

ALDRIDGE SOUTH AND STREETLY LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 9 March 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

**at the Youth Centre, the Streetly Association, Foley Road East,
Streetly**

Present

Councillor Tom Ansell (Chairman)
Councillor Gary Clarke
Councillor Brian Douglas-Maul
Mr. Robert Gilham
Mr. Tony Harrison
Mr. Michael J. Harrison
Mrs Jenny Henney
Mrs Pauline Heydon
Councillor Eddie Hughes
Councillor John O'Hare
Mr. Ron Perks
Mr. Dusan Popratnjak
Mr. Peter Roberts
Councillor John Rochelle
Inspector Dave Storr

In attendance:

Mr. Andy Burns
Mr. Frazer Powell
Mr. Steve Pretty
Ms. Parveen Sangha
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas
Ms. Imke Trum

30/05. Introductions

Each member of the Partnership introduced themselves and explained in brief the organisation they represented.

31/05. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were submitted on behalf of Mr. Phil Griffin.

32/05. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 18 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.

33/05. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

34/05. **Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted for consideration at this meeting.

35/05. **Appointment of Locally Appointed Partner**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Mr. Michael J. Harrison be appointed as a locally appointed partner (LAP) on the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the current municipal year 2004/05.

36/05. **Public forum**

Anti-social behaviour in Aldridge and Streetly

Mrs Bowles of Beacon Court, 180 Chester Road, Streetly, expressed her concern and that of other residents regarding the anti-social behaviour which was taking place in the area of the One-Stop premises in Bridle Lane, Streetly. Mrs Bowles said that teenagers were taking drugs and causing nuisance at the back of the flats adjacent to her property and confirmed that the Police had been informed of this problem, but the matter was getting worse.

Councillor Garry Clarke said that he was aware of the above matter and that he and Mr. Peter Robert together with the local member of Parliament had visited the site approximately 2 years ago and had requested that the Police take action to remedy this problem.

Inspector Dave Storr of Aldridge Police said that he noted the comments made by the resident and LNP members and that the Police were undertaking operations to seek to address the concerns raised.

Mr. Keith Henney said that he understood the concerns raised by residents who lived close to the One-Stop premises and hoped that the Police would continue to take action to deter the selling of alcoholic drinks to underage youths.

Mr. Sugden of 31 Tudor Grove, Streetly said that he shared concerns of other residents about the One Stop premises and wished to raised the issue of youths running on neighbouring gardens in Tudor Grove. He said that he had reported this matter to the Police but no action had been taken. Mr. Sugden said that one of his neighbours had a fencing panel broken as a result of the anti-social behaviour.

Mr. Hill of 2 Tudor Grove, Streetly said that he had experienced problems with damage to his boundary fence and confirmed that he had raised the matter with the Police and passed photographic details on to them for further investigation.

Responding to a question from a member of the public, Inspector Dave Storr said that the Police could in certain circumstances use video evidence provided to them by members of the public.

Mr. Ingleby of 126 Whetstone Lane, Aldridge expressed his concern about the problems experienced by local residents due to anti-social behaviour in gulleys at:-

- Whetstone Lane to Barr Common Road;
- Whetstone Lane to Knights Hill
- Whetstone Lane to Twyford Close/Erdington Road
- Lawson Close to Orchard Grove
- Seven Acres to Birmingham Road
- Harbour Drive to Whetstone Lane junction.

Mrs Charlton of 28 Mayfield Road, Streetly said that the area in which she lived had experienced problems with graffiti and requested that action be taken to deal with this problem at an early stage.

Responding to a question from the Chairman of the LNP, Mr. Andy Burns (Support Team Officer) advised that an overall budget of £250,000 would be provided for LNPs in future and that it would amount to £22,000 for a two ward LNP and £33,000 for a three Ward LNP.

Resolved

That the issue of anti-social behaviour in both the Aldridge South and Streetly areas be referred to a future meeting of the Crime and Environment Task Group.

37/05. Training and development for LNP and task group members

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the LNP note the actions for implementation as detailed in the Place Check report;
- (2) That the LNP Task Groups agree to move forward the actions recommended in the Place Check report.

38/05. Partnership plan

The report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the LNP establish the following Task Group to help in the preparation of the first neighbourhood plan:

Health and Young People

Membership: ` Councillor Brian Douglas-Maul
Councillor John O'Hare
Mr. Michael J. Harrison
Mrs Pauline Heydon
Mr. Peter Roberts

- Any member of the public from the LNP area who expresses an interest in becoming involved in the work of the Task Group.

39/05. **Walsall community empowerment network**

A presentation was given to the meeting by Mr. Ian Willets of the Walsall Community Empowerment Network. A handout was circulated to the meeting for all members of the Partnership and the public present.

Mr. Willets advised that Community Forum meetings had been held in the Aldridge South and Streetly areas.

Resolved

That the content of the presentation on the Walsall Community Empowerment Network be noted.

40/05. **Street lighting PFI – Lighting alleyways**

A presentation was given by Mr. Steve Pretty, Service Manager, Transportation, Walsall MBC.

Mr. Pretty advised the Partnership that the Public Lighting Private Finance Initiative contained the following elements:-

- Contract awarded to Amey Highway – March 2002;
- Initial phase to replace 18,211 old lighting columns with a total of 26,000 new columns was completed in September 2004, 2 years ahead of programme;
- The project included only areas which were previously lit due to affordability issues for the Council;
- Funding was identified in January 2005 to provide additional street lighting;
- Provision was based upon need and benefit;
- Three lighting schemes were approved for the Aldridge South and Streetly area by the Cabinet meeting held on 2 March 2005.

Mr. Pretty said that there were three lighting projects proposed for the Aldridge South and Streetly areas:-

- cul-de-sac in Quicksand Lane, Aldridge;
- footpath from Beaufort Way to Ridge Way, Aldridge;
- footpath from Whetstone Lane to Ringwood Avenue (Walsall Road, Aldridge).

Mr. Pretty advised that the purpose of the proposals were to reduce light spillage into adjacent properties and requested that the public respond to the letter sent to all residents in the area of the proposal, so as to establish whether the Council was providing a lighting scheme which was appropriate.

Mrs Wright of 54 Egerton Road, Streetly expressed concern about the lack of street lighting adjacent to her property. Mr. Pretty said that he would investigate Mrs Wrights concerns on this matter and reply accordingly.

Resolved

- (1) That the content of the presentation on the Public Lighting Private Finance Initiative be noted;
- (2) That transportation officers be requested to investigate the concerns of Mrs Wright regarding the lighting adjacent to her property in Egerton Road, Streetly.

41/05. **LNP communications officer**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Mr. Peter Roberts be appointed as the LNPs communications officer.

42/05. **Mapping exercise**

A presentation was given to the LNP by Ms. Parveen Sangha on community facilities in the Aldridge South and Streetly areas.

Resolved

That the presentation on the mapping exercise relating to community facilities and venues within the Aldridge South and Streetly LNP areas be noted.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....