



# Mixenden Ward Forum

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## Meeting Note

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Venue:** Holy Nativity Church, Mixenden

**Present:** Cllr. Lisa Lambert (Chair); Cllr. Dan Sutherland; Cllr. Barry Collins; PC Chris Newton (WY Police); Dan Marham (Ovenden and Mixenden Initiative); Lee Ackroyd (CMBC) Bobbie West (Together Housing); and 8 residents

Apologies:

### 1. Meet the services

- 1.1. In attendance were PC Chris Newton West Yorkshire Police, Dan Marham Ovenden and Mixenden Initiative, Lee Ackroyd Calderdale Council Community Warden and Bobbie West Together Housing.

### 2. Welcome and introductions

- 2.1. Cllr. Lambert opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing herself and the other officers present.

### 3. Last Minutes and updates

- 3.1. **Mixenden Stones Surgery** – Concerns were raised that Mixenden Stones Surgery were still not taking on any more patients. Cllr Lambert has attended a meeting with GP's from the surgery and although there is a review process going on in which there are currently no promises to commit to longer opening hours and staffing, the surgery do continue to take on new patients.
- 3.2. **Pavement Parking** – Resident raised concerns of vehicles parking on the pavements on the Woodbrook estate often causing obstructions on the footpaths. Resident also stated that Council and Together Housing vehicles have been seen parking in this manner. Resident said vehicles had been reported to their companies and although vehicle registrations had been provided he is told the vehicle is not actually in use at the time.
- 3.3. **Dog Fouling** – Resident reported dog fouling on Mixenden Road. One suggestion raised was to maybe make use of a Ward Forum Grant for a dog fouling bin. CMBC Community Warden Lee Ackroyd said he has patrolled the areas in question a number of times and advised residents to act fast in reporting to Customer First providing as much detail as possible.
- 3.4. **Woodbrook Flats** – Although Woodbrook Flats remains closed the development of Woodbrook flats is currently delayed due to bats roosting. Resident reported workmen not using the site entrance choosing instead to open parts of the metal fencing at various parts which often results in a public right of way being blocked off. Resident also reported that Asbestos materials may be being removed in an unsafe manner.

#### 4. Police updates

- 4.1. **SCG Local Priorities** - The SCG Local Priorities for Mixenden have now changed and are as follows. Anti-Social use of vehicles – Operation Hindbrier and Operation Hawmill have seen great success since Christmas with 2 vehicles seized recently. Parking around schools at peak times – Partner services and agencies worked together at Ash Green Primary School to tackle this issue and will continue to do so in the future. Deliberate Fires – Work continues in schools as a preventative measure.
- 4.2. **Road Markings** – PC Chris Newton has contacted Highways for a review of current road markings outside schools.
- 4.3. **Crime Figures** – PC Chris Newton notified that up to date crime figures can be publicly accessed online.
- 4.4. – **Anti Social riding of Bikes** – Bikes reported to have been riding on one wheel on Clough Lane as well as travelling the wrong way down Hollins Lane which could be due to the condition and visibility of the one way sign. PC Chris Newton explained that pursuing bikes is now down to personal risk assessment and advised that information to the police is vital with as much detail provided as possible.

#### 5. Ward Forum grants

- 5.1. **Update** – Dan Marham informed the meeting that next round for Ward Forum Grants applications starts in April 2019. Residents are happy for the existing grants panel to continue deciding on grant applications. Dan notified that any person interested in being on the panel could provide their contact details after the meeting.

#### 6. Your issues – Open forum

- 6.1. **Cllr. Barry Collins standing down** – Cllr. Lisa Lambert notified the meeting that Cllr Barry Collins would be stepping down after 12 years. Residents joined Cllr Lambert in wishing him well and thanking him for his service to the area.
- 6.2. **Hebble Brook and Mixenden Road drains** – Resident reported that Mixenden Road and Hebble Brook had been replaced but they still remain blocked and flooded during adverse weather conditions.
- 6.3. **The Last Memory** – Cllr. Lisa Lambert told residents about a Dementia Friendly play taking place at Holy Nativity Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Dan Marham added that uptake has been a little slow but he is planning to go out and leaflet in Mixenden.
- 6.4. **Volunteer Cleaning Group** – A resident expressed her desire to get a voluntary clean up group off the ground in Mixenden which could get together maybe monthly and tackle some of the hotspot areas for litter. Dan Marham and CMBC Community Warden Lee Ackroyd would be happy to offer their support in getting such a group up and running and hope to get Ash Green Primary school involved in some capacity.
- 6.5. **One Way Sign Hollins Lane** – Resident expressed a concern that the one way street sign at Hollins Lane is quite high and may not be clearly visible due to historic wear. Main concern is that this is a bus route which poses a potential risk when cars accidentally go the wrong way against the traffic flow.
- 6.6. **MPRC court case** – Cllr. Lambert provided an update on the court case regarding Mixenden Parent Resource Centre. The individual in question has now been charged and given three weeks to get affairs in order before a likely custodial sentence is

passed. This information was also made public through the Halifax Courier on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

9.1. **6.30pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at Holy Nativity Church, Mixenden. 6.30pm cuppa and 'Meet the Services' followed by the Ward Forum at 7pm.

Actions for next meeting		Responsible
7.1	<p><b>Volunteer Cleaning Group</b> – A resident expressed her desire to get a voluntary clean up group off the ground in Mixenden which could get together maybe monthly and tackle some of the hotspot areas for littering.</p> <p><b>Dan Marham and CMBC Community Warden Lee Ackroyd would be happy to offer their support in getting such a group up and running and hope to get Ash Green Primary school involved in some capacity.</b></p>	<p><b>Dan Marham</b> <b>Lee Ackroyd</b></p>

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