

# Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Wednesday 24th May 5.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
<b>Chair Person:</b>	Kath Evans (KE)	
<b>CDO:</b>	Michelle Toone (MT)	
<b>Attendees</b>	Esther Parnham (EP) Cllr Lodge (JL) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Gordon Smith (GS) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Adam Roberts – TWIGGS	
<b>Guest:</b>	N/A	
2. Apologies for absence		
Cllr Clarke (JC) John Partridge – Community Safety Officer (JP) Sherry Holling (SH) Susan Harrison (		
3. Notes of the last meeting	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
Item 9 – AOB: Central Area Clean and Green Workshop Feedback – amendment to wording.  The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.	N/A	MT
4. TWIGGS upcoming workdays	Action/ Decision	Lead
<b>Suggested areas of focus</b> KE & EP meeting with Scott on June 1st to look at areas listed below, as suggested by the group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ginnels Ravensholt – Access issues for people on mobility scooters.</li> <li>• Lobwood Ginnel – Litter and overgrowth</li> <li>• Bunker steps at Bankend - Litter and overgrowth</li> <li>• Walbrook steps and banking – This is BH land and needs following up with relevant BH officer extend fencing.</li> <li>• Highstone Road – litter and cutting back</li> <li>• Whitehouse estate - Litter and cutting back</li> <li>• Worsbrough Village – AR part of the WhatsApp Group and working with residents on suggested areas of work.</li> </ul>	KE & EP to feedback to group on outcome of meeting.	KE & EP

	<p><b>Dale Park update</b> AR gave an update on the work being done in Dale Park: Twiggs are currently working with a new volunteer in Dale Park. The volunteer/ resident has been referred from BMBC Employability and volunteering service. Tasks being undertaken include reinstating paths and cutting back the encroaching grass, cutting back overgrowth to improve lines of visibility and make access easier around the entrances. This activity is happening on a weekly basis – Thursday afternoons 1pm – 3pm. MT asked if this was open and advertised to other volunteers/ residents in the area. AR stated they were working with Mitch from Barnsley College until the end of August. Sessions are not currently open to others to join due to the additional needs of the new volunteer(s).</p>	<p>Twiggs to continue to provide updates.</p>	<p>AR / KE/ EP / MT</p>
	<p><b>Bus stop Ward Green</b> EP complimented Scott on the work he has done at the bus stop at Ward Green.</p>	<p>AR to feedback</p>	<p>AR</p>
	<p><b>Foam Treatment</b> The group asked if the foam treatment could be used to clear the weeds on streets and roads as it has been done in parks. AR stated this wasn't part of the Central Area contract and Parks Services paid for this treatment.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p><b>Twiggs schedule of works calendar</b> KE asked about the monthly schedule for the Ward being sent out to volunteers and stake holders in advance. AR stated fewer volunteer events had taken place this month, so the schedule hadn't been done. However, it will be reinstated for the upcoming month.</p>	<p>AR to circulate monthly schedule to group as well as mailing list.</p>	<p>AR</p>
	<p><b>Process for feeding in requests / suggested areas of work</b> JL suggested a google form to consult the community once every 12-16 weeks. This will enable the group to have a better understanding of local need. Good mix of volunteer and community led initiatives.  KE asked if the process for feeding in suggestions/ making requests for work differed in each Ward? How does it differ from other wards? AR said a lot of requested came througher followers on Facebook, volunteers and Elected Members. Twiggs will signpost or set up volunteer workdays  EP asked about regular support to other groups. Added value for volunteers.</p>	<p>MT to create google form. Quarterly. Align with seasons – base work around seasons.  Requests/ suggestions and upcoming activities to be shared at these meeings to reduce duplication and ensure that all interested stakeholders are informed of what is happening  Twiggs to continue to support volunteers by doing what volunteers are unable to do such as using power tools, extensive cutting back to</p>	<p>MT/ AR/ ALL</p>

		provide access to historic litter etc  MT to invite Twiggs to summer Roadshows	
<b>5. Matters arising</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<b>Mill Academy banking A61</b> KE reported that no progress has been made on the banking. The area is still overgrown and littered with rubbish.	MT to re contact MH for an update	MT
	<b>Bins</b> Update from MH – WWA bins prioritised once all Wards in the Borough have been consulted. As soon as this is done the Worsbrough bins will be installed	MT to follow progress of Ward consultations with MH	MT
	<b>WAF for insurance</b> The funds have already been agreed in principle. The WAF application will be ratified at tomorrows, Thursday 25th May, Ward Alliance Meeting	MT to move application through approval process	MT
	<b>John Partridge – Update on Joint Action Day</b> No update available as JP not present at meeting	MT to follow up wit JP	MT
	<b>Hanging Baskets</b> EP shared frustrations over lack of information whilst the lamppost Audit has taken place. EP identified 120 possible lampposts in anticipation of some lampposts being rated as unusable. The audit has been completed and Worsbrough are able to go ahead with the 95 hanging baskets as proposed for the summer 2023 scheme.  Additional costs have been incurred due to having to relocate existing brackets to new lampposts. The total cos of this is £181. EP enquired if £150 could be sought from the WA to contribute towards this with the remianing £31 being taken from the £5 uplift funds.	MT thanked EP for all the work she has and continues to do to ensure the scheme goes ahead.  MT to take the request to the next WA meeting for a decision.	EP  MT
	<b>Berneslai Homes Walk Abouts</b> RB informed the group that BH have had chnages to teams and a new Neighbourhood Housing Team were in post.	RB to find out about walkabout dates	RB
<b>6. Upcoming Workdays</b>		<b>Action/ Decision</b>	<b>Lead</b>
	<b>25 May – TPT Glasshouse Crossing</b> – split group to start from west street and Boatmans Rest  <b>15<sup>th</sup> June – Thickett Lane and surrounding areas</b> - Joint action day with Safer	Details to be circulated by WTG via usual methods of email and Whatapp MT to follow up with JP re 15 <sup>th</sup>	KE/ EP / MT
<b>7. Action Plan update</b>			
	<b>John Partridge – Joint Action Day</b> Update given under matter arising	N/A	N/A
	<b>Hanging Baskets</b> Update given under matters arising	N/A	N/A

**9. AOB**

	<p><b>Litter &amp; Environmental Crime Strategy Update</b></p> <p>EP &amp; KE attended. MH gave an update on budgets.</p> <p>New website has been launched. It is intended as a one stop shop for anyone interested in making environmental improvements to their local area.</p> <p>The grass cutting schedule has been released. Information is generic i.e. no details of sites just general areas being done on a week by week basis. The group felt this was a step in the right direction.</p> <p>The forum have also been working on a business survey to supermarkets and fast food outlets and takeaways – this information will feed into an environmental workshop being held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, and feed into the litter strategy.</p> <p>EP &amp; KE said the forum was an interesting experience and they felt things were moving forward and they were being listen to. The forum isn't representative of all Area Councils in the Borough as no representation from Penistone or Dearne.</p> <p>EP &amp;KE Steph Lee from BMBC comms was fantastic.</p>	<p>KE&amp; EP to provide updates</p>	<p>KE/EP</p>
	<p><b>Additional priorities – way forward</b></p> <p>Discussed under item 4 Twiggs update.</p>		

**12. Date & time of next meetings**

	<p><b>Meetings held Wednesday, 5.30pm at Worsbrough Library</b></p> <p>5th July</p>		
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