Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6th March 2008
At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms

Present: Andy Cattell, Tony Marshall, Les Smith, Margaret Farmer, Eric Jennings, Sue Aspley, Frank Priest, Jonathan Reed, Kay Santolamazza, Mike Arnold, Insp Jan Leggett and PCs Alan Bentley.

Apologies: Mich Moore, Pete Kelsall and Sgt Peter Finch.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 17th January 2008 were circulated with the agenda and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:
There were no matters arising.

Newsletter:
Issue 42 the spring edition is on track and should be available by the end of March. There has been little comment on the lack of crime figures from members.

A Junior Neighbourhood Watch section has been set up in the magazine and on the website. Contributions are always required.

Signs:
No report.

Treasurer's Report:
The Grant from the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP for JNW at Leighswood and St. Johns has been received and North Aldridge now has a healthy balance. 2008 membership fees have been received.

New Members/Co-ordinators:
Lucy Holder is a new co-ordinator for Hill Top Walk and part of Branchal Road and Helen Miller is a new co-ordinator in Elmdale Ave.

Website:
The chairman confirmed that the website was back up and running with a new Junior Neighbourhood Watch page.

Police Area Report:
PC Alan Bentley reported crime was still on average one incident a day. Anti-social behaviour had reduced and the crime trend in the area is reducing with an overall reduction of 21% in 2007 around the borough. The next surgery date is Monday 14th April.

Inspector Jan Leggett introduced herself and commented on how pleased she was with Aldridge and the work has had found being done. The message to get out to members is that Aldridge is a crime free area and that crime in the whole Borough of Walsall is going down.

AOB:

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

Otherwise we will use the same meeting format. The secretary will invite Richard Shepherd MP and local councillors.

Community Action Group Meeting:
The secretary reminded members of the CAG meeting at St. Thomas Church Hall on the 17th April.

Aims and Objectives for 2008:
The Aim for 2008 is for every member household to receive a property marking pen.

County Neighbourhood Watch Awards 2007:
The secretary asked for support in nominating PC Alan Bentley for the County Association Police Award for his work with North Aldridge and the local community.

Meeting dates 2008:

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

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm
Next Meeting Thursday 8th May 2008