

## **South Pontefract Community Partnership Wednesday 23rd August 2006 – Halberg House**

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### **Present:**

Alan Gooding	Angela Vause	Margaret Hymas
Jack Kershaw	Debbie Hymas	K Willoughby
Elaine Marsh	Hazel Speight	Margaret Westerman
Trevor Izon	Reg Greenhough	A Westerman
Joan Ward	Kebir Berry	Patricia Muramatsu
Geoff Walsh	Philip Booth	Paul Uttley
Rita Gooding	Ken McRitchie	Steve Dodds
Marjorie Laidlaw	Pete Tough	Stanley Smith
Gary Smith	Carl Blanckensee	Tina Blanckensee

### **Apologies:**

John Colville		
Julie Carritt	Clive Tennant	Bill Flynn
Kath Spink	June Brogden	Emma O'Reilly
Colin Willock	Carol Sidebottom	Sarah Evans
Pat Garbutt	Gordon Woollard	Louise Robson

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### **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the 26th July 2006 were read and signed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Geoff Walsh and seconded by Margaret Westerman

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Matters Arising**

None

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### **Treasurers Report**

A full report will be submitted at the next meeting when end of year statements have been produced.

### **SRB Report**

Nothing new to report.

### **Fire Service Report**

- Fire Officer Paul Uttley delivered a fire safety and fire alarm update. He also gave details of a new "Affordable Warmth" scheme for which Hot Spot cards are available from him and Helen Monks at the PCT development team.
- A new Pension Review Service is available from the DWP by contacting Kay Tordoff on 01924 433741.
- Partnership Secretary to put forward questions to Simon Pilling (Head of Fire Committee) re; the future of Featherstone Fire Station.

## Community Police

- SGT Steve Dodds presented an update on the community police framework and its actions in South Pontefract.
- He stressed the importance of reporting crime and how it impacts on decision making by himself and his team, on issue such as staff deployment.
- A breakdown of crime figures was given and the overall trend was reductions in crime figures versus last year and a significant increase in detection rates.
- Cllr Jack Kershaw Praised Steve and his team on their excellent performance and the positive impact it has had on the Halfpenny Lane and Love Lane areas.
- Debbie Hymas however has not received the response expected from the team when reporting incidents in the willow Park area. Steve was concerned that this situation had occurred.
- Cllr Philip Booth expressed concerns regarding the launch of the new Police "Ticket" system.

## St Mary's

- The Adult Education programme is currently being rolled out and numbers are looking healthy.

## Sports & Social Club

- The Lease on the Club premises at Willow Park has not yet been signed and still continues to be a serious problem area, to the extent that the Football Club has lodged a formal complaint with the local Government Ombudsman against Wakefield MDC.
- The club has taken over the maintenance of the playing fields. Portable goals have been purchased with funds raised by the club, in an effort to avoid permanent posts attracting people kicking balls into neighbour's gardens.
- The facility is so successful that we now need more land, 2 or 3 teams have to play at the Green Leas Centre in Carleton.

## Public Health

- Patricia reported that an open day is to be held on; 21<sup>st</sup> September 1-3pm at The Children's Centre, Chequerfield Infant School.
- A grant application has been accepted for £500 for the CRiSP team to attend a Page Maker software development programme.

## Carleton Park Estate Residents & Tenants Ass

- The gentle exercise class and the belly dancing are still running but the numbers are low.

## Cobblers Lane Residents & Tenants Ass

- Anti-social behaviour has been improving (with one exception which is being dealt with), despite the return of the motorcycle problem re-occurring.

## Carleton Grange

- Maintenance of the drive and outside areas are the next project due to their bad state of repair, this project is planned to be executed by Christmas.

## Churchbalk Neighbourhood Watch

- Continuing anti-social behaviour problems. There has been a confiscation and individuals served with behaviour orders.
- A racist incident had occurred.

## Councillors

- Cllr Philip Booth spoke of a new initiative called "Neighbourhood Action". The "It's your call" cards he presented are available from Paul Kipling at [pkipling@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:pkipling@wakefield.gov.uk).
- Cllr Trevor Izon commented on the situation at Willow Park Football Club, He reported that three years ago the Governors of the School agreed unanimously that the contracts would be signed off. The said contracts are still unsigned due to a few individuals objecting. The objections are far too late in the day after hundreds of thousands of pounds of public money has been spent on this project. The situation is being investigated by Kathy Allen. The Football Club has been advised to take legal advice.
- Cllr Geoff Walsh and Kebir Berry announced a Dance Event to be held at Pontefract Town Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006. The event is a fund raising event to enable the Town Hall to purchase a painting by Simon Attack, and would welcome any donations or fund raising support.

## Healthy Transport

- There are now 30 walkers regularly attending the Health Walks from St Mary's (11am start every fortnight). History Walks led by David Wilcox have proved extremely popular and demand has prompted other "Themed Walks" the latest is a liquorice walk.
- There is also an extra walk event date for the calendar, a Nature Walk to Fairburn Ings on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006(limited numbers).

## AOB

- Elaine Marsh, Partnership Secretary, launched the new South Pontefract Community Partnership website within the WDCO framework, where Minutes, Agendas, Contact Details and a downloadable version of the CRiSP 3 Report are available. [www.wdco.org/site/south-pontefract-community-partnership](http://www.wdco.org/site/south-pontefract-community-partnership)
- Details highlighting the service will be dispatched with other mailing items.
- An e-mail registration was also launched for those who wish to receive documents and updates via e-mail.
- The Pease Field Project was launched, Reg Greenhough as Chairman of the working party, had canvassed for residents to get involved and received a good response. Further details and updates of this project will be mailed out also posted on our website.

- Representatives from both the Family Centre and the Dog Wardens have been invited to attend the next meeting.
- Terry Kellett reported that damage was done to the Chequers Close Rugby Field to the value of approx £10k by a vandals in a digger.

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### Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 - 7pm at Yorkshire Penny