

Present

Councillors	– Amanda Carter, Simon Seary, David Blackburn (Chair)
Baz Ali	– Team Leader Cleaner Neighbourhoods
Matt Birkett	– Service Manager Waste Collection Operations
Phillip Staniforth	– Parks Technical Manager Parks Operations
Sophie Roberts	– Housing Leeds
Harpreet Singh	– Communities Team
& Karen Emmerson	

Key Issues discussed:

1. Notes from previous meeting and Matters Arising

Apologies, Cllr Andrew Carter, Lee Hayward & Dawn Hutchinson

2. Cleaner Neighbourhoods

Baz Ali provided an update to the meeting

2.1 Discussed road sweeping as raised by AC – shift 1 and 2 – maps provided – parked cars – to go back – make a note of where they haven't swept and go back, discussed areas and days of the week – Sunday as capacity day – BA to provide a map of Wortley and Farnley to Cllr Blackburn

2.2 CCTC & Fly Tipping

Road sweep to stand down 15th October for 12 weeks

7 day plan grit in advance – sheltered priority

DB asked re increase re flytipping – BA confirmed yes, coming from out of Leeds, working with Bradford Council and putting cameras up in known areas.

3. Parks & Countryside Update

Phil Staniforth provided an update to the meeting

3.1 Pudsey

Swinnow Lane - Fencing around flats – HAP monies to replace the hedges.

Rutland Court - Gates on bin store – EIP funded.

Waterloo Grove - Fencing and Gates – HAP monies to secure site.

Wellstone Road - Landscape Garden to tidy.

Barrier at Tawny Beck – Work to be completed in the next couple of months.

Pudsey Park – litter bins are emptied on a weekend by the 'hot spot team' from Easter Bank Holiday through to the last Bank Holiday in August. Bins are emptied last thing on Friday at all other times.

3.2 Farnley & Wortley

Tong Drive - Bin store moved to a new location.

Bawns Ave - Fencing to secure site.

Western Flatts - Ball fence erected on MUGA and courts to be repainted.

Farnley Fish Pond – Op's team have recently cleaned the pond, cleared pathways and refurbished the signage.

Cabbage Hill – Access pathways and signage completed on top area; work to commence shortly on newly acquired area off Benson Gardens.

Butt Lane Playing Fields – large modular changing rooms have been erected on site over the weekend without Parks permission or planning approval. To be followed up and actioned accordingly.

3.3 Calverley & Farsley

Farfield - Fencing to stop travellers.

Westroyd - Tennis courts repainted.

Woodhall Playing Fields – signs installed re golf and dogs.

Victoria Park – Picnic table and bin installed. Dog control sign on tennis court.

Farsley Recreation Ground – Site meeting to be arranged to resolve access from new development.

Calverley Woods – Works funded from £25k of S106 money will commence soon. PS to keep AC updated.

Farsley Orchard – Wildflower meadow success this season.

Site Based gardener working at Tyersal Park and New Farnley Park funded by the Outer West Community Committee has been helpful to the service and proved a success yet again. Parks & Countryside were grateful to the Community Committee and hoped that their funding application for next year would be looked upon favourably.

3 Waste Collection Operations

Matt Birkett provided an update to the meeting

4.1 *Chief Officer Tom Smith now left – John Woolmer is deputy Chief Officer
Recruited 3 new Team Leaders on temporary appointments 1 is based in West Leeds.*

4.2 *Garden waste expansion was discussed for new housing developments and lack of brown bins, following requests from Cllrs funding secured for 1 additional route – 12000 properties, mainly new builds, launched in 2 stages, both now live.*

SS asked re black/green collection – still parts of Leeds not on weekly/fortnightly collections, advised he finds the bin app useful

DB asked re missed collections – very low other than usual hotspots due to parking – discussed re size of vehicle – issues re access

Amanda Carter asked regarding the route and turning the vehicle around - MB to get back to her – Salisbury?

4 Housing Leeds

Sophie Roberts provided an update to the meeting

5.1 Pudsey

All walkabouts completed for Q1 and now currently in the process of completing walkabouts for Q2. The team have identified numerous projects environmentally some of these have been completed and some are ongoing.

Alongside the walkabouts the Housing Officers complete inspection in regards to individual properties, there is currently 1 case with legal in regards to the condition to the garden. We have been able to recall one case from legal which indicates the untidy garden procedure does work and tenants do engage once we commence action.

Some larger projects have been funded via HAP, these include;
Litter Bins at Rycrofts- Cleaner neighbourhoods are assisting with the emptying of these bins
Dawsons Corner- Gardening project- provision for tools and plants.

Other environmental which have been completed;
Westway Garage site has been retarmaced and currently working with cleaner neighbourhoods to have abandoned car removed.
Hedges on Westdale Drive have been identified to be added to planned maintenance
Land adjacent to Kirklees Grove, it has been approved to clear this land and parks and countryside are due to complete this work.
Mount Tabor Street was identified as requiring some environmental work, particularly focusing on cutting back shrubs

The team are currently looking to identify work which can be completed by Community Payback to add to the work which is completed by Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Parks and Countryside.

Ongoing problems at the Claremont sheltered complex with flytipping but it is hoped the new CCTV which has been installed may help to identify perpetrators.

A number of enquiries from Ward Members in regards to land owned by Housing Leeds, often in poor state of repair. These have been referred to responsive repairs who have been assisting with patch repairs.

5.2 Wortley

All walkabouts completed for Q1 and currently ongoing for Q2

HAP bids completed;
Bawn Avenue- fencing and gates, HAP approved funding and Jag is currently working to get match funding for this project, ongoing work.

Partnership working with cleaner neighbourhoods and community payback on large area of land at rear of Butterbowl Drive/Lawn and Bawn Approach. The area at the rest of Butterbowl Drive Lawn has now been completed and is back to specification to be maintained by GM contracts.

Bawns- There is an issue with flytipping, teams to attend periodically but there is ongoing work to decide how to deal with this, if cleaner neighbourhoods check or if continue with referrals from HO's.

Next Meeting: TBC