yorkshire Police

Vicky Fuggles, Area Youth Manager, CYC

1. 7.00-7.30PM: WARD 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. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS BY CLLR TOM HOLVEY

3. POLICE

PC Mark Antonelli gave an update on issues in the ward and reported;

- crime was down 17% in the ward.
- There is an increase in fraud crime
- Burglary figures have dropped considerably
- There are still problems with graffiti tags around the ward
- There are now 3 cold calling zones within the ward

Residents raised the following questions and concerns:

- Can you put speed traps on the road?
- Are flashing lights legal on a bicycle?
- What is the law on the mini motos?
- The cycle painted on the road near St Georges Place still makes it look like there is a dropped kerb on to the path. This needs altering.

4. DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE PLANNING PANEL

Roger Jennings, the present chair of Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Planning Panel spoke about the work the planning panel do and the advantages of local people getting involved.

The Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Planning Panel;

- See all planning applications for the ward
- Make recommendations to planning officers
- Assist in terms of planning matters
- Object to improve the environment and to keep it unspoilt

If anyone would like to join the planning panel the next meeting is on the 12th Feb 7.30pm at Dringhouses Church Hall.

All present members were re-elected to the planning panel committee.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY

- There are many cigarette ends on the floor since the smoking ban
- Can we make sure the dog bin on Leven Green gets empties as it isn't at the moment.
- Lots of litter behind the Terry's factory site
- Council staff have been seen smoking in their cabs, are they allowed to?
- Grass verges are being ruined by the parking in Wharf Drive.
- Can we make sure the recycling team put the bins back where they belong.

6. YOUTH SERVICE

Vicky Fuggles, Youth Service Area Manager gave a brief update of Youth Activities in the area.

The Moor Lane Youth Centre is the biggest Youth Service resource at this side of the city.

It is used by voluntary groups as well as Council Workers. Tutors also use it in term time for 1 to 1 sessions.

There is an evening program of 5 nights per week. We have mainly young peoples activities but we also accommodate bingo and a dance group for the older generation.

We have a performance group called 'Rising Stars' who are now going to do a short demonstration of their forthcoming production 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

[The meeting started at Time Not Specified and finished at Time Not Specified].