

BROWNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORTH LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 19 February 2007 at 6.00 p.m.

at Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills, Walsall

Present

Douglas Birch (In the Chair)
Keith Astin
Councillor Barbara Cassidy
Councillor Michael Flower
Councillor Anthony Harris
Jackie Plant
Andy Roper (WHG)
Councillor Keith Sears
Councillor Dave Turner
Lesley Woakes

151/07 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Alan Paul, Lynda Cooper and Georgina Fereday.

152/07 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved

That the appointment of a WBSP Vice Chairman be deferred to the next meeting;

153/07 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2007, be approved.

154/07 **Update from last meeting**

Litter Issues

Councillor Cassidy reported that various areas, including the area outside Lloyds Chemist and the bus shelter had been litter picked and hot-washed twice since the last LNP.

Neighbourhood Office

Sue Grainger reported that she had visited the site and found there wasn't a problem with litter in the car park. Work was due to commence on the building which would discourage anti-social behaviour.

Transport Links

A motion had been submitted to Council regarding the re-opening of the train line and this had been referred to a Scrutiny Committee which would produce a report in due course.

Lamppost Sign

Councillor Turner explained that all political parties had agreed not to erect posters during elections.

Parking Issues

The police provided statistics on the number of penalties served in the High Street and agreed to bring further statistics to the next meeting.

Traffic Wardens

It was agreed that a report be considered at the next meeting on traffic warden proposals, such as where they will be located and who will be responsible for them.

155/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

156/07 **Petitions**

A petition was received objecting to the outline planning permission for development on the site of Shire Oak Reservoir.

Resolved

That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership endorse the petition

157/07 **Public Forum**

Shire Oak Reservoir

The petition submitted with regard to Shire Oak Reservoir was supported by a local resident who stressed that important changes to the road network were required prior to any works being undertaken. He also stated that the proposed access was within yards of a school and that the development would cause damage to Shire Oak Park.

Shire Oak Park

It was reported that groups of youths had been walking around Shire Oak Park with axes chopping down saplings. Mr. Corbett asked what plans were in place to prevent fires in Shire Oak Park. In response, it was suggested that the police be notified of any sittings of such anti-social behaviour. Also Parpinder Singh Randhawa would contact the Park Rangers to enquire if they would patrol the area more frequently.

Pavement opposite St. John's Church

Mr. Corbett stated that the pavement opposite St. John's Church had a considerable amount of litter on it. He also stated that the bins by the bus stop were a problem and that puddles were also an issue. Drainage channels in the pavement caused problems for wheelchairs. In response, Officers said that they would investigate the matter and report their findings to the next meeting.

158/07 **Foundation Trust Presentation**

The Partnership received a presentation on the Foundation Trust.

Resolved

That the presentation be noted.

159/07 **Regeneration of Brownhills District Centre**

The Partnership received a report on the regeneration of Brownhills District Centre:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That a Project Reference Group be established to oversee the Brownhills Centre Regeneration Project;
- (3) That the Project Reference Group consists of:-

Keith Astin
Vivien Aston
Doug Birch
Councillor Barbara Cassidy
Jackie Plant
Aaron Sewrael
Councillor Dave Turner

- (4) That regular reports be submitted to the LNP from the Project Reference Group.

160/07 **Funding Report - Part A**

The Partnership received a report detailing the progress of the projects the LNP had agreed to fund:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That progress on funding be noted;
- (2) That project champions feedback to the next meeting;
- (3) That £2,500 be recommended for approval to provide works on Walsall Wood Youth Club;
- (4) That the LNP re-affirms that they would like flowers planted at The Parade.

161/07 **Funding Report – Part B**

The Partnership received a report seeking approval to establish a community cash scheme. The scheme would allow voluntary and community groups to bid for funding of up to £400:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That £3,200 be allocated for the community cash scheme;
- (2) That the maximum allocation be £400;
- (3) That the following be appointed to sit on the Projects Selection Panel:-

Councillor Alan Paul
Councillor Michael Flower
Keith Astin
Doug Birch
Sue Grainger

- (4) That the Projects Selection Panel provide progress reports and recommendations to the LNP.

162/07 **Update from Community Action Groups**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

163/07 **LNP Pledges Review**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: