

<p>Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2008 At Lancaster Avenue Community Rooms</p>

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

Apologies: None

The minutes of the previous committee meeting on the 6th March 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, was printed and being distributed. There had been several calls from members asking who to pay their membership fees to so clearly some co-ordinators were not writing their names on the front of the magazine. As usual there has been little comment on the lack of crime figures from members. Interestingly there have been several contacts made to NW via the website. The next edition will be starting soon.

A Junior Neighbourhood Watch section has been set up on the web site and a page will be included in the magazine. Contributions are always required.

Signs:

Some signs have been repaired and Mich has a list of others to attend to such as in Leighswood Road, Walsall Wood Road and Leighswood Avenue.

Treasurer's Report:

Including the Grant from the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP for JNW as at the 23rd April the balance in the account was healthy. In addition to this membership fees had been paid. It was reported that some membership fees had been received with a distinct lack of detail despite the letter enclosing a payment form.

The committee agreed to purchase a lap top computer for future use. Some discussion took place about the level of data held and we will try and seek clarification on this from the Data Protection Agency. Les Smith was willing to write for this clarification.

New Members/Co-ordinators:

It was sadly reported that Steve Poppit co-ordinator for part of Lancaster Avenue had passed away after several months of illness. The secretary confirmed he had written to Mrs Poppit and sent a card of condolence from Neighbourhood Watch.

Steve Cartwright from 86 Walsall Wood Road had resigned as co-ordinator and a letter requesting a new co-ordinator had been distributed. Les will follow this up and if no one comes forward Sue Aspley volunteered to take the patch into her area.

Website:

The website was running well.

Police Area Report:

PC Alan Bentley reported crime was still on average one incident a day. Anti-social behaviour had reduced. There had been a slight increase in car incidents recently and it was thought to be associated with another problem being looked at. No further comment could be given.

AOB:

AGM:

Peter Allington from West Midlands Fire Service will attend and talk to members at the AGM, as will Abdul Meah from Streetpride.

The secretary confirmed he had invited Richard Shepherd MP and local councillors to attend.

Community Action Group Meeting:

Only a few members attended the meeting held.

Aims and Objectives for 2008:

The cost of providing a UV pen to every household to mark their property was going to be too expensive unless sponsorship could be obtained. The matter was therefore shelved for the time being.

County Neighbourhood Watch Awards 2007:

The secretary confirmed that PC Alan Bentley had been nominated for the County Association Police Award for his work with North Aldridge and the local community.

AGM:

The format was agreed.

Meeting dates 2008:

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 was the AGM Thursday 15th May 2008

Next Committee meeting Thursday 10th July 2008