

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2008
At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms**

Present: Tony Marshall, Les Smith, Margaret Farmer, Mich Moore, Eric Jennings, Sue Aspley, Frank Priest, Lucy Holder, Pete Kelsall, PCs Alan Bentley and Ian Colin.

Apologies: Sgt Peter Finch.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 15th November 2007 were circulated with the agenda and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Newsletter:

Issue 41 had been distributed before Christmas and there were two amendments required to be made in the template.

1. The correct telephone number for Mike Arnold is 453739
2. Details of the committee require updating Christine Price should be taken off and Eric Jennings and Margaret Farmer added.

It was also suggested, in light of its success, that a Junior Neighbourhood Watch section be considered in the magazine and items such as "Word Searches" could be included together with advice for youngsters.

Signs:

Recent storms had caused damage to signs that would be attended to as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report:

All expected membership fees had been received including Elmdale Drive queried at the last meeting. After paying for the last Newsletter we had a balance of. The treasurer will arrange for the accounts to be audited. It was felt that the membership fees forms were of benefit and fresh ones would be printed and distributed to the zone co-ordinators.

New Members/Co-ordinators:

Linda Edwards had come forward to take over as co-ordinator for Malvern Drive but we were still seeking a replacement co-ordinator for Irene Maher of Elmdale Drive. A further letter would be sent out as soon as possible.

Website:

No report was received. There was a need to take steps to get the site back up and running.

Police Area Report:

PC Alan Bentley reported crime was returning to on average one incident a day. Burglaries over the holiday period had caused a problem and a "Hot Spot" had been flagged up by the crime statistics. It was recommended that residents post code their electrical appliance plugs as a safety measure.

The Police surgery dates were in the Newsletter although the surgery due Monday 26th May would have to be rearranged for Monday 19th May.

AOB:

West Midlands Fire Service:

Members felt the WMFS reporting system was of benefit although no one had yet had cause to report any incident.

AGM:

Arrangements will be made for West Midlands Fire Service to attend and talk to members at the AGM.

Community Action Group Meeting:

The secretary advised that it was planned to hold a CAG meeting at St. Thomas Church Hall on the 17th April and it would be an opportunity for members to attend and express their views on North Aldridge. Meetings normally started at 6.00pm and lasted a couple of hours.

Meeting dates 2008:

Thursday 6 th March	Committee
Thursday 8 th May	Committee
Thursday 15th May	AGM at St. Thomas Church Hall
Thursday 10 th July	Committee
Thursday 4 th September	Committee
Thursday 18th September	Co-ordinators Meeting at St. Thomas Church Hall
Thursday 13 th November	Committee

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm
Next Meeting Thursday 6th March 2008