BLAKENALL & BLOXWICH LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

13TH DECEMBER, 2006

UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

ITEM	DECISION	ACTION / OFFICER RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
1. Introductions	Noted.		
2. Apologies	Inspector Gregg Bates, Martin Blunt, Peter Brown, Florence Smith & Councillor Phillips	N Picken to Minute.	Done.
3a. Minutes of Meeting held on 06/09/06	Agreed.		
3b. Matters Arising from Minutes	Minute 123/06 – Caroline Crolley commented that the issue regarding Detached Youth Workers on the Lower Farm Estate had not been addressed. The concern was that youth workers may have received payment to which they were not entitled to. Councillor Robinson advised that this was not a matter for discussion at the LNP as it fell outside the LNP's remit. Caroline was therefore advised to take up this issue direct with the relevant manager within the Youth Service.	No action required.	
	The issue of parking on grass verges was raised to which officers read extracts from a report at the meeting.	Neil Picken to distribute the report to all members.	Done.
4. Election of Vice - Chairman	a) Trish Skitt appointed Vice Chair representing WBSP for the remainder of the 06/07 Municipal Year	N. Picken to Minute N. Picken to Minute	Done.

	b) Fred Westley appointed Vice-Chair representing LAP's for the remainder of the 06/07 Municipal Year		
5. Declarations of Interest	Fred Westley, Chair of Mossley Residents Association & Chair of Mossley Community Association.	N Picken to Minute.	Done.
6. Petitions	Petition received from Ray Garbett of 17 Margam Crescent, WALSALL WS3 2SH - calling for a development plan on community facilities for Mossley, Chepstow and Dudley Fields to take account of present and future facilities for children. Youths and over 50's.	N.Picken forwarded to Tim Challans. Was then passed onto Julie Ball and Carol Mason who were to liaise with Chas Stallard.	See Item 9 below.
7. Increasing Life expectancy by reducing inequalities Project.	Presentation Noted.	Trish Skitt to note.	
8. Bloxwich Cemetery	 i) Funding be approved to the sum of £4,750 to install a rising arm barrier in place of the existing manual barrier situated adjacent the chapel; ii) Funding be approved to the sum of up to £800, if required, to ensure that staff are on duty at the cemetery on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day iii) The timescale for works be reported to members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership. 	Steve Billings to action	The appropriate Council officers have been asked to commission the installation of the barrier. It is however, unlikely that it will be fitted before the Christmas break. Matters are therefore in hand to ensure that there will be a member of staff on duty throughout Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day from 9.00am – 4.00pm to allow blue badge holders to drive their vehicle past the barrier.

Report noted. Requested that a project development group be	Chas Stallard to note. Chas Stallard to action.	Project Group to be established. Progress to be reported back to next meeting 12 th February
established with local residents and groups to take forward longer term planning for the area.		2007.
Requested that 'Trade Waste' be considered at	Parveen to action.	Fly tipping was discussed at the 2 nd November Safer Stronger CAG and a number of areas were
G	Parveen to note.	identified as hotspot areas. Further areas will be explored and
Report noted.		highlighted with Street Pride at the next Safer Stronger CAG on 18 th January 2006.
Julie Ball to contact Drug Action Team regarding landscape improvements along the alleyway of North Walsall School and the issue of discarded	Julie Ball to action.	Alan Jarvis from the Drug Action Team (DAT) said that there are 14 needle exchange programmes in the Borough at present. The following needle exchange
needles.	Parveen to note.	programmes are available in the Blakenall and Bloxwich area: -
· ·	Parveen to note	Co-op pharmacy at Blakenall Village;
	Parveen to note	Pharmacy at Birchills Street; Boots pharmacy at Stafford
	Parveen to note	Street. This service is only available to
project selection Panel	Parveen to note	users to obtain clean needles. The responsibility to clean up and
That selection panel recommendations be submitted to the next LNP.	All the recommendations	collect disposed needles lies with environmental services – street
	report will be tabled on	pride. DAT are awaiting the report from the clean up which will provide information regarding
	progress with the	number of needles collected. DAT usually go back to the site after 3
	scheme.	months to review the situation and find that people have moved on and no longer dispose of their needles at that site.
	Requested that a project development group be established with local residents and groups to take forward longer term planning for the area. Requested that 'Trade Waste' be considered at the next CAG meeting. Report noted. Julie Ball to contact Drug Action Team regarding landscape improvements along the alleyway of North Walsall School and the issue of discarded needles. Progress made on funding noted. Agreed to pilot community cash scheme £5,200 allocated towards the project Caroline and Anne to represent the LNP on the project selection Panel That selection panel recommendations be	Requested that a project development group be established with local residents and groups to take forward longer term planning for the area. Requested that 'Trade Waste' be considered at the next CAG meeting. Report noted. Parveen to action. Parveen to note. Parveen to note All the recommendations have been noted and a report will be tabled on the evening regarding progress with the community cash

12. Masterplan for the Regeneration of the Goscote Lane Corridor	Noted.	Chas Stallard to note.	Workshops organised for Project Reference Group 16 th , 25 th Nov and 6 th December). Consultation on options being organised for mid- January 2007. Report on agenda at Item No. 8.
13. Public Forum	None.		