
MEETING	HOLGATE WARD COMMITTEE National Railway Museum
DATE	Wednesday 4 th July 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR Alexander COUNCILLOR Bowgett COUNCILLOR Crisp
IN ATTENDANCE	34 local residents Sgt Hamish Halloway, North Yorkshire Police Cindy Benton, Neighbourhood Management Officer, CYC Michelle Watling, Street Environment Officer, CYC Jennifer Stanley, Neighbourhood Management Officer CYC Rachel Buxton, Waste Strategy Officer CYC

7.00-7.30pm: Ward Surgery

This was an opportunity for residents to talk to their ward councillors, report any street environment or any other ward-based issues.

7.30pm: Main Meeting

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Police

Sgt Hamish Halloway explained how since the new Neighbourhood Policing Structure came in to place in January this year that this has been very effective in cutting crime throughout the ward. This is especially noticeable in the Balfour Street Back Park area of Leeman Road. Crime in Holgate is down by 27%.

Issues raised by residents were;

- Acomb Police Station will not be reopening as an active Police Station.
- There will be a pilot where the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be based in schools. This will start with Westfield School.
- It was raised that the police 0845 number is not very accessible and is not highly advertised.
- Can we have cycle tagging for Holgate – We will try to get cycle tagging at the October meeting.
- Sgt Halloway asked residents how regular they would like to see the high visible Action Days, once or twice a year.

3. Street Environment

Michelle Watling, Street Environment Officer asked residents if they had any issues that they wanted to raise;

- The unsightly mess underneath the railway bridge – SEO to chase Network Rail as this is their responsibility.
- How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for dropping of litter?
- Can we not have netting underneath the Marble Arch to prevent the pigeons from taking up homes!
- When will Arc Light be moving premises?
- The lane that takes you to the cinder lane bridge seems to be constantly littered.
- The railway embankment by the river is very untidy and needs a good clearout.
- The bins do not seem to be getting emptied near Scarborough Bridge.
- Please can we have more enforcement for dog fouling on Victoria Stray & have the dog bin emptied more often?
- There are a lot of Goose droppings along the side of the river by the esplanade car park.
- The alleys at the back of Rosemary & Carnot St in Leeman Road are still always cluttered with rubbish and litter. Please can this be visited.
- What is the cleaning frequency of drains?

4. Skips & Recycling within the Ward

Rachel Buxton - Waste Strategy Officer told residents that in the past some ward committee's have provided funding for skips. From 1st August 2007 this service will be changing to wagons across the board.

- Items that will not be allowed into the wagon include: Hazardous waste including gas bottles. Large amounts of soil and rubble, large electrical equipment items including fridges, freezers, TVs, PC monitors. PCs.
- The skips were being abused by businesses and the wrong type of waste was filling the skips up.

Residents raised the following queries;

- Do the lorries have to be at the same venue as the skips were?
- Please can this be advertised well?
- How do you upgrade to a larger bin?

- The fee for bulky collections should be scrapped then we wouldn't have all this dumping.
- If an item has a recycling symbol on it then does that mean we can through it into our recycling collection bin? -

5. Have Your Say

- Can we split the ward in to 3 areas and divide the budget.
- The old school building in Leeman Road is to be knocked down.
- What is the latest with York Central?
- Railway Museum is a great venue for the meeting.

Next Ward Committee Meeting – 3rd October 2007