

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

**Minutes of a Housing & Environment meeting
held at the Blakenall Village Centre
on Thursday 6th December 2007 at 6.30 p.m.**

In attendance

Alan Venables	-	Patch Representative 17/Theme Chair
Jean Moore	-	Patch Representative 2
John Jones	-	Patch Representative 3
Mick Taylor	-	Patch Representative 4
Ray Pritchard	-	Patch Representative 10
Stan Lyons	-	Patch Representative 16
Rob Hughes	-	WHG Stakeholder

Officers

Steve Pooni	-	Housing & Environment Theme Manager
Diane Jones	-	Theme Admin

Partners

Stuart Everton	-	Walsall MBC – Transport Section
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1. Apologies

Bill Smith
Albert Hodgkins
Charlie Robertson
Manny Sehmbi
Ian Robertson
Cliff Webb
Roy Jones
Margaret Rowley
Elaine Weston

Agenda item		Action
1.	Introductions Introductions were made round the table.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of previous meeting These were declared a true record. Proposed John Jones; seconded: Mick Taylor</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Red Route Stuart Everton gave a presentation and showed maps of the red route, which will be begun in April 08. Several questions were asked and SE responded.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update of Approved Projects A report had been distributed before the meeting. SP explained that Maxine was on maternity leave and Margaret Dunn was on holiday, so Jo Nugent had written the report for the group.</p> <p>Highway Junction – Peggy’s The underground services work was now complete and the proposed works to the junction will be completed before the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Blakenall Garage The indemnity has now been signed and the work will be completed before the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Colonnade/garage area Mr Bradley does not want to proceed with the colonnade extension or the demolition of the garages behind his properties.</p> <p>Planters A question was asked on the planters that had been blown over on the Heath, SP explained that as a favour the replanting of these had been done by Tim Waklin.</p> <p>Local Centres JM asked about the Selman Hill parade and the state of the roadway outside these shops.</p>	

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	<p>7 parades had signed indemnity agreements, 3 parades had not signed. SP to check which parades had not signed.</p> <p>Bellway/Utilities have a slight problem in resurfacing the pavement outside their new construction situated near to the BiC. They can only order 200 tonnes of the brown tarmac, which is far too much but they are willing to use black tarmac for the resurfacing. The Council were consulting with the theme on what they thought. The theme agreed to black tarmac.</p>	
6.	<p>Blakenall Church SP had a meeting with the church representatives and Mike Gaffney from Walsall Council. MG to find out about grants and will get back to the church in the 1st week of February.</p> <p>Any problems with this and it will be brought back to the theme in the New Year.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business RP asked about the purchase of the property next to the drive to Stan Ball. SP explained that Mike Brice was leading on this and he did not know anything.</p> <p>SL asked about the disabled access at Woodhall and Hamilton House flats. RH would look into this and see how it was progressing.</p> <p>JJ asked about the sales of the Bellway homes. SP told the meeting that he understands all the flats were now sold, and the houses were selling but at a slower rate.</p> <p>The Homebuy scheme now had another 5 applicants in progress.</p> <p>Living Streets meeting – RH asked if several of his colleagues could attend this special meeting, as it would be beneficial to them. The theme agreed to this.</p>	RH to action
8.	<p>Date of Futures Meetings Tuesday 8th January 2008 – Living Streets Special Meeting</p>	

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