

AGENDA ITEM 9

Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 31st March 2005

Placecheck

1. Brief Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is to feedback from the Placecheck meeting. This will also include an update from ward walk. This will be circulated at the LNP meeting.

2. Recommendations

To note the details of the place check report

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Report to the Palfrey Pleck LNP re Placecheck Workshop on 2nd March 2005

Attending

There were 10 people attending the Placecheck event, discussions were held in one group.

Mark Pulford, Allah Ditta, Eileen Edwards, George Rowley, Shirley Spencer, Dennis Anson, Cllr J Beilby, Cllr Aqueel Aslam, Cllr M Yasin,

John Greensill (WMBC Officer), Narinder Singh Chumber (WMBC)

Issue for discussion – perhaps not appropriate for the Placecheck approach

The issue of off road parking was said to be a common and serious issue across the LNP area. The damage to grass verges, poor enforcement and the lack of places for people to park needed attention (a suggestion regarding permits for local residents was raised as a possibility). Whilst this was not felt to be an issue which could be discussed by using a Placecheck approach, it was thought that this was an issue about which LNP members could take action.

It was suggested that discussions were held with Walsall Housing Group concerning its role in contacting local residents regarding dropping kerbs to create more parking space. There was much debate about private and council house owners, who could pay and would pay etc. George Rowley offered to approach WHG, with the agreement of the wider LNP membership, to act as a link between the LNP and WHG to progress the issue.

Issues to be considered via using the Placecheck approach

No agreement was reached at the meeting regarding the 5 issues about which the views of local people should be sought.

Who should be involved in Placecheck (whose comments/views must we obtain)

Generally felt that as many residents as possible should be contacted. Stated that as many avenues as reasonable should be used to give people the opportunity to comment.

What might be a framework for Placecheck look like?

1. Use local newsletters, public notices to advertise the fact that the LNP is undertaking a survey of local people. It was felt important to use publicity to spread understanding of what was the role of the LNP.
2. A postal survey (return freepost postcards were suggested) listing 5 issues which local people prioritise should be devised. These should be coded in some way to ease collation of information into specific areas across the LNP e.g. by post code.
3. The results should be used to determine on what the LNP should spend its limited resources; once action has been taken a public meeting should be held to celebrate the success. This meeting could be used as a platform to engage in wider discussions with local people regarding what needs to be done.

How can we develop a Placecheck approach?

1. Use the draft LNP Action Plan, notes of meeting etc to identify the 5 key issues about which the LNP wish to gather the views of local people.
2. Decide on the format of the postal survey and any supporting publicity to be used to inform people in the area to expect the survey

What are the resource implications of using Place check?

1. A request was made for a camera to be given to enable a port folio of photographs to be gathered or for the LNP to meet the costs of developing/producing/copying photographs.
2. Devising the freepost return postcard for the postal survey – collation and analysis of the results of the survey – NB George Rowley offered to give time to assisting in collating the information for his area.
3. Hire of a suitable venue in due course for the possible public meeting
4. Costs of the event itself – refreshments/stationery

Action needed to begin using the Place check approach

1. LNP, or delegated sub group to agree the issues to be noted in the survey.
2. The costs of the survey to be calculated and guidance offered regarding who will pay for the survey, who will assist in collating results etc. This will then identify what budget will then be available to undertake resulting works in the area.
3. The format/style of the survey to be agreed, printing etc organised.

Ward Walk Palfrey and Pleck

Site Location	Problem	Possible Action	Feedback Since Ward Walk
Ford Street	Cleansing	Update required, including details of when enforcement action will be taken	This has been cleaned by Street Pride in October 2004; no enforcement action is to be taken
Shops opposite Joseph Leckie School	Forecourt condition due to pot holes. Confirm area is private land and action, if any, that can be taken to improve forecourt maintenance?	Street Pride to check land ownership and then review options for action (if any)	Private Land
Joseph Leckie School	Youth Provision	Annie will discuss with Head Teacher and report back to Ward Members	Several meetings have taken place between Annie and the school
Silverdale Park	Anti-social behaviour concerns	Ward Members to enter into possible solutions with residents and local businesses (right of way issue), via a consultation process and feed into local plan.	
Rutter Street – Car Park	Fly tipping needs removing	Street Pride (Litter hit squad to arrange for removal)	Removed by litter hit squad
Rutter Street	Labour Election Poster	Ward Councillors to arrange for removal	
Broadway West	Pedestrian Crossing by Lord Street	Trees need pruning by Street Pride	All works undertaken winter 2004

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Wallows Lane	HGV vehicles parking overnight and concerns raised by local residents	<p><i>Action:</i> Ward Members to consider feeding congestion charging into local plan.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Planning and Transportation to consider HGV parking restriction measures for HGV vehicles and feedback possible options.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Members to discuss with local residents the option to put a gate on road that provides access to their properties</p>	Various site visits were undertaken Arranged for Keep Clear Road Markings across the access to the factory Several 'No Overnight Lorry Parking' Signs erected on lamp posts
Express Taxis – 1126 Milton Street	Condition of land at the back of above address needs clearing. Owner gave assurances that the clearance was in hand and would be completed within one week.	Melvyn Wilson (Street Pride) to visit on 4.11.04 and check if work completed. If not, enforcement action is required	Planning looking into what action can be taken
Land opposite Palfrey Junior School	Fly tipped waste	Melvyn Wilson (Street Pride) to visit and discuss clean up with land owners	Letter sent to landowners. Oct 2004
Education –	Performance of Muslim Children Keystage 1 and 2	Ward Members to discuss possible interventions and feedback to Chief Executive. Issue for local plan.	

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Rutter Street No.137	Rubbish in front garden	Melvyn Wilson (Street Pride) to visit and ask owners to clear up mess or commence enforcement action	Letter sent to land owners Oct 2004
Junction Street	Play Area – anti-social behaviour	<i>Action:</i> Ward Councillors to discuss with Police	
Rutter Street	Owner has disability	<i>Access to garage being blocked by cars parking across dropped kerb.</i> <i>Action:</i> Planning and Transportation to consider options (double yellow lines?)	Arranged in October 2004 for Longitudinal Line Marking to be installed outside garage
Victor Street	Tree at aback of No.56 overhanging green	<i>Action:</i> Street Pride's Tree gang to prune tree	
Caldmore Area	Feeding Pigeons	Leaflet drop to be undertaken by Public Protection explaining why pigeon feeding should stop. Could education activities be undertaken in the area by the Pigeon Warden?	Forwarded to Public Protection
Victor Street	Mattress base dumped on footpath	Street Pride's Litter hit squad to arrange removal	Removed by litter hit squad Oct 2004
Weston Street	Car Sales	Progress report required via Planning. Information to be passed to Ward Councillors	Legal Department are looking into an ownership problem prior to serving notice

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Bescott Street	Derelict Flats	WHG to be asked to demolish – Sue Byard? Please discuss demolition programme with, and feedback to, Members (a wider issue than Palfrey and Pleck)	
Redhouse Street	Condition of Road	Where is this in road resurfacing programme	Redhouse Street is provisionally planned for resurfacing in July/August 2005 subject to clearances from Statutory undertakers i.e. gas, water etc