

## NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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### Minutes of a Housing and Environment Theme meeting held at the Blakenall Village Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.00pm

#### In attendance

Bill Smith - Vice Chair  
Mick Taylor - Patch 4 Representative  
Charlie Robertson - Patch 14 Representative  
Stan Lyons - Patch 16 Representative  
Cliff Webb - Patch 18 Representative  
Margaret Rowley - Patch 20 Representative  
Doug Gill - Patch 21 Representative  
Ray Walters - Patch 22 Representative

#### Officers

Mike Brice - Neighbourhood Manager  
Paul Capelin - Interim Programme Manager  
Joseph Cheminai - Administrator

#### Partners

Tom Brown - Walsall MBC  
Adiba Farrah - Future Foundations

#### 1. Apologies

Maxine Pitt - Walsall MBC  
Peter Smith - Patch 24 Representative  
Alan Venables - Patch 17  
Jean Jevons - Community and Voluntary Sector Representative

Agenda item		Action
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b>  DG has spoken to the police in relation to problems surrounding parking for local traders in Blakenall Village. MB to liaise with Craig Smith to address this.	<b>MB</b>
4.	<b>Housing Developments</b>  Sites A, B and C have now been sold to Bellway.  Work is scheduled to commence on sites A and B in June/ July. Work will not commence on site C, around which fencing has been erected, until September.	

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<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Formulation of Steering Group for proposed Blakenall Phase II and Leamore Shopping Centre Improvements</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the steering group should comprise of the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Stakeholders: Bill Smith and another</li> <li>- 4 Resident Board Members: Mick Taylor, Cliff Webb, Stan Lyons, Charlie Robertson</li> <li>- 2 representatives of Leamore Forum</li> <li>- 1 Blakenall Trader: Dennis Whittaker (Butcher)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p> <p><b>6.2</b></p> <p><b>6.3</b></p> <p><b>6.4</b></p>	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p><b>Blakenall Village</b>                  Concerns were raised in relation to the delayed opening of the Blakenall Heath toilets. TB informed the group that the toilets had failed inspection; but revised plans have been submitted and approved.</p> <p>It was requested that a notice be fitted to toilets to explain why the delays in opening continue.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised in relation to the remedial works on the gravel paths in Blakenall Heath as the surface remains uneven. TB to look into this.</p> <p><b>Bloxwich Centre</b>                  To be dealt with at steering group meeting to be held on May 4th 2006.</p> <p><b>BLEAP</b>                  The group granted permission for TB to take forward proposals.</p> <p>TB informed the group that Lynne Morgan has been appointed to take forward and develop the 'Living Streets Masterplan'.</p> <p>Shop frontages and parking provisions for local schools were identified as targets for additional funding.</p> <p><b>Canal/ Towpath Project – Phase 2 funding update</b>                  WREN (landfill tax credits) - Board met in late March and decided not to fund £50,000 contribution to project. TB exploring other sources of funding and will bring update to next meeting.</p>	<p><b>TB</b></p> <p><b>TB</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Management/ Local Centre</b></p> <p>Proposals are currently being redesigned. MP to bring to next Theme meeting following discussion at the steering group.</p>	<p><b>MP</b></p>

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	<p><u>Leamore Park</u> MB to bring fully costed options to next Theme meeting.</p> <p><u>Skateboard Park</u> Children have been able to gain access to area beneath structures due to the lack of covering around the sides. Designers are currently addressing this problem.</p> <p>MB has met with 'Friends of Leamore Park' and has written to Walsall Council on their behalf to express their concerns.</p>	<b>MB</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Any other business</b> None	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2006 commencing at 7.00pm in the BVC	