Meeting Note

Date: Wednesday 10 June 2015

Venue: Holy Nativity Church, Mixenden

Present: Cllr. Barry Collins (Chair); Cllr Daniel Sutherland; Cllr Lisa Lambert; PC Ian Harris (West Yorkshire Police); Andrea Wardell and Debs Sunderland (Pennine Housing); Robert Lawless (Together Housing); Mark Brazil (CMBC SCG); Robert Summerfield (CMBC Corporate Projects); Hayley Conlon (Neighbourhood Schemes) Liz Childs (Mixenden Parents Resource Centre); Mungo Shepherd (Ash Green Community Primary School) and Heather Stout (Ovenden and Mixenden Initiative)

22 Residents

Apologies: Vicky McGhee

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. Councillor Collins opened the meeting by introducing himself and the other service providers present. He said he was very pleased with another good turnout at the meeting.

2. Updates from the last meeting

2.1. Mixenden Hub site – Councillor Collins said that there is no truth in the rumour that 24 new houses are planned for either the hub site or the old Jumples pub site.

2.2. The Addy boundary fencing – Mark Brazil asked if this could be left on for the September Ward Forum meeting as discussions are still being held with the new owner. Residents confirmed that they definitely still want a fence put in place. They raised concerns about access to the play park by children and parents

2.3. TJ Walsh bus service – Councillor Collins confirmed that discussions had been held with the bus company, and because of the new ticketing arrangements that have been put in place by Firstbus, this now makes it uneconomical for TJ Walsh to run a service in Mixenden. Residents asked if Yorkshire Tiger would consider taking on the route instead. Action – Councillor Collins

2.4. West Bank steps repairs – Councillor Collins apologised to the meeting on behalf of the council. He explained that there had been a misunderstanding and that
the money from the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive fund had already been used to rebuild a wall on Keighley Road near Morrison’s.

3. Calderdale Citizens Award

3.1. Councillor Collins informed the meeting about this year’s Calderdale Citizens Awards. All the winners from this year’s North Halifax Neighbourhood Awards have been nominated. He encouraged all residents to make more nominations. You can do this by calling the Mixenden Initiative on 01422 255402 or nominate online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/citizenaward2015

4. Police Update – PC Ian Harris

4.1. Calderdale Independent Advisory Group is a new group set up to help police officers understand local issues.

4.2. Latest crime figures March to June 2015:
- Burglary Dwelling – total 4. (3 on empty properties, 1 attempt in which nothing was taken).
- Burglary Other – total 9 – (5 sheds, 3 break-ins at empty flats at Dodge Holme)
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – total 9. (5 were of items left on display. All had windows smashed and all were preventable).
- Theft of Motor Vehicles – total 3 – (2 vehicles have been recovered).

4.3. Due to a knee injury PC Harris is currently on restricted duties. Prior to this, he had been working with the CMBC Road Safety Team on Crag Lane in the mornings and evenings. As a result the area had come up with a red warning for the police to patrol with speed cameras. Ian assured the residents that when he is back on full duties, he will be out there again with his speed gun.

4.4. Some residents commented that they thought the 20mph speed limit was too slow. Ian said that ‘20s Plenty’ public consultation had only raised one objection.

4.5. Residents enquired as to why there is no longer a speed van on Crag Lane. Action – Ian to find out for the next meeting.

4.6. Ian also said that dashcams are very good and result in good feedback from the Crown Prosecution Service as they negate human error.

4.7. Residents asked if Straight Lane could be made one way. Councillor Collins said that it was decided not appropriate because the farm need access. A resident suggested making it for use of residents only. PC Harris said this would be difficult to monitor.

4.8. Residents also reported no street lighting on Straight Lane. This has been reported in September and in February and they are still not working. Apparently there have been some issues with Northern Power Grid. Action – Heather Stout to report to the council
4.9. Police have been carrying out door knocks and talking to residents on Hambleton, Hunter Hill and High Lees estates, which are hotspots for quad bikes. To date, 3 names and 2 potential addresses, where the quads are kept, have been passed to Police. Due to the Police Reform Act, residents only have to provide the name of the suspect for Police to take action. Courts are taking a very strong view on this kind of behaviour. Information provided has already led to convictions with fines of £600, 8 points on a licence and 1 Section 59 Warning being given. Residents should contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or email ian.harris1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

4.10. In Bradford police use off-road bikes to nuisance riders and PC Harris is going to see if he can borrow them for Mixenden. Residents commented that they had been told this before so will wait and see what happens.

4.11. A resident reported that the gates at the bowling green were being left open again, with the padlock cut off. Ian asked for any names of culprits at the end of the meeting. **Action – Mark Brazil to arrange new lock**

5. **£5k Ward forum budget update** – Heather Stout

5.1. Residents were reminded that any community group can apply for a grant, as long as it benefits the communities of Illingworth or Mixenden. Groups do not have to be constituted and they can ring the Mixenden Initiative on 01422 255402 for help completing the application form.

5.2. Mixenden United F.C has been promoted to the Illingworth Premiership and would be now playing on the Natty Lane pitch

6. **Demolition and Development**

6.1. **Mixenden Hub** – Robert Summerfield informed residents that a quantity surveyor and architect were working on the site at the moment and the hopes to receive a report from them by late August which will give an idea if there is any gap in money. Once costs are confirmed the Council plans to carry out another public consultation with the community. Rob added that this is a difficult site to develop, but the council is determined to see it through.

6.2. Fly tipping on the demolition site is getting worse in spite of regular weekly clean ups by the Council. To date, the Council have been clearing that land as well but they now want to put pressure on the owner of the Jumbles site to keep up with it. The legal right of the owner to access the land unfortunately provides access for fly-tippers to dump on there. A resident queried whether the council has the correct owner for the Jumbles site. **Action – Rob to look into.**

6.3. Ash Green Community Primary School are planning a community garden on the site, which should be up and running by summer. This garden will be kept in place after the development has been finished.

6.4. A resident enquired about Right of Way on the site. There are currently no signs. **– Action – Rob to check on this issue.**

6.5. **Hebble Court** – The demolition has now begun and will take 3 weeks to finish. The lift shafts will be the last part of the building to come down. The land will
eventually be landscaped, with nothing else planned at the moment. Residents suggested building garages on the land. Mungo Shepherd said that Ash Green went to watch the demolition from a safe viewpoint, and that the company, A.R. Demolition, gave the children goody bags on their visit. Residents commented that it was a fantastic idea to get the children involved.

6.6. **Dodge Holme Court** has been sold again and there is rumour that the new owner is planning to refurbish the units and sell them on. Councillors commented that the building was evacuated a few years ago because it was dangerous. Residents added that some of the flats are still owned by people who were evacuated.

6.7. Councillor Collins said that CMBC and Pennine Housing will hold discussions on how to move forward with the piece of land where the garages used to be, adding that planning permission had been given to Stayton Properties to build some low rise flats. He said that CMBC and Pennine Housing would put in a pre-auction joint bid to try and buy the land.

7. **Proposed Linear Park – Mark Brazil**

7.1. The entrance to the proposed linear park would be via the entrance to the right of The Addy building, after the boundary fence has gone up.

7.2. A consultation event was held with residents on 16 May. Residents who attended have since been written to about their interest in forming a community group to take forward this project. Some residents said that they had not received correspondence. *Action – Heather to chase up*

7.3. Councillor Collins stressed that the council has to make £70m in cuts in the future and community groups like this who can apply for funding are essential.

7.4. Mark Brazil said he works with a lot of ‘Friends of’ groups who apply for funding and work alongside the council to improve local facilities.

7.5. A resident asked if the council plans to sell the land next to the Addy to the new Addy owners? *Action – Councillor Collins to ask if this is the case.*

8. **Community Cleans Ups**

8.1. **Dodge Holme** - On 20th May 12 tonnes of rubbish were collected via skips and lorry loads in a community clean at Dodgeholme paid for from a Ward Forum grant. Residents thought it was a fantastic idea.

8.2. Pennine Housing are planning further clean ups in the Brow Bottom and Stanningley areas on 18th and 19th August this year.

9. **North Halifax Neighbourhood Awards – Heather Stout**

9.1. The 7th year of these awards had been the most successful yet with more than 64 nominations being put forward, confirming what we all know, that North Halifax is a fantastic community to live in!

9.2. Residents and Councillors who attend the event confirmed it had been a brilliant night with a diverse range of local talent on show.
9.3. A resident asked about the invitation criteria as he had nominated someone and neither he nor they had been invited. Heather asked the resident to speak to her at the end of the meeting with details.

10. MixMatch

10.1. Weekly MixMatch sessions have been taking place at the Activity Centre since the 30 April with some targeted young people, some of whom are well known to the local police, from the local area. Sessions have looked at car crime, what prison is really like and the consequences of bullying, car theft, anti-social behaviour and other crimes.

10.2. The idea behind MixMatch is to help reduce perceived barriers between young people and unformed services, such as the police and the fire service to help reduce youth ASB and deliberate fires. PC Ian Harris confirmed the sessions appear to be working as there have been no reported deliberate fires in Mixenden since 29th April.

10.3. Heather read out some of the positive feedback comments from some of the young people involved.

10.4. The 2nd MixMatch School Challenge will take place on 8th July at the Mixenden Activity Centre. 64 young people from Trinity Academy and Park Lane Learning Trust compete to be crowned the champions of the MixMatch Challenge 2015. Heather encouraged as many residents as possible to come along to support these young people in what will be an exciting event.

11. Anything else?

11.1. Residents asked if it was possible to get some better designed dog waste bins as youngsters tend to kick the clip on bins off the lampposts. Action – Heather to email Mark Brazil

11.2. When planning permission posts are removed from lampposts the tie wraps are left behind. Action – Councillor Sutherland will look into

11.3. Residents asked if the old CCTV from the demolished flats would be used elsewhere. Action – Heather will find out

11.4. Trinity Academy - 12 children from Ash Green School missed out on places at Trinity Academy this year. Next year Trinity proposes to introduce Fair Banding Tests for pupils from next year. Mungo Shepherd said that this means there is a good chance that even less young people from North Halifax will gain entry to the school in the future.

11.5. Ash Green held a public meeting the on 9th June and a petition with 300 signatures has also been raised. Officers from CMBC Children and Young Peoples department, along with Councillor Collins, had been in attendance at the meeting and all disagreed with the new proposals. He added that Calderdale Council will also be putting in an objection to the schools adjudicator. Mungo reminded residents that if children from out of the area get into the school then their siblings will also be prioritised.
11.6. Another meeting is planned for 11 June at 3pm at Whitehill Primary Academy and as many residents as possible are encouraged to attend.

11.7. Reverend Robb Sutherland has also written to the Trustees of the Church of England about the subject.

11.8. Councillor Collins said that the closure of St. Catherines and a poor OFSTEAD report at Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High School has impacted on the popularity of Trinity.

12. Next meeting

12.1. Next Mixenden Ward Forum - **Wednesday 2 September** at Holy Nativity Church, Mixenden. 6.30pm for a cuppa and ‘Meet the Services’ followed by the Ward Forum at 7pm.

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