

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



Date & Time:	Wednesday 7th September 5.30pm
Location:	Ward Green Baptist Church

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chair Person:	Kath Evans (KE)	
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)	
Attendees	Gill Carr (GC) Esther Parnham (EP) Alison Sidebottom (AS) Gordon Smith (GS) Cllr Lodge (JL)	
Guest:	N/A	
2. Apologies for absence		
Cllr Clarke (JC) Cllr Bowser (RB) Twiggs		
3. Notes of the last meeting	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
The notes of the last meeting were unavailable.	MT to bring to next meeting	MT
4. Matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>School poster competition This initiative has now been completed. The winners have received their prizes and the Tidy Group have started putting up the correx signs around the Ward. Cllr Lodge suggested John Partridge (JP) (fly tipping officer) could help identify other areas for the signs to be displayed.</p>	JL to contact JP	JL
<p>Bottles & benches This initiative now has also been completed. The collection of bottles was fulfilled by Neighbourhood Services who sent two operatives in the PBU vehicle. The operatives engaged with the school children and answered questions. The benches were delivered a couple of weeks later with KE, MT, Elected Members and the NS operatives present. Steph Lee from BMBC comms has put together a video showcasing the project. This has been shared on the Ward Alliance and BMBC dump it and scarper Facebook pages. The initiative was a success. There are a couple of learning points such as timescales for delivery but overall the project</p>	This is something that could be done year on year with different incentives for the school.	KE/ MT

	was a success with other Wards in the Central Area looking to replicate the scheme.		
	<p>Bin Audit Cllr Clarke and Cllr Lodge recently met with Matthew Holdroyd to discuss street bins including emptying schedule, current locations and the potential new bins. MH outlined the new framework that was being used to respond to requests for new bins, upgrades and resiting of existing bins. MH advised Members to submit all requests and they would be assessed within the new framework. Members had consulted WTG for feedback and recommendations before submitting 6 requests in total to MH</p>	MT to follow up with MH	MT
	<p>Areas of concern updates Addressed later in the agenda</p>		
	<p>WISH Stones As discussed in previous meetings the WISH stones are sited on the pit stack and are to mark the industry that was once in the area. It was previously suggested that the group could work with the History Group and Twiggs to make cut back overgrowth and make the stones more visible. This could also be linked into the Heritage Trail project.</p>	<p>MT to contact Twiggs to arrange a meeting to see if this is something they can help facilitate under the contract with Central Area Council. MT to contact Alan Littlewood for a copy of the map of the stone locations</p>	MT
5. Upcoming workdays			
	<p>8th September Joint litter pick with South Team. GS liaising with Charlotte Moulds (CM) from South Team to make arrangements.</p> <p>13th September WTG have decided to change the location of this work day. It will now cover Highstone Road / Cromwell Mount Area.</p>	<p>Gordon has been liaising with the South Team to make arrangements including refreshments.</p> <p>MT to liaise with Craig Aubrey CDO for Kingstone Ward to arrange a joint event with Kingstone Ward Alliance</p>	<p>GS/KE</p> <p>MT</p>
6. TWIGGS Upcoming Workdays			
	Twiggs have given their apologies for this meeting.	MT to arrange another meeting date with TWIGGS	MT
7. Hanging Basket & Christmas Tree Update			
	<p>EP has received positive feedback from sponsors. Snagging issues raised with First Impressions have been dealt with in an acceptable time period with good communication throughout. Christmas Tree scheme will continue as in previous year with register interested parties and previous sponsors invited to sponsor via email.</p>	EP to continue to manage the schemes	EP
8. Areas of concern			

	<p>Weed Killer on verges etc The group asked about the weeding schedule and if any more work was to be done as the weeds in the verges etc hadn't been removed.</p> <p>Cromwell / Highstone Concentrated effort to clear the historical litter is needed. Bushes round perimeter of the playing field need cutting back so litter can be accessed and removed.</p> <p>Worsbrough Dale Park The group raised concerns about Worsbrough Dale Park particularly an area of shrubby/ over grown bushes and trees that is attracting a lot of litter and fly tipped items. It seems to be a meeting point for youths gathering. There is also a high density of litter In the perimeter fencing of the bowling green that needs removing.</p> <p>Sheffield Road A61 The pathways are becoming obstructed by fallen leave making it difficult for walkers, particularly those with mobility issues.</p> <p>Rise in graffiti JL has obtained permission from BT to paint the open reach telecommunication boxes. BT have also supplied the paint. JL, EP and HP have also received training from Safer Communities Team on how to remove graffiti and have been working their way around the ward.</p>	<p>MT informed the group that in a previous meeting MH had indicated that the scheme would likely be completed at the end of September.</p> <p>The next WTG workday has been relocated from Haverlands Lane TPT to cover this area instead</p> <p>JL suggested a Joining Forces workday could be organised bringing together BMBC Safer Neighbourhood Team, volunteers, TWIGGS and Neighbourhood services</p> <p>JL to enquire about the street sweeper.</p> <p>Volunteers to continue to with removal.</p>	<p>JC to follow up with MH</p> <p>WTG/ WA/ Twiggs</p> <p>JL to liaise with Jill Griffiths in Safer team.</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL/EP/HP</p>
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9. AOB

	<p>Renewal of insurance KE confirmed WTG had renewed the insurance.</p> <p>Contract award for recycling centres KE enquired about the contract for waste recycling and the cost implications.</p> <p>Litter and Environmental crime strategy EP and KE to attend workshop and feedback to the group.</p> <p>The Mill Academy Banking NS have previously agreed to clear the banking.</p>	<p>MT to clarify if volunteer involvement is allowed.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>MT</p>
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12. Date & time of next meetings

	Tuesday 18 th October, 5.30pm Worsbrough Library		
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