

WILLENHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday, 18 October 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

at Woodlands Primary School, Bloxwich Road North, Willenhall

Present

Councillor Bentley
Inspector J. Bostock
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Mr. D.W. Drewe
Mr. R. Pandaal
Councillor Mrs. E.E. Pitt
Mr. A. Porter
Councillor I. Shires
Mr. S. Taylor
Mrs. V. Till
Councillor Underhill
Councillor Woodruff

9/04 Introductions

For the benefit of all present, the members and officers introduced themselves at the meeting.

10/04 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. Shires, Councillor Withnall, Ms. K. Parsons and Mr. I. Saville.

11/04 Appointment of Local Appointed Partners

A report was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the persons listed below be appointed as Locally Appointed Partners for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

Stanley George Taylor
Ian Saville
Mr. R. Pandaal
Alan Porter

The Locally Appointed Partners were invited to join the meeting and gave a brief introduction for the benefit of those in the meeting.

12/04 **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved

That Councillor I. Shires be appointed Chairman of the Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

13/04 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2004 were submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2004 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Partnership were given a brief outline of the requirements to declare interests and the Local Appointed Partners were advised that they would receive full details on the matter at their induction session.

The following members declared personal interests:-

Mr. S. Taylor:	Transforming Your Space – Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Willenhall Memorial Park
Councillor S. Coughlan:	Chair of the Friends of Willenhall Memorial Park

15/04 **Presentation: Local Neighbourhood Partnerships**

Councillor I. Shires gave a presentation setting out the background, membership and process for meetings of the Local Neighbourhood partnership:

(see annexed)

Mr. Johnson informed the Partnership that questions could be submitted at any time and officers would have an opportunity to investigate the issues prior to the next meeting.

Members raised the issue of publicity of meetings and felt that this should be extended.

The Partnership was advised that this had become an issue and notices would be prepared and displayed in various public locations throughout the area.

In response to points raised, Julie Ball informed the Partnership that the Council, together with Walsall Voluntary Action and the Community Empowerment Network, would ascertain whether any groups could become involved in the Partnership and was looking at how the Council could support those local networks.

16/04 **Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted.

17/04 **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in the public forum.

18/04 **Transforming Your Space**

A report on Transforming Your Space was submitted:

(see annexed)

Kauser Agha introduced the report and confirmed that the projects should go out to tender by February 2005.

Members of the public and members of the Partnership referred to problems relating to open space/play areas in the wards and the need for adequate maintenance and security.

Ms. Agha confirmed that the schemes included in Transforming Your Space would include maintenance schemes.

Members referred to land at Coppice Farm, Gomer Street and Short Heath Park and questioned whether these areas could be addressed in the future.

After discussion it was:

Resolved

That a short term working group be set up to look into the issues raised and to consider consultation on the use of the sites referred to above and any future sites.

19/04 **Local Neighbourhood Plan**

The report on producing the first local plan was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the report on producing the first local plan be noted;
- (2) That the Partnership note the outline details of the planned workshop following the formal meeting.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.