

# South Pontefract Community Partnership

## Wednesday 20th September 2006 – Yorkshire Penny

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### Present:

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| Alan Gooding  | Angela Vause   | Dawn Boucher     |
| Clive Tennant | Ann Burrows    | Colin Hardcastle |
| Elaine Marsh  | Hazel Speight  | Jenny Tyler      |
| Julie Carritt | Reg Greenhough | Sylvia Hall      |
| Joan Ward     | Kebir Berry    | M St Julien      |
| Colin Willock | Julian Glover  | Sue Belcher      |
| John Colville | Ken McRitchie  | Reg Greenhough   |

### Apologies:

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| Stanley Smith      | K Willoughby    | Bill Flynn         |
| Kath Spink         | June Brogden    | Emma O'Reilly      |
| Patricia Muramatsu | Jack Kershaw    | Geoff Walsh        |
| Pat Garbutt        | Gordon Woollard | Louise Robson      |
| Marjorie Laidlaw   | Trevor Izon     | Margaret Westerman |
| Debbie Hymas       | Philip Booth    | Margaret Hymas     |
| Rita Gooding       | Pete Tough      |                    |

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### Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 23rd August 2006 were read and signed as a true record.  
Proposed by Kebir Berry and seconded by Angela Vause

### Correspondence

- Response from Simon Pilling  
It was agreed that a **Strongly** worded letter be sent to the fire service stating our opposition to the service proposals.
- A flyer was made and distributed listing Dog Warden Services and contact details as our invitation was yet again delined.

### Matters Arising

None

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### Treasurers Report

A report was submitted detailing what spending had occurred and on what. A balance was submitted and indicated that other bills have still to be paid from the account balance.

### SRB Report

Alan attended a grants panel meeting last week and reminded everyone that the funding will draw to a close in March 2007 and urged that any funding applications be submitted quickly.

### Pease Park Project

The Partnership and Groundwork representative Jenny Tyler were briefed on the Pease meeting that had been held at St Mary's. A committee had been elected and the group had

sought advice and guidance from Jenny and her team, she accepted an invitation to attend Pease Park Project meetings.

## Family Centre

- The Pontefract Family Centre has continually been approached, with an invitation to attend our forum. We have finally had feedback from the centre that they currently do not wish to be part of the Partnerships structure in any capacity.
- It was agreed that they be removed from the agenda at future meetings.

## St Mary's

- The Adult Education programme is has been rolled out and numbers are looking very healthy. The only poor responses had been to Archaeology and Cake decorating. Promotion of the centers facilities continuing as usual.

## Sports & Social Club

No report submitted

## 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 Public Health meeting is to be held at St Mary's Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

## Carleton Park Estate Residents & Tenants Ass

- Anti –social behaviour continues to be a problem, A meeting being held at the Guide hut in Carleton was under siege from a large gang of youths. It was an ordeal for the people in the meeting and the police had to be called out.
- A large youth gang has been reported on several occasions around Carleton Park and other estates.
- Reports of people witnessing PARENTS dropping youths off in cars on the estates they're loitering on.
- Building works are almost at an end and all residences should be occupied by the end of the year.
- RAF Club have had vandal proof paint put on and CCTV installed.

## Cobblers Lane Residents & Tenants Ass

- Anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem.

## Carleton Grange

- Nothing new to report

## Churchbalk Neighbourhood Watch

- A serious assault took place in the Grove Town Bridge area on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>. This is one of three serious incidents in Pontefract area within 10 days.

## Councillors

- Anti social behaviour from youth gangs continues to plague the Off-License on Wakefield Road.
- More worrying reports of a van selling alcohol to youths on the street.
- A meeting is being held at the Thorny Croft centre, Halfpenny Lane on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, agenda items will include the Town Centre Masterplan.
- Pontefract Town Hall will host a meeting at 6pm on October 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Prince of Wales development.

## Carleton Glen & St Giles Res & Tenn Ass

- Reports of drink fuelled anti-social behaviour on the estate. It is believed that older youths are buying alcohol for the younger children.
- Concerns were expressed over the lack of response when reporting these incidents to the NPT.
- The Association has successfully negotiated an agreement for a traffic calming scheme to be launched on Carleton Glen.
- Concerns reported over the Rockery Project area on Carleton Glen, the project was handed over to WMDC and as yet have not made any attempt to maintain this area. Any improvement or maintenance work has been carried out by residents who do not want to see their hard work go to ruin.
- Projects carried out by Groundwork on the estate have been left incomplete and the Association calls for this to be resolved.
- The estate Gala held in August was a fantastic success, the Deputy Mayor & Mayoress attended and a good time was had by all.

## Healthy Transport

- There are now 30 walkers regularly attending the Health Walks from St Mary's (11am start every fortnight).
- The referrals from Doctors surgeries are starting to filter through and are expected to boost numbers even further for an already successful St Mary's Team.
- The Fairburn walk was a great success and continuing plans to extend theme walks

## AOB

- An e-mail registration continues for those who wish to receive documents and updates via e-mail.
- Alan Gooding reported that the value of the damage done to the Chequers Close Rugby Field was now estimated nearer the £20k mark than the £10k previously reported
- Julian Glover from VOX announced that he would like to regularly attend Partnership meetings as the VOX representative.
- Reg Greenhough reported that he had launched a new radio foundation course at the Pontefract Scouts premises with future plans to launch a junior Radio Club.
- Partnership Policy Documents are available to anyone wishing to have copies from the Secretary.
- Pease Park Project Policy Documents are available to anyone wishing to have copies from the Secretary.
- Donations to support the fund raising for the town hall painting would be welcomed.

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## Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 - 7pm at Monument House, Chequerfield