

<p>Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 5th March 2009 At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms</p>
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Present: Andy Cattell, Frank Priest, Tony Marshall, Eric Jennings, Les Smith, Margaret Farmer, Joyce Peel, PC Alan Bentley, PCSO Sam Skinner and guest Paul Underwood secretary South Aldridge NW.

Apologies: Sue Aspley, Mich Moore.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 15th January 2009 were circulated with the agenda and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

No matters arising.

Newsletter:

The Spring edition was out and so far had attracted little comment other than there was no clear message that membership fees were due. The summer edition had been started with a deadline for articles set at 1st May with printing by two weeks after.

Committee members were encouraged to submit articles of local interest and it was agreed to ask the Zone Co-ordinators for a contribution on their patch. PCSO Skinner had an article she would send to the Chair for inclusion.

Signs:

All signs advised had been dealt with and 30 new signs, had been ordered.

Treasurer's Report:

As at 23rd January we held healthy funds excluding recent cheques totalling £1263.62 for signs, the magazine, two laptops and two bags. Without the addition of membership fees received the balance was satisfactory.

New Members/Co-ordinators:

Residents from Devon Crescent were still enquiring about joining.

Website:

Although there was no report the site was working smoothly and was being updated on a regular basis. The NANW laptops (3 in total) were held by the webmaster, secretary and editorial team.

Police Area Report:

Local crime remained at approximately one incident a day although the recent snow had caused some difficulty with youths and the throwing of snowballs at property. Recent surgeries had been taken up by residents from Devon Crescent which was a good thing as it was helping to resolve issues in the area.

AOB:

Future Spend and Project for 2009:

Having purchased the two laptop computers it was agreed to ask members present at the AGM in May for ideas on spending for the benefit of all members.

Data Protection:

It was agreed that that brief mention of requirements would be made at the AGM in May.

Safety House visit:

PCSO Skinner had some helpful information about the Safety House available for print in the next Newsletter and we would be able to gauge interest at the AGM.

Bail Hostel:

No further progress had been made and we awaited comment from the "Update" in the Newsletter from members.

Aims and Objectives for 2009:

It was agreed that as many committee members as possible would attend the AGM for South Aldridge to be held on the 7th April.

AGM:

The chair will resign in May and not offer himself for re-election. In addition the vice chair and secretary will stand down but are willing to re-stand. The Association is therefore looking for a new Chair.

It was agreed that PC Alan Bentley would enquire about a Drugs Dog presentation and we would ask our local councillors to address the meeting on their work.

Neighbourhood Watch Awards for 2009:

It was agreed that North Aldridge would again nominate PC Alan Bentley for an award for his services to our community. The chair would make an application.

**Meeting closed at 9.30 pm
Next Committee meeting Thursday 7th May 2009**