

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



Date & Time:	Tuesday 18th October 5.30pm
Location:	Ward Green Baptist Church

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chair Person:	Kath Evans (KE)	
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)	
Attendees	Esther Parnham (EP) Gordon Smith (GS) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB)	
Guest:	Adam Roberts – Twiggs	
2. Apologies for absence		
Cllr Clarke (JC) Cllr Lodge (JL) Gill Carr (GC) Alison Sidebottom (AS)		
3. Notes of the last meeting	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record		MT
4. Matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Cameras at Lewden Further discussion took place around the need for a camera at Lewden. Members of the group reported criminal activity taking place in this area including suspected speeding and suspected drug dealing. Gordon recently reported fly tipping from a Barnsley based business. MT suggested group members attend the CSG and feed in this information to inform future PACT priorities</p>	RB will enquire about a camera. Group members to continue to report	JL
<p>Weedkiller on verges Cllr Bowser said Matthew Holdroyd had informed Members that the weeding programme was coming to an end.</p>	MT to clarify if this includes removal of weed as well as spraying.	MT
<p>New bins update Neighbourhood Services have agreed to install five new bins across the Ward. The locations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genn Lane, Ward Green, near to footpath running parrelle to Ward Green playing fields • Park Road near footpath to Lobwood • Meadow view near shop • Station road near to jct West Street 	MT to follow up with MH	MT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worsbrough village near bench Matthew Holdroy		
	<p>Litter & Environmental Crime Strategy – update on Workshop</p> <p>Kath and Esther attended the workshop as representatives for Worsbrough Ward. They updated the group on the session. There were a mixture of Cllrs officers, volunteers, providers and Council officers in attendance. The session looked at what was working well and volunteers provided feedback. A common theme was the Keep Barnsley Tidy FaceBook group and how useful it is to volunteers in particular. Neighbourhood Services were also really responsive to picking up bags. The session also looked at areas of room for improvement. The general consensus was volunteers felt better communication from BMBC was needed such as feedback from fly tipping reports. Volunteers also highlighted the need for a better understanding of who to contact for what, move cctv and hotspot patrols. Feedback from the session will be circulated when available. First step in having more sessions.</p> <p>As part of the discussion the group looked at ways in which they could build on what is already being done to improve the environment.</p> <p>AR suggested developing a tool bank of equipment, Cllr Bowser suggested this could possibly be an Area Council led initiative.</p> <p>MT confirmed that litter pickers had been loaned to individuals in the Ward and it would be useful to find out if these were still being used.</p>	<p>Feed back from the Workshop to be circulated when available.</p> <p>MT to contact the people who have previous loaned litter pickers</p>	<p>KE / EP</p> <p>MT</p>
	<p>Mill Academy banking A61</p> <p>As previously discussed, the work at the Mill Banking is scheduled to take place in October. Cllr Clarke will follow up at the end of October if it hasn't been carried out.</p>		JC
	<p>Insurance</p> <p>KE confirmed the Worsbrough Tidy Group insurance had been renewed for another year</p>	<p>KE to send MT copy of policy summary.</p>	KE
5. Upcoming workdays			
	<p>The next workday is scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th November, 10am meeting at Ward Green Park car park covering the playing fields and Jarrott Woods.</p> <p>EP reported the fencing that runs from Genn Lane to Bell Bank View and separates the playing fields from the Care Home, is damaged. The area is being accessed and litter left behind.</p> <p>A further workday is scheduled for Wednesday 14th December 2022 10am, meeting at Ward Green Park car park. This event will cover the Ward Green 6 Race route and finish at Ward Green Baptist Church with breakfast sandwiches and refreshments.</p>	<p>MT to contact inform Jo Birch of the damage and request repair works</p>	MT

6. TWIGGS Upcoming Workdays			
	<p>A discussion took place about how TWIGGS can best support volunteer activity in the area and how volunteers could support TWIGGS led activity. The group agreed to develop projects in the following areas:</p> <p>Project 1- Highstone Lane Field. Issues with fly tipping and historical litter in this area. Hedges need cutting back and overgrowth removed so that historical litter can be accessed by volunteers. It was suggested to ask enforcement to support the event by delivering letters to nearby properties advising of the clean-up day and reminding residents how to report fly tipping. As with previous events in this area Kingstone Ward Alliance can be asked to partner.</p> <p>Project 2 - Worsbrough Dale Park. Volunteers suggested the area behind the bowling green fence needs opening up and making more visible. AR stated the canopy had been raised previously but this has probably grown back now. The Pavilion management committee could be invited to support as well as Parks Services. It was suggested this event could take place in February.</p> <p>Project 3 - TPT Car park. The area would benefit from cutting back.</p> <p>In addition to the above the benefits of a bulb planting programme was discussed.</p>	<p>KE/ EP to look at Work day dates for 2023</p> <p>MT to seek permission from Parks services to carry out a workday. MT to arrange a site visit to Dale Park with TWIGGS and volunteers to assess what work is to be done.</p> <p>MT to contact Sarah Ford to seek relevant permissions and ask if this is something the rangers can support with.</p> <p>MT to contact Jo Birch for details</p>	<p>KE/EP</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
7. Christmas Tree Update			
	<p>EP gave a brief update on the stage the scheme was at...</p> <p>Paul Hamby has outsourced the plaque installation to another company. Paul will be installing the brackets himself and these will be sited within the next few weeks.</p> <p>EP has had 52 responses so far from existing sponsors and intends to send a further email to people on the waiting list. There are 90 trees in total available for sponsorship.</p>	<p>EP to continue to manage the schemes</p>	<p>EP</p>
8. Action Plan/ Priorities for next 6 months			
	<p>The group agreed to continue to facilitate school involvement and look at different projects and activities the schools can support. It was suggested that the grassed areas around Lobwood could be tidied up as could the raised bed planters. The group discussed service paths and other areas of grassland and who responsibility these areas were. Is this</p>	<p>MT to investigate ownership/ responsibility with Berneslai Homes & Rights of way team.</p>	

	something that TWIGGS are pick up on, on the days and times they aren't working with volunteers?	Adam to visit site with KE to look at areas of concern	
9. AOB			
	<p>WISH Stones</p> <p>Site visit has been arranged for Tuesday 8th November, 11am meeting at St Marys Church in Worsbrough Village.</p> <p>Telecom Boxes</p> <p>It was previously discussed to look at painting the telecom boxes in the area to improve the aesthetics and deter further graffiti damage. It was proposed the boxes could be designed to reflect the History of the area. Pupils from Barnsley Academy could be invited to take part in the project. This project has been successfully delivered by the Kingstone Ward Alliance.</p>	MT to speak to Craig Aubrey and find out how the project in Kingstone Ward was delivered.	
12. Date & time of next meetings			
	TBA		