

MEETING WESTFIELD WARD COMMITTEE
Oaklands Sports Centre

DATE 9th October 2006

PRESENT CLLR STEVE GALLOWAY
CLLR ANDREW WALLER
CLLR SUE GALLOWAY

In attendance 12 residents
Andy Williams- Street Environment Officer
Cindy Benton – Neighbourhood Pride Officer
Insp. Ian Illingworth – North Yorkshire Police
Alistair Gourlay – Head of Lifelong Learning CYC
David Webster – Engineering Consultancy
Andrew Laslett – Senior Sport & Active Leisure
Officer CYC
Paul Bickle – Site Manager, Oaklands CYC
Denise Smith – Head of Primary Care Delivery
PCT
David Ellis – Head of Oaklands School

7.00 – 7.30pm Ward Surgery

This was an opportunity for residents to talk to their ward councillors and the Neighbourhood Policing Team, also to report any street environment or other ward-based issues.

Also a chance to look at the plans for Acomb Library and the new roundabout on the A1237

7.30pm Main Meeting

1. Welcome and introductions by Cllr Steve Galloway

2. Oaklands Sports Centre – Andrew Laslett

The Sports Centre is now open with its new facilities. Andrew gave us an insight in to what this consists of;

What's New

- Fitness Suite
- Climbing Centre

- Dance Studio
- Refurbished Astro Pitch
- Bar & Viewing area

Extended Opening Hours

- Monday to Friday – 7am - 11pm
- Saturday 8am – 6pm
- Sunday 9am – 9pm
- 1200 people visited in the first days of opening
- York City Ladies FC are now using Oaklands as their home ground
- Attracting new clubs, from trampolining to Thai boxing

3. Dental Care in Westfield

Denise Smith – Primary Care Trust

With the recent closure of the nearest NHS Dentist in Woodthorpe, Denise Smith, head of primary care at North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust (PCT), said expansion plans had been agreed with seven practices in the city, and a tender had been put out to secure further capacity.

They start to do interviews next week and at the end of that process there will be services that start on April 1 next year at the latest. That will probably deliver about 10,000 places.

In the meantime, people without a dentist should join the PCT's patient database, where they should wait no more than six months.

The new dental contracts, introduced on April 1, had put the PCT in a stronger position to tackle dentist shortages.

The PCT's database has allocated 7,000 dental places since last September.

To join the dental database, visit www.nyypct.nhs.uk or phone 01904 724107.

Residents then raised the following questions and concerns;

- Is the six month waiting time anywhere in York?
- How many people on the list get tired of waiting and go private?
- What is being done to ensure the practices are getting the right cost to run the services in order to retain their customers?
- There is a lot of talk about treatment, but what is being done about prevention?
- When you don't go to a dentist for a year they then drop you of their register.

4. York High School

David Ellis – Headmaster

- The new school will merge in September 2007
- It will hold 1000 pupils
- There are 3 possible designs for the new building
- Unsure as yet if pupils will be moved off site when the construction work is going on.
- The contractors will develop a website so resident scan monitor the progress of the new build
- The idea is to connect the school with the sports centre and build in some of the green squares around the school.

5. Have your say

Liz Ramage from Age Concern gave a report on how this years Ward Committee grant has been spent in the Westfield ward.

- The Community Support Worker works with elderly & vulnerable people.
- Age Concern has in total over 100 volunteer befrienders across the City. These help people feel independent and help them take control.
- Age concern very much rely on ward funds to make this work possible and appealed to the residents to vote for it in this round.

NEXT WARD COMMITTEE 14th FEBRUARY 2007