Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May 2007
At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms

Present: Andy Cattell, Tony Marshall, Les Smith, Frank Priest, Margaret Farmer, Steve Walker, Mich Moore, Chris Price and PC Ian Colin.

Apologies: Paula Duffy. Harry Swain, Eric Jennings and Sue Aspley.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 1st March 2007 were circulated with the agenda and were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:
There were no matters arising.

Newsletter:
Issue 39 was currently being printed and expected to be available by the 5th May. It contains the usual items including crime figures. There was some debate as to whether it was time to change the format for fear the magazine was becoming stale. This is something we need to explore further through committee meetings and our membership.

Signs:
Following the gales a lot of work had taken place to replace and renew damaged signs. The Druids Estate was still to be checked and a damaged sign was reported on Northgate. There were only 9 signs in stock and consideration needed to be given to restocking.

Treasurer's Report:
The 2006 accounts have been finalised and a carry forward balance was anticipated. The deficit had been caused by the payment for magazines in the previous year.

No current balance was available.

New Members/Co-ordinators:
Two new co-ordinators have been found. Jonathon Reed from Highfield Way will take over from Max Quibell and Chris Leng from Jordan Way will take over from Frank and Edna Highfield.

It was sadly reported that Frank Highfield and Rose Jennings, wife of Eric Jennings, had recently died.

Liam and Jane Fagan co-ordinators for Leighswood Avenue are moving and a replacement will need to be identified in due course.

Tony and Val Besley are moving from Wood End Way and Chris and Steve Grainger have been approached to take over their 9 houses. A response is awaited.

Website:
The Webmaster distributed a report prepared recommending NANW use Streamline.net for our new Internet Company to host the North Aldridge site. Cost would be around £28 for two years and the name of "northaldridgenhw.org.uk" chosen. The Webmaster will make contact and clarify what is now needed to proceed. His full report is on file.

Police Area Report:

It was reported that there were currently few residential issues although there had been 30 burglary attacks on the industrial estates since 1st March.

Additional Surgery dates will be advised.

AOB:

Funding Bids:
The bid to the LNP for Brownhills and Aldridge North had been submitted and initial indications were promising.
Bids to Barclays Bank and the National lottery were still in hand.
The Vice chair reported he had written to HSBC and was awaiting a response.

Projects for 2007:

Reduction in crime project:
The Community Safety Van had been booked for the 9th June and will be coming to the car park at Lazy Hill. It was recommended that safety vests be worn.

Youth Project:
Junior Neighbourhood Watch was moving forward. Leighswood School had agreed to pilot the project and a teacher had been identified to help and support. A training day was planned for the 11th May with delivery to Year 5 children on the 14th June. School would then support a further 4-5 sessions after school and wanted the programme to be established into their in school curriculum. The secretary, Sue Aspley and our two PCSOs, Alex Gascoyne and Tracey Ash, will assist and play an active part.

AGM 10th May 2007:
It was agreed to meet at the Church by 7.00pm to prepare the Hall and refreshments.

Meeting packs are ready and a presentation and quiz will be considered for the meeting.

Trading Standards will be attending and give a presentation.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm
Next Meeting Thursday 12th July 2007