

# **PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005 at 7.00 p.m.**

**at Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Primley Avenue,  
Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Mohammad Yasin (Chairman)  
Councillor Dennis Anson  
Councillor Aqeel Aslam  
Councillor Joan Beilby  
Mr. Allah Ditta  
Mrs. Eileen Edwards  
Mr. Gary Fulford  
Inspector Andy Gilbert  
Mrs. Mandy Holcroft  
Mr. Matloob Hussain  
Mr. Ali Mohammed  
Councillor Mohammad Munir  
Mr. Mark Pulford  
Mr. George Rowley  
Councillor Harbans Sarohi

## **Officers**

Mr. Narinder Singh Chumber  
Mr. John Greensill  
Mr. Frazer Powell

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## **Introductions**

For the benefit of the members of the public present at the meeting, Members of the Partnership and officers introduced themselves and the organisations they represented.

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## **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were submitted on behalf of Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy and Mr. Keith Whittlestone.

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## **Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Partnership, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mohammad Yasin and Mr. George Rowley declared personal non-prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda relating to the Walsall Housing Group. Councillor Yasin and Mr. Rowley confirmed that they were both Members of the Walsall Housing Group.

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## **Petitions**

A petition was handed in by Mr. Allah Ditta detailing problems experienced by the residents of Arundel Street, Walsall relating to the parking and turning of cars in Arundel Street.

### **Resolved**

That the petition be referred to the relevant Council Executive Director and that the concerns raised by residents be investigated and that a report on the matter be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

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## **Public Forum**

### **Palfrey Park**

Mrs. S.J. Spencer, of 47 - 49 Dale Street, Palfrey, advised the Partnership that she was pleased to see that a significant amount of money had been spent on Palfrey Park but was concerned that the newly planted trees and the CCTV security camera equipment installed were maintained properly and monitored.

Mrs. Spencer expressed her concern about the condition of the football pitches in Palfrey Park and said that because they were often water logged, they could not be used, which resulted in youths and adults congregating on the bowling green site and using it for inappropriate purposes.

Mrs. Spencer advised the Partnership of the need for effective provision of summer holiday/playgroup provision for children to be made within the LNP area.

## **Resolved**

That the following issues be referred to the relevant LNP Task Groups:-

Maintenance of trees in Palfrey Park

Maintenance of CCTV camera equipment within Palfrey Park

Provision of summer holiday/play group provision within the LNP area

## **Tree Issues/Anti-Social Behaviour in Palfrey Park**

Mrs. K. McAtominey, of 12 Collins Street, Walsall, said she was concerned about the state of the repair of the pavements and roads in the LNP area. She said that pushchair users experienced problems gaining access, particularly along pavements which were uneven due to the growth of tree roots.

Mrs. McAtominey said that she was concerned about anti-social behaviour in Palfrey Park and was keen to ensure that action was taken so that the park was accessible to members of the public. She requested that information be provided on the opening and closing times for Palfrey Park.

Mr. M. Jones, of 225 Alexandra Road, Palfrey, expressed his concern at the anti-social behaviour of youths using Palfrey Park and the need for effective security to be provided.

## **Resolved**

That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership officer (Mr. Narinder Singh Chumber) be requested to provide information to Members on the following matters:-

- (1) The opening and closing times for the gates in Palfrey Park;
- (2) The road and pavement maintenance programme within the LNP area, particularly areas which have access/safety problems caused by trees.

## **Bowling Green, Palfrey Park**

Mr. and Mrs. Muldowney, of 85 Broadway West, Walsall, advised the Partnership of their concerns regarding the inappropriate use of the bowling green in Palfrey Park and the general level of security in the Park. Mr. Muldowney requested that a fence be provided to ensure the security of the site.

Mrs. Spencer, of 47 - 49 Dale Street, Palfrey, said that many of the football pitches in Palfrey Park were water logged and this often caused youths to congregate in the area of the bowling green.

Following a general discussion regarding the facilities in Palfrey and Pleck Parks and the Arena play area, and role and responsibility of Community Wardens, the Partnership, made the following decisions.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure be requested to give a presentation to the next meeting of the LNP on the provision of leisure facilities in the Palfrey and Pleck Parks and the Arena play area in Camden/Rutter Street;
- (2) That the Council officer responsible for Community Wardens be requested to give a presentation to the next meeting of the LNP on the work of Community Wardens.

### **17 Scarborough Road, Walsall**

A resident of 17 Scarborough Road expressed his concern with his accommodation at that address. The Partnership was advised that this was not a matter which was within its remit and it was agreed that Mr. Gary Fulford, from the Walsall Housing Group, would discuss the matter with the gentleman at the end of the meeting and provide appropriate advice.

### **Prostitution within the LNP area**

Mrs. Rosie Campbell, of Loughborough University, advised the Partnership that she had undertaken a number of research projects on prostitution within the LNP area. Mrs. Campbell confirmed that she would be available to attend future Task Group meetings to provide information and assistance if requested.

### **Resolved**

That Mrs. Rosie Campbell, of Loughborough University, be requested to attend a future Task Group meeting to give a presentation on the research projects undertaken on prostitution within the Palfrey and Pleck area.

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### **Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership Plan**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the details of the Palfrey and Pleck LNP Partnership Plan be noted and officers be requested to investigate the possibility of introducing a means by which areas within the LNP locality could be more easily and clearly identified;
- (2) That the Task Groups appointed by the LNP be recommended to meet on at least a quarterly basis.

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## **Feedback from Task Groups**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the nomination of a Champion and Chairman be delegated to each Task Group for its decision;
- (2) That LNP Members be requested to encourage public/ community participation in the work of Task Groups;
- (3) That the LNP support the prioritisation of actions within each Task Group.

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## **Place Check**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the place check report and the supplementary report on progress on actions taken following the LNP Ward walks in September and October, 2004 be noted.

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## **Alley Closures - Information Report**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the LNP note with disappointment the content of the report;

- (2) That the LNP request that residents within its area be encouraged to report all relevant matters to the police, as this provides evidence to support alley closure proposals or other action as and when problem locations are identified;
- (3) That the evidence led criteria which is used to determine whether a location is appropriate for alley gating be considered at the next meeting of the Environment, Housing and Crime Task Group;
- (4) That the issue of the gating of garage sites (former Walsall MBC housing properties) within the LNP area be considered at the next meeting of the Environment, Housing and Crime Task Group.

46/05 **Community Forums - Presentation**

A presentation was given to the Partnership by Mr. Ian Willetts of the Community Empowerment Network.

**Resolved**

That the content of the presentation by Mr. Ian Willetts of the Community Empowerment Network be noted.

47/05 **LNP Communications Officer**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

That Mr. Matloob Hussain be appointed as the Palfrey and Pleck LNP communications officer.

48/05 **Mapping Exercise**

The LNP noted that at the request of a Local Neighbourhood Partnership officer, this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and was not considered at this meeting.

49/05 **Late Item**

**Resources for Local Neighbourhood Partnerships**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Reason for lateness - The LNP was advised that this was the last meeting timetabled for this Municipal Year and, therefore, an appropriate opportunity to advise the Partnership of the decision of Cabinet from its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005 relating to the allocation of resources for Local Neighbourhood Partnerships.

### **Resolved**

That the decision of Cabinet from its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005 in respect of the allocation and use of resources for LNPs be noted.

### **Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....