ST. MATTHEWS AND BIRCHILLS/LEAMORE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

16TH NOVEMBER, 2006

ACTION SHEET - PROGRESS REPORT

AGENDA NO.	ITEM	ACTION	PROGRESS
1.	Apologies		
	Substitutes		
2.	Declarations of interest		
3.	Petitions	None.	
3A.	Late Report Re: Appointment of LAP		
4.	Election of Vice-Chairmen		
5.	Minutes – 21st September 2006		

6.	Progress Report		
	Item 6: Public forum Item Re: 'Gulley' area at rear of library, Beechdale	Progress report to be submitted to meeting on 8th January 2007	Response from BCHA as follows:- We received a letter from Mr. Adams and several of his neighbours on 25th August 2006 regarding the state of the 'gulley' area. As a result of this letter, Mr. Adams was contacted by a member of my staff to discuss his concerns. The main area of concern was the large area of trees, bushes and shrubs planted in the community centre car park adjacent to the perimeter fence. These plants had wildly overgrown into a thick mass and had encroached on the footway. This matter was brought to the attention of Mr. I. Stupple, Director of Street Pride, who arranged for the shrubs to be pruned back from the footway. I understand that arrangements for major pruning work have also been put into place to be carried out during the winter months.

			In relation to the footway, I have arranged for our contractors to inspect the footway and carry out any necessary work to ensure it is in a safe condition. Reply still awaited from Frank F. Harrison Community Association
	Item 11: Gladstone House	Planning status of proposals to be clarified	Information awaited
	Item 11: Comfy Cushions	Matter to be progressed for further information	Information awaited
		Contact: Keith Stone 01922-652100	
7.	Public Forum		
	Environmental issues in Caldmore:-	Report to meeting on 8th January 2007	
	(a) Parking on pavements by vehicles)_ Contact Stuart Freeman) 01922-652560	Information awaited*
	(b) Buses mounting pavements)	Information awaited*

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(c)	c) Fly Tipping	Contact Ken Rhodes 01922-652211	Response from Environmental Health as follows:-
			There is a perpetual problem with fly tipping and trade waste in this area, the latter being aggravated by the ease with which businesses change hands during the enforcement process. Fly tipping incidents are investigated in an attempt to identify the origins of the waste but, in most instances, there is no evidence on which to proceed. Again, the site is kept under conservation.
(d)	d) Uneven pavements – Problems particularly in Weston Street, Hart Street, Bray Street, Caldmore Road, Bath Street and St. Michael Street	Contact Stuart Freeman 01922-652560	Information awaited*
(e)	e) Alleyway by M and T Stores – Does CCTV work?	Contact Steve Gittens/Lyn Reed – 01922-611400	Information awaited
(g)	g) Possible introduction of a one-way system along Caldmore Road	Contact Stuart Freeman 01922-652560	Information awaited*

Problems with Rats in Portland Street exacerbated by pile driving in area	Report to meeting on 8th January 2007 Contact Ken Rhodes 01922 652211	*The Highways Section are not in a position to respond to any of the actions identified. The Team is currently carrying an 80% vacancy rate and staff resources are extremely stretched at present. The Section is aware of the concerns raised and, as soon as resource issues are improved, will endeavour to provide responses on all of the issues raised. Reply from Environmental Health as follows:- We have received two complaints, one from a foundry and one from the Chamber of Commerce. At present, we don't provide a service to non domestic premises, although we hope to do so soon. An investigation by one of our pest control staff has not found evidence of a major problem but, due to the open land and the nature of the premises, there is nowhere suitable for test baiting. We will, however, keep it under observation. The site of the pile driving is considered to be too far away to be significant.
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	Derelict flats above shops in Stephenson Square	Report to meeting on 8th January 2007 Contact Mark Wade 01922-652169/ Steve Law 01922-652075	Reply from Strategic Housing as follows:- BCHA are continuing to look at possible solutions to regenerate these flats, with WHG and other possible partners
8.	Presentation: Increasing Life Expectancy	Presentation by tPCT deferred to 8th January 2007	Item included on agenda for 8th January 2007
9.	LNP Funding	Request for provision of recycling bins in LNP area – Issue to be investigate Contact Keith Stone 01922-652100	Information awaited
10.	Community Action Groups		
11.	Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust: Request for nominations from LNPs to joint Foundation Trust Stakeholder Reference Group	Malcolm Barton nominated	NHS Trust advised
	Termination of meeting	8 p.m.	