

PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday, 19th December, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

at Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Primley Avenue, Walsall

Present

Mrs. ETTY Martin (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Mr. Mark PULFORD (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Dennis ANSON
Councillor Aqeel ASLAM
Councillor Joan BEILBY
Mr. Allah DITTA
Mrs. Eileen EDWARDS
Mr. Kirpal KALIROY
Inspector Ian REDFERN
Acting Inspector Tim CADMAN
Mr. George ROWLEY
Councillor Mohammad YASIN

152/06

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 Councillor Nazir, Mr. G. Fulford, Mrs. M. Holcroft, Mrs. E. Maher and Councillor Sarohi.

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Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th October, 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the LNP, be approved as a correct record, subject to Minute No. 149/06 (second paragraph on page 7) being amended to read Dr. Sadiq instead of Dr. Saviq.

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Update on items from last meeting

Further to Minute No. 144/06 (Alleygating at the rear of Jerome Road), Councillor Anson reported that he had now received a response from the relevant Council officer, although he was not happy with the response. He also stated that he had concerns with various parking problems in the area, including the junior school and in the vicinity of Alumwell School. Inspector Redfern agreed to request that Sergeant Long contact Councillor Anson direct to try and resolve the problems highlighted.

George Rowley reported that there had recently been various problems with the allotments in Pleck. Serious cases of anti-social behaviour, damage to property and theft had been experienced. Mr. Rowley enquired whether the LNP might be able to use some of its budget to help purchase some anti-theft equipment to help alleviate the problems being experienced. Narinder Singh Chumber commented that he planned to arrange for some Ward walks to take place in the near future and that this would be an ideal opportunity to inspect the area as well as other areas within the LNP's boundaries to see if the LNP could help in anyway. Inspector Redfern agreed to take up the issues with Sergeant Long.

Councillor Beilby raised further concerns in relation to Minute No. 139/06 (Parking in Bell Lane). A response had been provided to the questioner and it was agreed that that response be forwarded to Councillor Beilby. Inspector Redfern also agreed to note the issues raised and feedback to relevant officers within the Police force.

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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

There were no petitions submitted. However, Mrs. Watkins was present and she reported that she had now received a response to her petition (further to Minute No. 119/06 - Alleygating at the rear of Jerome Road). Mrs. Watkins was not happy with the response. She stated that her initial concerns were not so much about the anti-social behaviour which the response had focussed on but for the health and safety and privacy of the elderly who lived there. It was suggested to the LNP that this issue could be re-considered as a part of the proposed Ward walks that were to be arranged in the near future.

Camden Street Working Party

The report of the District Parks Manager was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The report sought to establish a Working Party with a remit to oversee work to be undertaken on the site.

Eight local residents were nominated to sit on the Working Party, however, only three places on the Working Party were available. It was, therefore, agreed that at least one local resident from each Camden Street, Junction Street and Rutter Street be selected to sit on the Working Party to ensure a fair representation of the area. Furthermore, that in consultation with the Chairman, names be pulled from a hat to ensure that the local residents are duly selected to sit on the Working Party in the fairest way possible.

After plentiful consideration and deliberation it was,

Resolved

- (1) That Councillors Nazir, Yasin and Beilby be appointed on the Working Party from amongst the elected Ward representatives;
- (2) That Mr. Rowley, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Kaliroy be appointed onto the Working Party from amongst the LAPs;
- (3) That Mr. H. Ravat, 64 Camden Street, Mr. Zabbar, 40 Junction Street and Mr. Rahman, 3 Rutter Street be appointed onto the Working Party from amongst the local residents.;
- (4) That Nigel Ilsley undertake to arrange the first meeting of the Working Party;
- (5) That Groundwork Black Country be appointed to undertake a consultation exercise in relation to the future of the area;
- (6) That the remit of the Working Party will be to:-
 - (a) assist Groundwork Black Country with the consultation exercise;
 - (b) bring the findings and recommendations of the consultation exercise to a future meeting of the LNP.

159/06 **Public Forum**

This item was brought forward on the agenda.

A Mr. Moulton and a Mr. Baker were in attendance and asked for work to be carried out in Gower Street to allow for off-road parking. Mr. Moulton brought costings for the work to be carried out to the meeting and asked that they be considered for funding by the LNP. The LNP agreed that a meeting be set up between the two questioners and relevant Members from the LNP, as well as relevant officers within the service area from the Council to undertake further investigations on the matter.

160/06 **Community Action Group Report**

The report of the Senior Neighbourhood Partnerships Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

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

161/06 **LNP Funding**

The report of the Senior Neighbourhood Partnerships Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the progress on the funding priorities for 2005/06 be noted;
- (2) That the criteria for the allocated funding for 2006/07 be noted;
- (3) That the remaining funding for the three new projects outlined below, as identified within the supplementary report, be recommended for approval for the amounts identified:-
 - (a) Security measures to garden sheds £294.00
 - (b) Neighbourhood Watch signs £539.00
 - (c) Gardening Project £1306.48

- (4) That the remaining allocation of £7,740.52 be recommended for allocation to projects identified through two Ward walks to be arranged in the near future (one in each Ward equating to £3,870.26 per Ward).

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Festive Wishes

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and input throughout the year and wished all a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman

Date