Meeting Note

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015
Venue: Dean field Community Primary School, Cousin Lane, Ovenden HX2 8DQ

Present: Councillor Anne Collins (Chair), Councillor Bryan Smith, PS Phil Haigh ,PC James Moriarty (West Yorkshire Police ) Karen Scanlon (North and East Halifax Neighbourhood Team) Ced Oakley Community Warden for Halifax North & East , 7 Dean field Junior Wardens  and 10 residents

1 Welcome and introductions

1.1 Councillor Anne Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief outline of what the Ward Forums are about and how local people can be involved Councillor Anne Collins also said it was refreshing to see young people like the Junior Wardens be involved in the Ward Forum and the celebrations of 10 years of the Junior Wardens scheme Councillor Anne Collins also said that its noticeable in the last 10 years that how much a difference Ovenden is as a Safer Cleaner Greener place to live and work

Councillor Anne Collins also explained that minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2014 were on the tables

2 10 Years of the Junior Wardens

2.1 Karen Scanlon introduced this year’s Junior Wardens who gave a short presentation on some of the work that they have been involved in since the start of the year and who they have been working with .Karen Scanlon then gave a PowerPoint presentation to the meeting on some of the snippets of work that the Junior Wardens have been involved in over the last 10 years including old pictures of past Junior Wardens

2.2 The Junior Wardens where presented with a 10 year anniversary cake to mark the occasion from Deanfield Parents Friends Associations

3 Grot Spots – Tell us where they are?

3.1 Karen Scanlon explained a mapping exercise to interact with residents in the room and look at a map of the Ovenden Ward. Councillor Anne Collins encouraged residents to get involved and tell us about some of the problematic grot spot areas

3.2 Areas highlighted were

- Four Fields near Forest Cottage –Rubbish –Ovenden
- Shroggs Park -Rubbish in pond area –Lee Mount
• Ovenden Green – Rubbish on land and people setting fires on grass area
• Ashfield Drive – Litter – Ovenden Way
• Grand view Pub – Re-development - Wheatley Lane
• Myrtle Park – Litter
• Nursery Lane – Dog Foul – Rugby Mount .Ave, Gardens
• Cousin Lane – Dog Foul

4  **£5k Ward Forum Budget**

4.1 Karen Scanlon updated the meeting about the recent Ovenden Ward Forum grants panel. Karen said that the ward area had received 12 applications from local community groups totalling £4,898 of the £5000 available for the year ending 31 March 2015. 3 applications were diverted to the Staying Well Development Fund where the panel felt the projects were more suited to this project.

4.2 Successful applicants for 2014-15:

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5  **Police update**

PC Moriarty introduced himself as the Police Ward Officer for Ovenden. He said that across the Ovenden ward there has been a reduction in figures regarding crime since the last Ward Forum. Anyone wanting to access the figures can do so at [http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/)

5.1 **Club Lane Snicket in Ovenden** – Issues raised were around the snicket area from Club lane leading to Nursery Lane Ovenden with a group of young people causing ASB to residents and the Centre a@3ways
5.2 **Ovenden Green** – Residents reported the use of Motorbikes and Quads riding around at all hours. PS Haigh encouraged residents if the perpetrators are known to them to report the crime then the police can issue section 59 warning to the individual.

5.3 **Turner Avenue South** – Residents reported the use of a 4x4 Landover been driven around on the grassed area and driving dangerously on the streets of Turner Avenue South.

6 **Your issues – Open Forum**

6.1 **Speeding** – Resident reported concerns with regards the speed of cars speeding onto Wheatley Lane and into Lee Mount area.

6.2 **Wheatley Tunnel** – WARNING TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT PLAY IN UNUSED TUNNELS. PS Haigh reported that he had received a report of a group of young people who had been inside of the tunnel he warned that it’s dangerous and nobody should ever enter a discarded tunnel. PS Haigh is looking to find who owns the tunnel to secure the site.

6.3 **Fires** – Residents spoke about concerns for fires in various areas across the ward including at:

- Bank Edge
- Ovenden Green
- Ovenden Way
- Denfield Avenue
- Old Ridings school snicket area leading from Nursery Lane onto Club Lane

PS Phil Haigh explained that there has been a significant increase in fire around the Ovenden area in particular at Bank Edge with an individual arrest made last week for having a out of control fire. When the fire service attended the suspect attacked the fire crew he is now awaiting to be charged.

7 **Local Updates**

7.1 **Staying Well** - Helen Enevoldson, North Halifax Staying Well Worker gave a brief outline of the project and invited everyone to a new activity starting on Wednesday 22 April for men at Halifax Rugby Union Club. For more information look at [http://halifaxnorthandeast.com/2015/02/25/wednesday-time-out/](http://halifaxnorthandeast.com/2015/02/25/wednesday-time-out/) or contact Helen on 01422 255402.

If you, or someone you know is feeling a bit fed up and wants something to do, please ring us at the North Halifax Hub on 01422 255402 or helen.nevoldson@calderdale.gov.uk

7.2 **Ovenden Initiative Ten Years On** – In January 2005 Ovenden Initiative started its 7 year programme and it is testament to the success of the work and the hard work of the team that it is still here 10 years later. One of the first and most visible things the Initiative did was to plant 85,000 daffodils, which blaze a trail up Ovenden Way every spring. Working with Dean Field School Junior wardens and Halifax in Bloom we’ve marked the occasion with another bulb planting project along Cousin Lane.
We will be celebrating more of the 10 years If you would like to get involved, or have an idea of something else we could do, please contact Karen Scanlon on 01422 255402.

8 Dates of next meeting

6.1 Wednesday 17 June 2015 at Kevin Pearce Children’s Centre Ovenden
6pm for 6.30 start