

Agenda

1. Matters arising
2. LBA night flights
3. Local climate action in Inner North West. – 27 Sept
4. West Park fields playground
5. A660 issues – West Park Roundabout, cycle lane etc
6. Lawnswood Roundabout
7. Planning permission for laundry
8. Feedback from August PACT meeting
9. AOB

Present

Doug Kemp (DK); Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IFR); Graham Sugden (GS); Hilary Sugden (HS); Steve Taylor (ST); Michele Mooney (MM); Barbara Plumtree-Varley (BPV)

Apologies Ken Torode (KT); Ian Rennard (IR)

1. Matters Arising
 - a. TR confirmed that 19 people had contacted TR/DK regarding the history of West Park project.
 - b. **GS to contact** Sammy Jagelman again regarding installation of bins on footpath from Harrowby Rd to Church Wood Av.
2. Leeds Bradford Airport Night Flights
 - a. LBA have broken the rules re the number of permitted night flights, between 11pm and 7am, and are now proposing to change the rules so that they can greatly increase the number.
 - b. LBA trying to achieve their goal via a 'Certificate of Lawful Development' which bypasses scrutiny by members of the public and our elected officials. WPRA committee unanimous in opposing LBAs proposals
 - c. NWLTF and GALBA both highly concerned about this development. GALBA solicitors are involved. Both groups encouraging members of the public to write to our councillors and Alex Sobell.
 - d. Action – to inform members of the proposals via emails, WPRA Facebook page and WPRA website. **GS/ST/IFR**.
 - e. Issue discussed on ITV Calendar, BBC Look North and the Yorkshire Evening Post.
 - f. Need to make as many people as possible ware of the situation. **GS to follow up**.
3. Climate Action Group
 - a. The Inner North West Community Committee are meeting on 27th September. The focus of the meeting will be to make decisions about which climate projects and services to fund. LBA proposals to be raised. **GS/HS to attend**.
4. West Park Fields
 - a. New playground should be completed by the end of September. Tarmac needs to be laid and four lots of seating to be installed.
 - b. The equipment looks to be aimed at younger children.
 - c. One of the trees near the new houses needs replacing. Rotary is in discussion with Parks to replace it.

5. A660 issues
 - a. Concerns regarding the amount of time it takes to drive into the city centre following the changes to the A660.
 - i. Bus gate at Shaw Lane is being triggered 'too early' resulting in red light for traffic long before the bus arrives. Outcome is more standing traffic.
 - ii. Emergency services still having difficulties getting through traffic up to Lawnswood Roundabout due to narrow lanes created by wands and orcas.
Action BPV to draft out letter to councillors regarding our concerns.
6. Lawnswood Roundabout
 - a. Final Business Case to be submitted early November.
 - i. Current expected cost has now risen to over £13 million based upon an expected inflation rate of 2.5% in 2024.
 - ii. Outline Business case states that the cost represents 'poor value for money'.
 - b. Recently 'Trial Hole Investigation Work' has been completed on the roundabout and approach roads. All wild flowers and bushes on the roundabout have been removed.
 - c. We await the replacement of plants promised by the council on the completion of the investigatory work.
7. Planning Permission for laundry at 1 Spen Road has been withdrawn.
8. Feedback from August PACT meeting – GS attended.
 - a. Good news - there are now very few break-ins to garages and sheds.
 - b. Bad news – increased number of vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles.
 - c. Concerns raised about speeding vehicles in the Wynfords and on the Ring Road/Otley Road. Police presence to be increased.
 - d. The Otley Run continues to be problematic.
9. AOB
 - a. Proposed apartments on site of West Park Police Station.
 - i. Highways have concerns about lack of parking spaces, landscaping and children's play facilities.
 - ii. Under the present plans none of the roads on site would be adopted by the local authority.

Date of next meeting Monday 13 November at 7.15pm

HS 24/09/2023