

PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday, 12th February, 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

at Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Primley Avenue, Walsall

Present

Councillor Mohammed Nazir (Chairman)
Councillor Dennis Anson
Councillor Joan Beilby
Mr. Allah Ditta
Mr. Gary Fulford
Mr. Matloob Hussain
Sergeant Gary Illif
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

163/07

Introductions

Members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) introduced themselves to the meeting and the Chairman welcomed the members of the public present.

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Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mrs. Martin, Councillor Aslam, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Holcroft, Mr. Kaliroy, Inspector Redfern, Mr. Rowley and Councillor Sarohi.

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Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December, 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the LNP, be approved as a correct record, subject to Minute No. 158/06 (3) being amended to read 14 Junction Street instead of 40 Junction Street.

166/07

Update on items from last meeting

In relation to Minute No. 155/06 (Parking problems in the vicinity of Primley Infant and Junior School), Councillor Anson requested that it be investigated for the feasibility of painting a single yellow line on the road in the identified problem areas to restrict parking to 1 hour before and 1 hour after school opening/closing times.

With regard to Minute No. 158/06 (2) (Camden Street Working Party), some Members of the LNP felt that Mr. Pulford had been elected to sit on the Working Party in place of one of the other LAPs that had been minuted. The Clerk clarified the process and assured the LNP that he had noted three LAPS who were duly elected onto the Panel. The Council's Lead Officer explained the potential issues arising from the amendment of the resolution at the previous meeting and the sensitivity of this matter with a range of interested parties. Arising from further discussions on this subject, it was agreed that Mark Pulford be a nominated substitute on the Camden Street Working Party to replace one of the LNP LAP Members in circumstances where a LAP would be unable to attend a meeting of the Working Party.

Further to Minute No. 161/06 (4) (Ward Walks), the Chair advised those present who wanted funding for projects in their area to notify one of the LNP Members of the issue so that they could take the issue to be considered as a part of the Ward Walks which would be taking place on 20th and 22nd February, 2007.

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor Yasin and Mr. George Rowley declared an interest in relation to any WHG matters.

Mr. Matloob Hussain and Mr. Allah Ditta declared an interest in relation to matters concerning the UMO.

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Petitions

No petitions were received.

169/07

Foundation Trust - Presentation

The LNP received a presentation on the establishment of a Foundation Trust which was delivered by Sue Wakeman and Bernard Chalk from the tPCT:-

(see annexed)

Members of the LNP and the public who were present conveyed their individual views on issues such as parking problems at the hospital, the prices charged for parking at the hospital and levels of service experienced at the hospital, and how the Trust would consult with hard to reach groups such as young people, to the officers from the tPCT.

Resolved

That the presentation be noted.

170/07

Planning for Real Exercise (Delves)

The LNP received a verbal presentation from Paul Higgitt, Development Officer for the Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation which co-ordinated the Planning for Real process. Paul reported on the various steps that had been undertaken to date in the Planning for Real exercise.

Various Members of the LNP and public thanked Mr. Higgitt for the work that had been completed thus far in the process. However, concern was expressed over the land ownership at Joseph Leckie Community College. This issue had been discussed at past meetings of the LNP. The LNP agreed to send a letter of complaint to the Council with regard to the length of time it had taken since the initial request for this information, notwithstanding the fact that this information had not yet come to fruition. The LNP also requested that it be investigated which Committee made the initial decision to designate the land for the school's use.

Resolved

- (1) That a letter of complaint be drafted and sent from the Chair regarding the lack of progress in identifying the ownership of the land at Joseph Leckie Community College;
- (2) That it be investigated to ascertain which Committee made the decision to designate the land at Joseph Leckie College as land for the potential re-development of the College.

171/07

Funding Report

Rob Flinter introduced the LNP's funding report and a supplementary funding report and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

In relation to the supplementary report which was tabled, there was some confusion over what had initially been agreed. LNP Members felt that the Police had confirmed that they would be able to put out the cones but did not have the resources to purchase additional cones. Members were of the opinion that this proposal was just to purchase

the additional cones for the Police use. However, officers were of the opinion that the Police had said that they were not in a position to put cones out on the road and that cones could only be put out legally by themselves.

Resolved

That:-

- (1) In relation to the report circulated with the agenda, that the progress on funding priorities for 2005/06 and 2006/07 be noted;
- (2) In relation to the supplementary funding report tabled at the meeting, that this issue be re-visited to ascertain the legal position with the Police in relation to the placement of cones on the highway.

172/07

CAG Report

Rob Flinter introduced the report and explained the salient points contained therein.

Members of the LNP reported that better publicity was required for the CAGs as attendance had been poor at recent meetings.

Resolved

- (1) That LNP Members continue in attendance at CAG meetings;
- (2) That the progress of the CAGs to date be noted;
- (3) That the publicity of the CAGs be improved.

173/07

Public Forum

Mrs. Aston was present and voiced her concerns that she had not received a response in relation to the petition (request for gating rear of Jerome Road) which she had submitted to the LNP on 31st July, 2006. Rob Flinter advised that a response had been sent out to her initial petition and quoted the relevant points from a letter from Steve Gittins dated 15th December, 2006, including the fact that an initial check on this location i.e. rear of Jerome Road and the recorded/ reported crime levels did not readily support an intervention at this location. In addition, the letter identified that concerns had been passed on to the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit for any assistance they might be able to offer. Mrs. Aston had also been to various CAGs to further voice her concerns as the anti-social behaviour problems had not gone away. The CAG had agreed to write off to the SWBP but she had still not received a response on the matter.

Pete Anderson requested that a future CAG meeting be held in the Delves area. Rob Flinter suggested amalgamating the CAG and Delves meetings in relation to policing matters.

The LNP received a request to have a standing item on the agenda to discuss crime/anti-social behaviour issues in the area. The LNP also received a request for meetings to commence at 7.00 p.m. instead of 6.30 p.m. Both requests would be considered during the planning process for meetings in the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman

Date