

# **WILLENHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday 31 October 2005 at 6.00 p.m.**

**At Short Heath Junior School, Pennine Way, Short Heath, Willenhall**

## **Present**

Councillor Ian Shires (Chairman)  
Mr. Peter Arch  
Councillor Arthur Bentley  
Councillor John Cook  
Councillor Sean Coughlan  
Councillor Carl Creaney  
Mr. David Drewe  
Wendy Evans  
Mr. R. Pandaal  
Susan Peters  
Mr. Alan Porter  
Inspector Rowe  
Councillor Mrs. Doreen Shires  
Mr. Stanley Taylor  
Mrs. Vicki Till  
Councillor Angela Underhill

## **62/05 Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed Members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership and members of the public to the meeting.

## **63/05 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Woodruff and Mr. Steve Vincent (Fire Service).

## **64/05 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2005, were submitted:-  
(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2005, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **65/05 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **66/05 Petitions**

A petition was submitted by Wendy Evans relating to alleygating of the alleyway leading off Lichfield Road into the Coppice Farm Estate.

Councillor Shires handed in a petition relating to anti-social behaviour adjacent to 31 and 33 Stretton Road.

## **Resolved**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant service area for action.

### **67/05 Partnership Plan, including feedback from Task Group meetings**

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnership's Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Chairman reported that Local Area Agreements would impact on the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships and could assist in making the priorities of the Partnership a reality.

The gating of a number of alleyways would assist the Partnership in meeting its priority to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Rowe confirmed that the police were compiling sufficient evidence to support the closure of alleyways in the area.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That Local Neighbourhood Partnership members continue in attendance at workshop meetings;
- (2) That individual Local Neighbourhood Partnership members encourage wider participation from community members within the task groups;

- (3) That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership note the dates of the future workshops;
- (4) That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership undergo partnership plan review workshops.

**Resolved further**

- (1) That anti social behaviour be included in the Plan;
- (2) That Council Officers be informed that not all community events would normally be part of the Partnership Plan and this should not be a restriction on them going ahead;
- (3) That a report on the progress on requests for alleygating/ environmental improvements at Redpine Crest to Stroud Avenue (including rear alleyway); Calves Croft; Oaken Drive to Myrtle Close; Fairlawn Close to Stretton Road; Kewstoke Road to Moxhall Close and Bramble Close to Lichfield Road be submitted to the Local Neighbourhood Partnership and referred to the Working Group.

**68/05 Funding Priorities for Action**

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Underhill reported that she had received tenders from three companies for the provision of festive lights in Willenhall Town Centre, The Square, New Invention, and Lane Head.

Resolved

- (1) That the progress on projects be noted;
- (2) That project champions feedback at the next Local Neighbourhood Partnership meeting;
- (3) That the provision of festive displays/decorations be included in the Local Plan and a bid for additional funding be submitted to the Commissioning Unit and the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership;
- (4) That a project be prepared for the provision of festive displays/decorations in Willenhall Town Centre, New Invention and Lane Head for 2006 and subsequent years.

## 69/05 **Presentations**

### **Street Pride**

Mr. Chapman, Street Pride, gave a presentation on some of the works undertaken by the service and confirmed that copies would be made available at the working group to take place on 14 November 2005.

### **Resolved**

That the presentation be received and any questions be referred to the working group to be held on 14 November 2005, to look into litter, grounds maintenance and fly tipping problems.

### **External Funding**

Mr. Rainsford gave a presentation on external funding arrangements:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the presentation be noted.

### **Children's Centres and extended schools**

Mr. T. German gave a presentation on children's centres and extended schools:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the presentation be noted and referred to a task and finish working group and that representatives of schools, the Walsall tPCT and appropriate officers be invited to attend

### **Willenhall Community Forum**

Wendy Evans and Rupy Pandaal of the Willenhall Community Forum gave a brief presentation to Members:-

(see annexed)

Members thanked the representatives of the Community Forum for their presentation and it was:-

### **Resolved**

That the presentation be noted and officers be requested to contact the relevant service areas as well as other responsible bodies with regard to action required to alleviate the problems referred to in the presentation as follows:-

- Improve accessibility and visibility of businesses on the Square
- Improve parking and access roads
- Upgrade bus stop provision
- Reduce anti-social behaviour/improve community safety
- Improve the immediate environment
- Consider providing a new Community Resource Centre within the Square, New Invention building, together with:-
  - a local library
  - CAB office
  - Pay point for Council services
  - College of Continuing Education classes

#### **70/05 Transforming Your Space**

The report of the Environmental Regeneration Service was submitted:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

#### **71/05 Improving security in Local Neighbourhoods Programme**

The report to Cabinet dated 19 October 2005, was submitted:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

#### **72/05 Public Forum**

There were no items raised in the public forum.

**Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....