

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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Minutes of a Housing and Environment Theme meeting held at the Blakenall Village Centre on the 22nd June 2006 at 7.00pm

In attendance

Alan Venables - Chair
John Jones - Patch 3 Representative
Mick Taylor - Patch 4 Representative
Debbie Marshall - Patch 12 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

Steve Pooni - Housing and Environment Theme Manager
Paul Capelin - Interim Programme Manager
Joseph Cheminai - Administrator

Partners

Tom Brown - Walsall MBC
Lynne Morgan - Walsall MBC
Darshan Chatha - WHG

1. Apologies

Bill Smith - Local Trader Representative
Roy Jones - Patch 13 Representative
Maxine Pitt - Walsall MBC
Alex Whomsley - Walsall MBC
Adiba Farrah - Future Foundations
Cllr. Ian Robertson - Local Councillor

Agenda item		Action
2.	Minutes of previous meeting The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Matters arising None.	
4.	Housing Developments <u>Site C</u> SP has met with Bellway. The group was informed that fencing has been erected around site C which must remain for 3 months.	

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	<p>PR is currently dealing with outstanding issues surrounding this site so that Bellway may commence work on site in August/ September 2006.</p> <p><u>Homebuy Scheme</u> SP informed the group that contracts for the scheme are to be completed within the next two. The design for leaflets to promote the scheme is to be completed by 30th June.</p> <p><u>Site D</u> Darshan Chatha informed the group that this land had been sold to Bellway.</p> <p><u>Saville Road Bungalows</u> Darshan Chatha stated that Bellway would be on site during the first week of October to start work on 7 bungalows and flats, which are estimated to be completed by July 2007.</p>	
5.	<p>Local Centres Steering Group Update</p> <p>SP informed the meeting that the steering group have prioritised the proposed works to be undertaken in Blakenall and Leamore Centre. The steering group are meeting on Wednesday 28th June to approve funding proposals to be presented by TB and MP.</p>	TB/MP
6.	<p>BLEAP – Small Shop Parades Presentation</p> <p>TB presented proposals to improve 9 small shopping parades in and around the footprint area to the group.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion it was agreed that TB and MP should investigate available funding, land ownership and liability for repairs before any of the options are accepted/ rejected.</p>	TB/MP
7.	<p>Project Updates</p>	
7.1	<p>Blakenall Village TB informed that group that the retention period for works is underway and that any remaining problems should to be reported to MP.</p>	MP
7.2	<p>Bloxwich Centre To be dealt with at steering group meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th July.</p>	
7.3	<p>BLEAP TB stated that he is currently pursuing an estimated start date from BT to undertake works at Lancaster Place.</p>	

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<p>7.4</p>	<p>TB informed the group that a public enquiry to be undertaken this year in relation to closure of alley behind Drake Road.</p> <p>Small shop parades to be funded as an extension of BLEAP.</p> <p><u>Living Streets Masterplan</u> Lynne Morgan, the landscape architect, was introduced to the meeting. She is currently developing proposals to underpin improvements already made to the area. These proposals will tackle issues such as parking, antisocial behaviour and greening of streets.</p> <p>Canal/ Towpath Project – Phase 2 funding update TB informed the group approval had been received from TYS to fund phase 2 of this project. TB is waiting for final costings of the first phase and it is hoped work will commence in August 2006.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Management/ Local Centre</p> <p>PC outlined proposals to develop Neighbourhood Nature into a full project. This will allow it to be monitored much more effectively as well as increasing accountability.</p> <p>The group agreed that this proposal should be taken to next Approvals Sub-Committee meeting to be held on 18th July.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Loose Chippings in Hardy Road</u> DG raised concerns in relation to loose gravel in Hardy Road. TB stated that a Council Highways Engineer has investigated the complaint and did not consider that there excessive amounts of loose chippings.</p> <p><u>Road Sweeper</u> SP informed the group that the road sweeper has been delivered and that driver training will be taking place 28th June. Tim Wakelin is currently writing an article with AB in relation to the new road sweeper to be included in the ChTatter Magazine.</p> <p>A rota for the new sweeper to be drawn up to ensure that all areas are regularly swept.</p> <p>There were concerns raised in relation to the location of the old road sweeper. PR/PC to talk to Tim Wakelin in relation to this.</p> <p><u>Local Pubs</u> SP agreed to investigate the future of the Dolphin and Green Rock Pub.</p>	<p>PR/PC</p> <p>SP</p>

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10.	Date and time of next meeting 24 th August 2006 commencing at 7.00pm in the BVC	
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