

Present

Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IR); Graham Sugden (GS); Hilary Sugden (HS)
Michele Mooney (MM); Lesley Walton (LW); Barbara Plumtree-Varley (BPV)

Apologies Steve Taylor (ST).

Agenda

1. Matters arising
2. Lawnswood Roundabout – night work GS
3. West Park Fields TR
4. Flower Meadow facing Northolme Cres. LW
5. PACT meeting (1st July) feedback - GS
6. AOB

1. Matters Arising

- a. AGM. GS to contact St Chads Primary School re booking school hall in September for either Tuesday 18th May 2027 or Wednesday 19th May 2027
- b. Planning permission for housing development at junction of Queenwood Drive and Spen Lane has now been approved.
- c. Lack of green space on the old police station site proposals has resulted in the developers contributing £70 000 towards improving green spaces in West Park.

2. Lawnswood Roundabout.

- a. At the recent monthly meetings with the construction company, we were informed that the final stages of the alterations would involve night work. This proposal suggests a start date towards the end of July and would last for five or six weeks. This work is intended to start at 8pm and finish at 6am, five days a week. It will involve both noise and heavy machinery vibrations. There is considerable opposition from residents living near the roundabout on the Ring Road and The Otley Road. A follow up meeting will be held on 8th July to discuss the situation.

3. West Park Fields

- a. Following the successful 'walkabout' on 12th April TR has suggested a meeting to discuss future improvement ideas for West Park Fields. This would include TR, GS and Izaak Wilson and Kevin Wood (Parks Department) to be invited. Suggested date – early September. TR to liaise with GS and Parks Department.
- b. The wildflower bed near the playground is impressive this year and much better than last year. An additional wildflower bed would further enhance the area.

4. Flower Meadow facing Northolme Crescent. (Hay Meadow)

- a. This area is cut once a year and last year the cuttings were left to rot which further enhanced grass growth for this year. However, this was to

the detriment of wildflowers. Suggestion is that grass cuttings to be raked off. TR to contact Parks Dept.

5. PACT meeting 1st July – details of last meeting already distributed to members.
 - a. Again, vehicle crime tops the list of crimes in the area.
 - b. Cameras to be installed along the Otley Road from Headingley Central towards Leeds University to monitor illegal stopping on the double red lines. Initially warning letters to be sent out for the first six months followed by fines.
 - c. Target for the next six weeks is speeding.
6. AOB
 - a. GALBA update. LCC have granted LBA permission to lawfully fly an additional 941 summer night flights on top of the existing summer cap of 2920 or winter cap of 1200. GALBA believes that LBA will try to exceed this number and are encouraging LCC to prosecute if this happens. Residents are also encouraged to contact councillors to support this limit.
 - b. Subscriptions – Agreed that IR to send out a thank you to all members who paid and a reminder to those who have still to do so.
 - c. Shire Oak Road Residents Association are to be invited to join NWLTF (North West Leeds Transport Forum)
 - d. WPRA web page – ST has updated the web page to give easier access to the minutes of meetings. Further discussion as to the need for more chronicles was rejected. Post card distribution and Annual Chronicle prior to AGM to continue.

Date of next meeting - Monday 7th September

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