

## NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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### Minutes of a Housing and Environment Theme meeting held at the Blakenall Village Centre on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 7.00pm

#### In attendance

Bill Smith - Vice Chair/ Local Trader Representative  
John Jones - Patch 3 Representative  
Mick Taylor - Patch 4 Representative  
Stan Lyons - Patch 16 Representative  
Cliff Webb - Patch 18 Representative  
Charlie Robertson - Patch 14 Representative  
Doug Gill - Patch 21 Representative  
Ray Walters - Patch 22 Representative  
Roy Jones - Patch 13 Representative  
Margaret Rowley - Patch 20 Representative

#### Officers

Steve Pooni - Housing and Environment Theme Manager  
Paul Capelin - Interim Programme Manager  
Ian Homard - Project Officer – Leamore Park  
Claire Bissell - Administrator

#### Partners

#### 1. Apologies

Meryvn Stonard - Patch 7 Representative  
Debbie Marshall - Patch 12 Representative  
Darshan Chatha - WHG  
Tom Brown - Walsall MBC  
Cllr Ian Robertson - Walsall MBC

Agenda item		Action
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Margaret Rowley's apologies need to be added to the minutes.	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b> None.	
4.	<b>Leamore Park</b> PC outlined that a decision was needed from the group to agree to the proposal going to approvals. PC apologised for errors in the report.  IH ran through the project details and emphasized the tight time scale that they were working too.  DG questioned the closure of the "Slang". IH replied that the	

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	<p>intention was to eventually close the Slang but a diversion would be used initially.</p> <p>With regards to the widening of the entrance gates, MT questioned what would happen to the ornamental gates that had been purchased. IH said they would be used elsewhere in the park, maybe in the Sensory Gardens.</p> <p>JJ requested that the bins in the park should be fireproof.</p> <p>An issue was raised by MT regarding the sustainability of the park. IH told the group that there would be a meeting at the end of the month to discuss a establishing a trust to manage the park an idea for which there was good support.</p> <p>IH told the group that the estimated costs were around £500,000 - £600,000.</p> <p>BS said that if the report was to go to Approvals, then the submission would need to be written considering the details, such as maintenance.</p> <p>The project was proposed by MT and seconded by JJ. The group agreed to take the project to the approvals sub-committee.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Proposals Approval Update</b>                  SP informed the group that all projects were approved at Approvals on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</p>	
6.	<p><b>Update on approved projects</b></p> <p><b><u>Blakenall Village</u></b>                  SP delivered a verbal report. SP informed the group were told that all outstanding work would be completed by 19<sup>th</sup> November 2006, by Barhale as part of the retention period, and that Walsall Council would be withholding final payment until all work was complete.</p> <p>BS asked if there were any questions from the group on the written update reports. No questions were raised.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Homebuy Update</b>                  SP informed the group that a report would be going to the next Board Meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Bloxwich Town Centre Steering Group Update</b></p> <p><b><u>Arts Project</u></b>                  SP reported to the group that the Steering Group had selected</p>	

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	<p>some locally based Artists to carry out the work, which is being funded by the council (£32,000)</p> <p><b><u>Phase II</u></b> SP informed the group that the Town Centre Steering Group had started to discuss a potential Phase II project for the town centre.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> PC asked the group when they would like to discuss their performance management review. BS suggested the next Housing and Environment meeting (14<sup>th</sup> December 2006) begin at 6.30pm to incorporate this, the group agreed.</p> <p>SL asked when Phase III was likely to take place for Leamore Park. It would be possible that this would go ahead in 2007-2008, but PC emphasized that this would only go ahead if a trust was in place.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at Blakenall Village Centre</p>	