Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6th September 2007
At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms

Present: Andy Cattell, Tony Marshall, Les Smith, Margaret Farmer, Mich Moore, Sue Aspley, Eric Jennings and PC Alan Bentley.

Apologies: Steve Walker and Sgt Peter Finch.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 12th July 2007 were circulated with the agenda and were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:
There were no matters arising.

Newsletter:
Issue 40 had been distributed and the Chairman expressed some disappointment that some co-ordinators had not collected their magazines to issue. In the main they were from Zone 6 and showed the need to find a Zone co-ordinator. Crime details in the issue had been deliberately kept to a minimum and it was hoped to have more information on results. This is something the neighbourhood team are trying to resolve as best they can.

Issue 41 had been started and contributions were welcome.

Signs:
50 new signs had been ordered and should be ready for collection shortly and will enable us to replace damaged signs and install new ones.

Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer reported that the new mandate had been accepted and was now in operation. Membership fees to-date with approximately £100 still outstanding. The Grant of £400 from Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP had been received and banked.

The Bank balance included the LNP Grant of £400, and there were payments to be made for the Newsletter Issue 40 and Signs. The remainder of the LNP Grant needed to be spent.

Income received and Expenditure made to date was summarised as being:

New Members/Co-ordinators:
It was reported that Marlene Bradburn wished to resign as co-ordinator. A letter to her members has been issued seeking a replacement. A letter had also been issued to find a replacement for Maurice Cockayne. Residents in Rutland Crescent were pleased with the progress made in trying to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Website:
No report was received.

Police Area Report:
PC Alan Bentley reported there had only been 4 neighbourhood watch incidents with the remaining being linked to the Industrial estates. Nuisance at the Cricket and Golf Clubs had occurred and some youths detained.

An additional surgery date was the 4th December.

AOB:

Projects for 2007:

Youth Project:
The JNW Project had been a success with favourable comments from children, parents and staff. A full evaluation had been completed and sent to school together with a cheque for £100 as a donation to school funds. A report is to be given to the LNP in due course.

School would like us to repeat the programme next year and carry out a reduced programme in the Spring Term for the children that attended the first programme. Agreement has also been given to display Notices of Interest on the Parent Notice Board.

Co-ordinators Meeting 20th September 2007:
Invitations have been issued and 34 co-ordinators should be attending together with Richard Shepherd MP and local Councillors. Sue Lloyd and Andy Perry will be attending from the Local Authority Road Safety Team.

Refreshments will be available.

Additional notes:

- A "Thank you" from Karen Ross had been received.
- Proposed meeting dates for 2008 were circulated
- Councillor Mike Flower had sent information regarding the Bail Hostel
- A letter to residents around St. Thomas' Park regarding anti-social behaviour had been sent.
- West Midlands Fire Service had an electronic reporting system they wanted to introduce.
- National Neighbourhood Watch week was going to be 15th October.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm
Next Meeting Thursday 15th November 2007