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BEESTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Beeston Forum General Meeting - 3rd March 2016

Agenda

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Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Community Forum held on Thursday 4th February 2016

Attendance Christine Thornton (in the chair) , Mr. R. Bell, Mr. D. Bottomley, M. Broadbent, Mrs. D. Brooke, Mr. K. Burton, Mrs. S. Burton, Councillor D. Congreve, Mr. J. Cunningham, Mrs. B. Draper, Mr. J. Fenton, Mr. S. Francis, Councillor A. Gabriel, Mr. C. Hendrick Ward, Mr. J. Hook, Mr. K. Hewson, Miss. P. Johnson, Mr. A. Kirby, Mr. E. Leathem, A. McGrath, D. McGuigan, Mr. J. Morton, Mrs. M. Munro, Councillor A. Ogilvie, Mr. M. Parry, P. Whitehead and Mr. R.J.W. Winfield

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks- Christine Thornton thanked the members present for their attendance
2. Apologies for absence were received from Adam Cooper and John Peckham
3. Guest Speaker- Stewart Robinson, International Fun Fairs
 - 3.1 Stewart Robinson noted that the forthcoming fair would be the Valentine Fair, which has taken place at Elland Road for the past sixteen years. One year had been missed. The first fair was held at Elland Road but later fairs took place at the Royal Armouries before the fair moved back to Elland Road . Stewart Robinson noted that the giant wheel would be coming back . There would also be a brand new ride; a Ferris Wheel, which had just come into the country . There is also the Wild Mouse Roller Coaster . Stewart Robinson said that he would leave a supply of leaflets and posters. Each leaflet would incorporate £15 worth of 50p offers and list the opening times for the fair.

The Official opening of the fair will take place on Thursday 11th February and involve the Lord Mayor of Leeds and the President of the Showman's Guild. This will be a special day and involve the fair opening for people with special needs at 1p.m. People would be invited from across the area. Stewart Robinson pointed out that his firm's charity is Martin House, which caters for children and young people with life threatening illnesses. They operate a hospice based at Wetherby. Last Year, 500 children with special needs visited the fair between 1pm and 3pm on the first day. Some of the rides are unsuitable for children with special needs whilst others operate more slowly. Some of the children can go on the dodgems. Stewart Robinson noted that IFF's attendants and riders for the children would be in attendance.

Stewart Robinson said that IFF try to keep prices the same. The admission price to the fair remains the same as when an admission price was first introduced to prevent people casually going in and out of the fair. International Fun Fairs uses SIA Security. There is a £1 admission charge but a visitor to the fair would get this money back from discounts. Stewart Robinson said that he feels a part of the community. He noted that IFF does a lot of work in Leeds, notably in relation to the German market. However, the Valentine Fair is special. It goes down well with the Showman's Guild and is visited by other showmen. Stewart Robinson noted that although he lives in Sheffield, he lives on the site in a caravan for the duration of the fair. He noted that the location of the fair seems like a small little village. Visitors to the fair use all the local shops in the area. Stewart Robinson pointed out that he is known at the local pub, and he also noted that there is a pub on the site of the fair. He added that in Germany, a pub is typically a part of the fair. He noted that the Valentine Fair pub is being built up; a drink or a coffee is available at the pub.

Stewart Robinson acknowledged that in the past, there had been concerns about litter on Elland Road. As a response to these concerns IFF engaged a company named Taskmaster to deal with litter. They come round at 8 am and hopefully Elland Road will be clear. IFF shows them where gardens are. They have done a good job in the past. Additionally, 'No Parking' cones are erected along Elland Road and around the park and ride facility. The fair has on site car parking which is free of charge. Stewart Robinson noted that IFF undertake a letter drop to households in the area two days before the start of the fair. The letters give details as to how local residents can complain about noise levels should the need to do so arise. A contact telephone number is given. Stewart Robinson said that IFF would revert to any complaints with the aim of making them happy. He added that the fair is getting very popular, even though the site has become smaller due to the Park and Ride facility. The fair had been big when it had been based in the city centre but is not as big as it is now. He noted that the fairs in Hull and Newcastle and the Nottingham Goose Fair are each larger than the Valentine Fair, but Leeds is unique in that it has one of each type of ride. All the rides are quality, first class equipment. Other large fairs typically have 7 or 8 of each type of ride. The rides come from all parts of the country including Scotland and Wales, and even overseas. It is well up in the calendar and will run in the same way as it did last year.

3.2 The meeting then opened up to questions and comments from the floor. Arthur Kirby asked whether Stewart Robinson can do anything with roundabout rides for 3 to 4 year olds. He noted that there used to be many such rides in town and city centres. Stewart Robinson said that they still have plenty of such rides; in fact, every sort of small children's ride which can be mentioned.

3.3 Stewart Robinson recalled the first occasion on which he attended Beeston Community Forum meeting, when there had been problems. There were then three years which were great, but Stewart Robinson noted that there was one year when the fair had attracted the wrong element. The police and security are good and IFF have learned from other events. The fair takes place within a fenced off area. Food, seating and the pub are each located within this fenced area with security. There are first aiders and toilets on the site. The site of the fair is safe and comfortable. Visitors to the fair can report anything to the cash box desk. Stewart Robinson again recalled the first Beeston Forum meeting which he had attended, which had taken place at Wesley Street Methodist Church. He recalled that he had attended the meeting with two council officers and had felt that he hoped that he would not have to speak at the meeting. He recognised, however, that he needed to do some serious thinking, as local residents were not happy and things were not right. Stewart Robinson noted that IFF then introduced a gate and did everything right. The number of grievances had been reduced considerably. Stewart Robinson recalled that the next meeting had been completely different. He added that people in Beeston now know him. He uses local firms to purchase items which are required for the fair. IFF are welcomed by locals and Stewart Robinson believed that he is welcomed by the Beeston Community Forum. He asked Forum members to let him know if they are unhappy. They would try to address anything which is wrong.

3.4 Christine Thornton noted that the Elland Road Park and Ride facility is expected to expand. She asked what would happen to the fair. Stewart Robinson noted that an ice rink, amongst other facilities, is being built. The Park and ride facility would be larger but he believes that there will still be sufficient space to hold the fair. He added that there is a problem every year, but they overcome it. With regard to the forthcoming fair, he noted that there is one football match scheduled to take place during the fair, between Leeds United FC and Middlesbrough FC. On this day, the fair will only be open between 12 pm and 4pm and there will be no admission charge. He points out that IFF work with Leeds City Council, Leeds United FC and the car park operators with a view to ensuring that there are no problems. He noted that the football match had originally been scheduled for the first Saturday of the fair, which would have had an impact on the fair as Saturday is the best day for the fair, but was then changed due to television requirements to the following Monday. Stewart Robinson added that on the first Sunday of the fair (14th February, 11 am to 4p.m), there is an exhibition with free entry at Billy's Bar, Elland Road Football Ground. This is the Showman's model show. Stewart Robinson said that the work put into the models such as rides, caravans and lorries is unbelievable. He added that he cannot see how they find the time which they devote to this. It is a good show, and they like to see faces there. Stewart Robinson concluded by saying that International Fun Fairs will be making a donation to the Forum after the conclusion of the fair. He noted that International Fun Fairs undertakes other work and holds other events elsewhere in Leeds, and this is a big part of the calendar. Christine Thornton looked forward to the Forum welcoming Stewart Robinson again after the fair had taken place.

4. The minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Community Forum held on Thursday 7th January 2016 were accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Richard Bell wondered whether Robert Winfield had heard anything about the site on Old Lane which had recently been sold by Tesco Stores Limited . Robert Winfield noted that he had had an exchange of e mails with Richard Bell about the identity of the purchasers . Robert Winfield noted that he had e mailed Savills , which had arranged the sale and been informed that the site had been sold to a company named Glugston Developments. Richard Bell suspected that there had been a typing error and that the actual name of the purchaser is Clugston. Robert Winfield noted that Savills had undertaken to forward his e mail to the purchaser , with a view to them relying to him, but had heard nothing.

5.2 Christine Thornton noted that John Fenton was present at the meeting and noted that John and Kathleen Fenton would shortly be moving away from Beeston. She expressed her thanks to them for their services to the Forum. John Fenton said that he had enjoyed his involvement with the Forum, and that he and Kathleen Fenton particularly appreciated the letter which Robert Winfield had sent them, on behalf of the Forum, thanking them for their services to it. Christine Thornton wished them every happiness in their new home in Chester. Christine Thornton asked John Fenton to pass on the Forum's best wishes to Kathleen.

6. Police Report

6.1 PCSO Claire Leech noted that she had circulated copies of a printed newsletter to the members present at the Forum, and that the monthly crime figures were stated in the newsletter. She noted that there is a parking problem involving football fans whenever home games take place at Elland Road. She added that on the last Saturday when a home game had taken place, three vehicles had been broken into. A short wheelbase white transit van reverses into vehicles and their contents are emptied. She asked members of the Forum to notify police if they see any vehicle matching the description acting suspiciously. Christine Thornton wondered whether the drivers of the suspicious vehicle had been riding around local streets. PCSO Leech said that this had happened, but , regrettably, no one had made a note of the vehicle's registration number. Colin Hendrick Ward wondered whether CCTV had been checked. PCSO Leech said that this had produced no relevant evidence. Christine Thornton noted that there had been three break ins in the same area , around Wooler Road. PCSO Leech noted that £1500 of farrier equipment (used for shoeing horses) had been stolen; anyone seeing such goods on sale should alert the police.

6.2 PCSO Leech noted that there have been a number of thefts from shops including Asda, Co-op and the local pharmacy. She urged Forum members to be extra vigilant when going into these stores and in particular ensure that purses, bags etc are safe. The police should be phoned if anyone is acting suspiciously. PCSO Leech noted that there had been ten reported thefts from shops in the past month although she had suspected that other thefts had not been reported

6.3 PCSO Leech noted that there had been ongoing problems of Anti Social Behaviour on the Cardinal and Waincliffe estates involving children after 6p.m . Officers are dealing with this on a daily basis and information is submitted to and reviewed by Sergeants. If anyone needs help (whether victims or vulnerable) or has any information, they should let the police know. It was noted that contact details are on the back of the newsletter. PCSO Leech noted that she and PCSO Rob Manning had recently come across a property with two bedrooms full of cannabis to the value of £25000. The occupant, who was present at the property was arrested. If forum members have any suspicions (such as smells), they can be passed on to the police.

6.4 PCSO Leech noted that four people who are subjected to Integrated Offender Management Schemes (IOMs) live in Beeston. Under this scheme, the police visit them all the time and gain a wide range of intelligence about their activities in the morning, afternoon, evening and night. Offences which can lead to Integrated Offender Management Schemes vary . PCSO Leech noted that the police had been looking at a person who had recently been released , but had been remanded until 31st March when his case comes to trial. Until then , he is required to sign on at Elland Road Police Station and is also under curfew. Colin Hendrick Ward asked how the police monitor those under curfew. PCSO Leech said that such individuals must present themselves to a uniformed police officer. They are normally quite positive as they know that the police can turn up.

6.5 Dennis Bottomley noted that Yorkshire Water are currently carrying out a significant amount of work in the area (notably the Marsdens and the Daltons), as a result of which residents are having difficulty in parking their cars. He wondered whether there could be an increased police presence in the area. PCSO Leech noted that she occasionally patrols the area on a bike and would deal with anyone parking inappropriately.

6.6 Councillor Angela Gabriel referred to the problems which had occurred with cash machines in the area. She noted that there had been no notifications when problems had occurred , but noted that there had been problems with the machines at Asda and the Co-op , as well as problems with the machine at Old Lane Post Office in the past. PCSO Leech noted that as she works part time, she is not always aware of relevant developments. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that it would be possible to e mail her. She pointed out that people were worried and had heard rumours about cards being cloned. PCSO Leech said that the tampering with cash machines involves the fitting of a plastic device which covers the card slot. If anyone sees anything like this, or anything which might be used to record information on the card, they should go into the relevant shop and also tell the police who would attempt to get fingerprints from the machine. Richard Bell suspected that the devices are reading the magnetic strip on the card, and that this information is then used to carry out 'customer not present' transactions. PCSO Leech said that all cash machines have a standard design . A person who finds anything on a machine which does not look right should not use the machine, and should tell the police, who would then investigate the situation.

6.7 Christine Thornton described the 101 telephone number, which is to be used for contacting the police when there is no emergency as 'rubbish'. PCSO Leech was aware of the shortcomings of this service but pointed out that matters such as lost property can be reported by e mail or live chat although she is aware that many people are unable to use computers or prefer not to use them. Richard Bell wondered whether he could have guidance as to when the 999 emergency number should be used to contact the police. PCSO Leech said that 999 should be called whenever there is an emergency in which the police are required as soon as possible. Richard Bell noted that people may have differing opinions as to when such circumstances arise. PCSO Leech said that if there is a suspect present, or if someone is witnessing crime being committed (for example a crime taking place) they should dial 999. If a person wishes to report a loss, or a theft which had taken place in the past, there is nothing urgent so 101 should be used, or the crime can be reported online. This is a matter of common sense

7. Discussion about the Beeston Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 Robert Winfield, as Acting Chairman of the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum, reported that the Neighbourhood Forum committee had held a third planning workshop with Shaun Hanson, the Neighbourhood Forum's planning advisor. This planning workshop involved Council Officers including Ian Mackay, the Leeds City Council Neighbourhood Planning Officer, and other members of the Leeds City Council Development Department, notably Victoria Hinchliff Walker. Robert Winfield also noted that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum Committee would take place on 19th February and that there would be a General Meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum on 25th February.

7.2 Robert Winfield recalled that the last meeting of the Beeston Community Forum had resolved that there would be longer discussions about the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum than had hitherto taken place at the February, May, August and November meetings. This was intended to address a situation in which a large number of members of the Beeston Community Forum had joined the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum but were apparently finding it difficult to attend meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum. Robert Winfield understood that there had been an element of confusion about the discussions about the Neighbourhood Plan which had been envisaged. In the light of this, Robert Winfield clarified that the discussions are part of the meetings of the Beeston Community Forum and are in no sense meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum. This means that the discussions have no authority to take decisions on behalf of the Neighbourhood Forum, although the Neighbourhood Forum would consider the deliberations which had taken place. Robert Winfield noted that consideration is being given to seeking the views of members of the Community about issues which are relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan. Robert Winfield wondered whether the members present have any views as to how this could be done. Robert Winfield noted that it had been suggested that having guest speakers at meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum might stimulate additional interest in the meetings. Such guest speakers might include representatives of other Neighbourhood Forums who could give appropriate guidance to the members of the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum.

7.3 Mark Parry noted that a guest speaker would be appearing at the next Neighbourhood Forum General Meeting on 25th February. A representative of Unity Housing would appear to discuss proposed new housing on the Parkwood Estate. Mark Parry said that we need to get information from other members of the community and other groups.

7.4 Steve Francis noted that he had attended an event at Leeds Beckett University on the previous Saturday. There had been a workshop about inner city Neighbourhood plans, but most presentations had been from small communities in the North of Leeds (for example the function on the previous Saturday had heard from Boston Spa). It had been good to engage with members of the Neighbourhood Forums in Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse. He noted that most of the concerns from residents of these areas are about housing and multi occupancy. These are not huge issues in Beeston. Robert Winfield noted that when Ian Mackay had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum Committee, he held out Hyde Park as one of the best Neighbourhood Forum's particularly for its website, although he also noted that the website has expressed criticisms of Leeds City Council which, Robert Winfield noted is a partner to all Neighbourhood Forums in terms of the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. Steve Francis noted that the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Forum is seeking to block the proposed trolleybus scheme and this would have an impact on South Leeds. However, Richard Bell and Robert Winfield noted that a Neighbourhood Plan must be compatible with national and local planning policies and that this would be certain to prevent a neighbourhood plan stopping the trolleybus scheme. Mark Parry said that there are limitations on the extent to which neighbourhood plans can influence transport issues. He suspected that the members of the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Forum do not have a proper understanding of what a neighbourhood plan can do.

7.5 Richard Bell said that he does not have the time to be involved in the Neighbourhood Forum and described the process of setting up a neighbourhood plan as bureaucratic. People would not want to get behind the Neighbourhood Forum unless there is a reason why they. We must generate more involvement, and we need to highlight something which will be delivered, and which people will support. Christine Thornton felt that we have not got that far in the process. Richard Bell said that we need to show people how the Neighbourhood Plan will benefit the area. Christine Thornton noted that there are concerns with multi occupancy in Beeston; there are many private rented houses, absentee landlords and landlords who do not look after their property properly. Mark Parry noted that the Linton Neighbourhood Plan stops people from owning more than two properties in the area. Christine Thornton suspected that there are not many houses for private rent in Linton! She added that property prices are cheaper in Beeston. Councillor David Congreve noted that Leeds City Council has a core strategy which has been approved by the government's planning inspectors.

7.6 Christine Thornton noted that the Neighbourhood Forum Committee will seek to engage more with residents and groups of people who do not attend any sort of meeting. One possible means of doing this is by walking around with banners. Richard Bell said that local residents need something to be frightened about, in order to get them interested.

8. Report of the Committee meeting held on Friday 8th January 2016. Robert Winfield pointed out that virtually the entire meeting was

devoted to considering what was intended to be a statement to be read by a representative of the Forum to the Leeds City Council Plans Panel meeting at which the Aspiring Communities planning application would be considered. However, following the meeting, the Forum learned from Leeds City Council that no comments from members of the public would be heard. Leeds City Council had taken had taken the view that it was inappropriate to allow Aspiring Communities to speak at the meeting as they had determined that their application would be decided by the Planning Inspectorate, rather than by Leeds City Council. In view of this, it was considered unfair to allow objectors to speak. After the committee had heard about Leeds City Council's position, a number of committee members had taken the view that it might be appropriate to send a letter to the plans panel based on our intended statement, but it was noted that we have already written to the plans panel .

It was noted that the current intention is that a Plans Panel meeting on 18th February would decide Leeds City Council's position in relation to the application. Councillor David Congreve, however, had not heard any confirmation of this. Councillor Angela Gabriel wondered whether any agenda for the meeting had been published. David Congreve noted that the agenda for the meeting is published on the internet, normally around 10 days before the meeting . On this basis, the agenda could be expected early next week. Christine Thornton observed that consideration of the planning application keeps getting knocked back. David Congreve noted that there is no rush for Leeds City Council to consider the matter as Leeds City Council are merely giving a view of how they consider the application, which will actually be determined by the planning inspector. The actual determination of the planning application will depend on whether it is determined by written statements or by an inquiry. David Congreve added that there have been so many reports , and that the arguments for and against the development are already public knowledge. There is therefore no pressure for Leeds City Council to consider the matter.

Robert Winfield noted that a number of members of the Forum including himself, were puzzled as to why Aspiring Communities are allowed to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate on the grounds of non determination, when it is Aspiring Communities actions, in particular failing to respond to questions posed by the Leeds City Council Planning Department , which have led to the non determination, rather than Leeds City Council's actions. Councillor David Congreve pointed out that this is the law. Robert Winfield said that the law is an ass . David Congreve noted that recent changes in the law have made it easier for developers to secure planning consent. He felt that this has undermined local planning authorities.

9. Correspondence . Robert Winfield pointed out that the forthcoming redevelopment of Beeston Village Community Centre will require the Forum to find alternative premises for its meetings whilst Beeston Village Community Centre is unavailable. Accordingly, following decisions of the Committee or the Forum four venues had been approached; Hugh Gaitskell School , St Mary's Church, St Anthony's Church and the meeting room at Elland Road Police Station. Robert Winfield noted that he had heard from Insp. Arrowsuch that the premises at Elland Road police station are suitable (on the basis of criteria which had been set out in great detail in our letters to prospective venues). He had heard from St Mary's Church some time ago, but despite chasing up a response had not heard from wither Hugh Gaitskell School or St Anthony's Church.

10. Christine Thornton reminded Forum members that there are a number of vacant positions on the Committee.

11. Any Other Business-

11.1 Dennis Bottomley commented on the difficulties of telephoning Leeds City Council's Council Tax office, which he described as a nightmare. He had been entitled to the 25% discount on council tax available to people living alone; then his daughter came to live with him so that he is no longer entitled to the discount , and need to inform Leeds City Council of this. He spent 30 minutes on the phone, at a cost of £6 without being able to speak to someone. He then went to the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre, and found that there were many people there. However, someone eventually prepared a bill. However his daughter will shortly be leaving him. He wondered whether he could have a council tax bill prepared in quarters. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that Leeds City Council will be providing pop up services. Providers of council services will visit venues such as St. Matthews, Cottingley and probably Beeston library for a day. Leeds City Council recognises that not everyone can phone or can visit the One Stop Centres. Dennis Bottomley noted that many Forum members either have no computer , or no knowledge as to how to use a computer. Angela Gabriel noted that Leeds City Council offers computer courses. Christine Thornton pointed out that she has encountered the same problem as her daughter had come to live with her. She had visited the One Stop Centre and found that people were queuing out of the door. John Fenton noted that he is about to move house. He was left on the phone for half an hour and had spoken only to an automated voice, not to a person. He is still not sure that Leeds City Council has properly understood his situation. He wondered whether, if he visits the one atop centre, he should take a packed lunch! David Congreve felt that it would be quicker to write. Jeremy Morton noted that these are not considered to be front line Council services, and that half the council staff had left. He blamed what he described as 'Tory Cuts' for the situation.

11.2 Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that the Community Committee had organised an Environmental workshop last year. On 25th February, there will be such a session at St Matthews, Holbeck (the old church) covering Beeston, Holbeck and Cottingley. A table would be allocated to each of these areas. Local residents would be able to raise issues such as dog fouling and a community clean up. Tea would be served at 5.30p.m and the actual workshop would take place between 6pm and 7.30p.m

11.3 A member of the audience reported having problems with neighbours burning rubbish

11.4 Richard Bell noted that, entirely out of the blue, he had received a letter informing him that he would require a match day parking permit. He wondered who had taken this decision and when. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that when Elland Rod police station was built, this had led to a knock on effect which had resulted in the reduction of the amount of car parking space . It is her understanding that the idea of a residents parking scheme is that it is a consultation with no decisions having been taken. She added that the idea of a

residents parking scheme had come from residents, who were constantly pointing out that car parking is an issue. Richard Bell wondered why this issue is being discussed now and who had made the decision. Angela Gabriel said that the Highways Department had been wanting to do this since the building of Elland Road police station . People had complained about the level of car parking for 18 years and the building of the police station had the effect of reducing the amount of available car parking space. She also made the point that Leeds City Council has lost staff due to cuts. Richard Bell said that aspects of the scheme are not right for residents and there need to be changes. Angela Gabriel said that if any residents have complaints or are opposed to the proposed scheme, they need to say so . Dennis Bottomley, however , expressed support for the scheme. Angela Gabriel urged him to say so. A member of the audience sought clarification as to when match day parking restrictions . PCSO Manning noted that a plate attached to lampposts describes the hours when parking is not permitted on event days. It was noted that the letter states that residents and visitors would be able to park with a permit. It was noted that there is one permit available; however, PCSO Leech noted that a resident can ask for additional permits if visitors are coming. It was noted that permits issued to businesses will cost £75 but permits issued to residents are free. Bronda Draper feared that there would be an increase in car parking in her area. Angela Gabriel said that the proposals are based on how far people are willing to walk to the stadium. There had been suggestions that the scheme should extend to Dewsbury Road as it would otherwise move the problem of car parking. There might be a need for another scheme. A member of the audience who lives at the other side of Old Lane asked what rights residents have to tell people that they cannot park in a particular location . PCSO Leech says that a resident has no right to prevent a car parking unless the car is blocking his driveway, or is parked on a yellow line . She noted that there is a big problem with parking on match days with cars parking inappropriately. Where this occurs, a note is placed on the car windscreen and details of the car are entered on a spreadsheet. A fixed penalty notice could be issued. She added that the police needs to monitor car parking in Beeston, Cottingley and Holbeck. She acknowledged that there has been some parking with no consideration for residents, or which damages grass and plants. Leeds United FC had been asked to insert appropriate notices in match programmes asking for courteous parking . Richard Bell noted that when guest speakers from Leeds United FC had visited the Forum, they had said that their car parks are never full . It was suggested that this is because the charges for parking are excessive . Richard Bell said that these charges should be reduced There was a suggestion that the site recently old by Tesco could be used for car parking.

11.5 Christine Thornton pointed out that the latest edition of South Leeds Life had just been published and that Jeremy Morton had brought a supply of copies which are available at the back of the hall