

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms**

**Present:** Andy Cattell, Tony Marshall, Eric Jennings, Frank Priest, Joyce Peel, Harry Swain and PCs Alan Bentley and Ian Colin.

**Apologies:** Les Smith, Mich Moore, Margaret Farmer and Sue Aspley

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were circulated with the agenda and agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Newsletter:**

Issue 42 was  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete and it was hoped would be in a different format giving a fresh outlook. Joyce Peel was available to proof read if required.

**Signs:**

Signs still have to be repaired and replaced. Mich is still receiving feed back via the Newsletter appeal.

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report was available but so far membership fees for the year had been received. Some discussion took place about future expenditure and consideration to buying two lap tops should be considered, JNW at Leighswood, UV pens for a zone at a time, sponsorship of Police bike equipment if a direct relationship between the using of bikes and crime reduction can be established.

**New Members/Co-ordinators:**

Steve Cartwright from 86 Walsall Wood Road had resigned as co-ordinator and his area has been split between Sue Aspley and Ann Quiney. Stephanie Poppit has agreed to continue as co-ordinator for her late husbands patch in Lancaster Ave.

**Website:**

The website was now being run by Pete Kelsall and Andy will make contact to enquire how things are going.

**Police Area Report:**

PC Alan Bentley reported crime was low being less than one incident a day. Patrolling on bikes was proving to be effective with new areas not previously covered being reached. Overall the reception was good and members of the public were pleased to see a visible presence.

**AOB:**

**AGM:**

48 members out of 1600 homes was disappointing and members present felt it was because there were few problems in the area therefore no one was bothered and it was not an indicative of what we were trying to achieve.

**County Neighbourhood Watch Awards 2007:**

The secretary confirmed that PC Alan Bentley had not been successful in his nomination for the County Awards.

**Co-ordinators AGM in September:**

It was agreed to hold an informal "Cheese and Wine" evening and Joyce would seek approval. A more colourful invitation would be issued and sent out via the zone co-ordinators. Tony would ask Abdul Meah from Street Pride to attend or find an alternative speaker.

Joyce Peel and Sue Aspley will take on the catering arrangements.

Our MP and local councillors will be invited to attend along with guests.

**Data Protection:**

Les Smith had submitted a report on Data Protection to be retained with the minutes. Andy will refer this to the membership via the Newsletter and guidance will be sought from the Community Safety Team.

**Safety House visit:**

Members present were asked if they would like a visit to the Brownhills Safety House to be arranged sometime in 2009.

**Meeting dates 2008:**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Co-ordinators Meeting at St. Thomas Church Hall</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee

**Meeting closed at 9.00 pm**  
**Next Committee meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008**