STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 18th June 2007 at 7.00 pm at Hob Green Primary School, Stourbridge

PRESENT:-

Councillors Adams, Attwood, Banks, Mrs Collins, Mrs Cowell, Hanif, Jones, Kettle, Knowles, Lowe, Mrs Martin, Mrs Rogers, A Turner, Mrs Walker and C Wilson

OFFICERS:-

Director of Law and Property (As Area Liaison Officer); Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Officer (Directorate of Law and Property), Assistant Director Development and Environment Protection, Group Engineer - Traffic and Road Safety; (Directorate of the Urban Environment), Principal, Project Officer, Quality and Complaints Manager, Area Housing Manager (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) Group Accountant (Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement) and Mrs J Rees (Directorate of Law and Property)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Inspector P Boardman and Sergeant Higgins of West Midlands Police, together with approximately 40 members of the public, were in attendance at the meeting.

1 <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u>

RESOLVED

That Councillor Adams be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal year.

(Councillor Adams thereupon took the Chair)

2 <u>APOLOGIES</u>

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr J Downing and Mr I Green.

3 <u>CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS</u>

The Chairman welcomed newly elected Members and then drew attention to health and safety issues in relation to the building, copies of which were circulated.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones declared prejudicial interest, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of Agenda Item No 16 (Review of the Closure of Stourbridge High Street) in view of a personal friend being directly affected by the closure.

Councillor Lowe declared a personal interest, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of Agenda Item No 18 (Dudley Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT)), in view of his being an officer of UNISON, some of whose members were employed by the Dudley Primary Care Trust.

Mr Polychronakis declared a prejudicial interest, in Agenda Item No 14 (Capital Allocations – Application by Pedmore Cricket Club) in view of his membership of the Pedmore Cricket Club.

5 <u>MINUTES</u>

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th March 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

6 <u>APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN</u>

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Cowell be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

7 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROTOCOL FOR AREA COMMITTEES

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the Terms of Reference and Protocol for Area Committees.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and the Appendices to the report, submitted, on the Terms of Reference and Protocol for Area Committees be noted.

8 <u>CO-OPTED MEMBERS</u>

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the co-option of Members to serve on the Committee for the 2007-2008 Municipal Year.

The Area Liaison Officer advised that Mr G Downing, Mr Green and Mr Rodney – and in his absence Mr P Singh – had all indicated their willingness to stand for reappointment. Miss Hill would not be available for reappointment and no other person had been nominated to represent young people. Ms Shepherd had not yet been re-nominated to represent the Tenants and Residents Associations, but the Area Forum was due to have its Annual General Meeting shortly. The Dudley Association of Governing Bodies had nominated Mr J Conway to represent the Association.

RESOLVED

(1) That the following persons be re-appointed as co-opted Members of the Committee for the 2007-2008 Municipal Year, representing the organisations indicated:-

> Mr G Downing – Local Businesses. Mr I Green – Voluntary Community Sector. Mr K Rodney (or in his absence Mr P Singh) – Ethnic Minorities.

- (2) That the appointment of a representative for the Local Tenants and Residents Association and for Young People, be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.
- (3) That, since a number of Members of the Committee hold the office of school governor, the Committee deem it unnecessary that a further representative of the education service be appointed as a member and that therefore the request of the Dudley Association of Governing Bodies that Mr Conway be appointed as a co-opted member to represent the Association, be declined.

9 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the re-appointment of Working Groups for the 2007-2008 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Stourbridge Area Committee Consultative Group be re-appointed for the ensuing year, with its existing terms of reference and that the Consultative Group comprise the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Co-opted Members of the Committee, and representatives of the outside agencies with an interest in Stourbridge.
- (2) That the Stourbridge Town Centre Traffic Management Working Group be re-appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year, with its existing terms of reference and that the Working Group comprise the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors Mrs Collins, Jones, Knowles and Lowe.
- (3) That the Stourbridge Town Hall Working Group be reappointed for the ensuing year, with its existing terms of reference and that the Working Group comprise the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors Mrs Collins, Knowles and A Turner.

10 <u>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u>

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the appointment of representatives of the Council to various outside organisations for the 2007-2008 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

That appointments to the organisations indicated be made as follows:-

Organisation	<u>Representative</u>	Period of Office
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Social Inclusion

Mary Stevens Hospice The three members Annual of the Council for the Pedmore, and Stourbridge East Ward

Community Associations

(a) **Bodybuilding Gym** Councillor A Turner Annual and Mr Vickers

(b)	Lye	The three members of Council for the Lye and Wollescote Ward	Annual
(C)	Norton	Councillor Adams	Annual
(d)	Valley Road Youth and Community Centre	The three members of the Council for the Lye and Wollescote Ward and Councillor Attwood	Annual
(e)	Withymoor	Councillor Banks	Annual

11 <u>YOUTH ISSUES</u>

There were no youth issues to be discussed at this meeting.

12 <u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>

Before reading questions from the public, the Area Liaison Officer stated that any questions which were not addressed at the meeting would receive a written response from the appropriate officer.

Questions and answers were then given as follows:

- (a) A query from a member of the public regarding the consultation process for the closure of Stourbridge High Street was deferred for consideration under agenda item no. 16.
- (b) A member of the public questioned why residents of Church Road, Lye, had been omitted from the original distribution list for consultation on the introduction of the Alcohol Ban for Lye High Street. In responding, the Area Liaison Officer apologised for the oversight, which had resulted from a clerical error. He also advised that once alerted to the omission, he had written a full letter of explanation and apology to the residents concerned.

- (c) A member of the public raised a number of concerns, including those in relation to safety, increased volume of traffic, especially late at night, and pollution issues relating to the route along Hillfields Road and Sandringham Way, Amblecote used by large delivery lorries to a local supermarket on Withymoor Village Estate. He alleged that six accidents had taken place along the route in the previous seven months and expressed concerns for the safety of children at the local primary school, which suffered as a result of road traffic congestion at peak times. Residents had requested that the route be amended to allow lorries to use Kirkstone Way. The Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, advised that whilst he was aware of residents' concerns, Sandringham Way had been preferred as the designated official route, initially following investigations, and subsequent investigations had not given officers any reasons to recommend change. It was not considered appropriate to have an independent inquiry into the situation.
- A member of the public expressed concern that he had not (d) received a response to a question raised at a previous meeting regarding a planning application in High Street, Lye, which had been approved, despite numerous safety issues having been raised during consideration of the matter. In response, the Assistant Director, Development and Environmental Protection, advised that she had written herself to the questioner and her colleague had reiterated her comments regarding the issue. The questioner commented that when he had telephoned to discuss the contents of the letter, which he alleged were incorrect, he had been unable to speak to the author of the letter who had not returned his call. To rectify the situation, the Assistant Director, Development and Environmental Protection, undertook to investigate the concerns, including checking all previous correspondence and then write directly to the questioner regarding her findings.
- (e) A member of the public sought clarification relating to the future use of the Lye and Wollescote Partnership, which had received support from the Neighbourhood Manager hitherto. He also sought clarification on the future situation of a neighbourhood manager in Lye and requested the views of Ward Councillors on this issue. In response, the Chairman advised that a written response would be requested from an officer of the Priority Neighbourhood Management. He also advised that the questioner should seek the views of individual Ward Councillors outside of the meeting.
- (f) At the end of the meeting, a member of the public, unsure of the proceedings, expressed concerns regarding access and safety issues, due to heavy tree branches overhanging in Greenfield Gardens, previously reported to the Council, and which had not been attended to. The Chairman suggested that he contact his local Ward Councillors, who would investigate the current situation on his behalf.

APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF LAND AND PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNCIL

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application to purchase the freehold of the industrial premises at Bromley Street, Lye, to enable the company to expand the business for the benefit of the local community.

In support of the application, Councillors Knowles and A Turner commented that any business which resulted in increased jobs for the area, should be encouraged.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Member for Personnel, Legal and Property be advised to approve the application to purchase the freehold on the industrial units at Bromley Street, Lye, as shown hatched on the plan attached to the report submitted, on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property.

14 <u>CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS</u>

(Having previously declared a prejudicial interest in the application by Pedmore Cricket Club, Mr Polychronakis withdrew from the meeting whilst the application was considered).

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on a number of applications for funding from the Committee's capital allocation budget.

The Area Liaison Officer advised that he had received a late application from The Stourbridge in Bloom Group, for £5000 towards the cost of funding planters around Stourbridge Town. The Group had confirmed that the remainder of the funding required would be obtained from other sources.

He also advised that he had received a request for an extension to the time allowed for collecting a grant approved in March 2007, to the Friends of Wychbury Park, towards the purchase and installation of play equipment to be erected at Wychbury Park. The delay in erecting the play equipment had been due to a recent spate of vandalism, which it was proposed to combat before erecting the equipment. The Area Liaison Officer further advised on further information received in respect of The Glasshouse, in support of their application. From the information provided, it appeared that the Mask Festival, although hosted by The Glasshouse, was backed and supported by the Arts Council. A sizeable grant had been approved by the Arts Council and it appeared from the accounts submitted that The Glasshouse had a surplus of £600,000 in their latest published accounts.

RESOLVED

(1) That the sums referred to below be allocated to the following organisations for the purposes indicated:-

Organisation	Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Green Fingered Gang	Purchase of garden studio for life skills	£5,000
Pedmore Cricket Club	Purchase of outfield mower	£3,333
Stourbridge in Bloom	Purchase of Planters for Town Centre	£5,000

- (2) That the application by The Glasshouse for £4,740 to purchase exhibition cabinets be refused, as it appears that the organisation has adequate funds to purchase the cabinets themselves.
- (3) That the Friends of Wychbury Park be granted an extension to the 31st March 2008 to claim the grant of £5,000 towards the purchase and installation of children's play equipment for the Park.

15 PROGRESS OF ELECTED MEMBERS VISITS TO ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE ESTABLISHMENTS 2006/2007

A joint report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Director of Children's Services was submitted on progress of visits to Adult and Children's Social Care establishments during the 2006/2007 municipal year and requesting further nominations to make visits in the 2007/2008 municipal year.

In introducing the report, the Quality and Complaints Manager thanked all Members who had taken part in previous visits. He also advised that Members wishing to take part in the visits would need to be CRB checked and to attend a training programme which was scheduled for 16th September 2007. The Chairman suggested that any Members wishing to take part in future member visits to Adult and Children's Social Care Establishments during 2007/2008, contact the Quality and Complaints Manager outside of the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Martin commented on how important and worthwhile the visits were and encouraged members to take part in the visits, if possible.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report now submitted be noted and that any Members wishing to undertake visits to Adult and Children's Social Care establishments in 2006/2007 be requested to contact the Directors of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Children's Services direct.

16 <u>REVIEW OF THE CLOSURE OF STOURBRIDGE HIGH STREET</u>

(Having previously declared a prejudicial interest in this matter, Councillor Jones withdrew from the meeting during its consideration)

The Assistant Director of Law and Property (Legal and Democratic Services) gave a verbal report on the effects of the closure of High Street, Stourbridge, since being introduced in December 2006, for an initial six month trial period.

In response to a query from a member of the public, raised in the public forum session, regarding the consultation process used prior to the introduction of the closure of Upper High Street, Stourbridge, the Assistant Director of Law and Property (Legal and Democratic Services) advised that the consultation had comprised a Special Meeting of the Area Committee in October 2006, at which comments from residents of Lower High Street had been noted.

As far as he was aware, only one written objection had been received following the special meeting, plus a letter from Lynda Waltho MP, both of whom had been furnished with details of the scheme and whom to contact to express any concerns during the trial period. Various amendments had been made to the scheme to take into account comments from residents of Lower High Street. In parallel with the scheme, full Council had approved a Cumultative Impact policy in respect of Stourbridge Town Centre, the purpose being to prevent the establishment of further on licensed premises within a designated town centre area. The Closure scheme had been introduced in December 2006, initially for a six month trial period. A verbal update had been given to the meeting of the Stourbridge Area Committee in January 2007, at which it was indicated that over the very busy Christmas period, no problems had been observed or concerns expressed. Private Hire operators had established booking systems, which had proved It had been reported that more hackney carriages were successful. attending the High Street, since they were now able to get in and out of the Also, fewer Private Hire vehicles were attending town more easily. Stourbridge town and the Lower High Street area, and were using alternative pick up points instead. At that stage, no objections or adverse comments had been received from anyone.

Inspector Boardman of West Midlands Police, in a verbal presentation, advised that the reason for the Police's original request for the closure was to reduce violent crime and make Stourbridge a safer place, by managing licensed premises and working closely with owners and licensees to disperse crowds, especially late at night. Since the introduction of the closure, the Police were better able to disperse crowds and observe any problems more easily on CCTV cameras. Night time crime had dropped by 30% and violent crime was 25% lower.

In response to a request for taxi ranks to be sited at Crown Lane, rather than at Lower High Street, Inspector Boardman advised that the scope of the Police CCTV cameras did not extend to Crown Lane.

A resident of Lower High Street questioned why residents of Lower High Street had not been consulted before the introduction of the closure, if it had been considered that they might be affected by closure adversely. In response the Assistant Director repeated that the Special Meeting of the Area Committee in October 2006, which had been dedicated to this one subject, and the verbal update on the initial stages of the scheme at the January 2007 meeting of the Area Committee, together with tonight's meeting had allowed an extensive opportunity for public debate and comment. In sending two letters, one being to Lynda Waltho MP, including details of whom to contact with concerns, it had been assumed that she would relay the information back to her constituents and yet no adverse comments had been received throughout the trial period. The meeting of the Area Committee in January 2007, where an update had been given, had been publicised in the usual way and members of the public were welcome to have attended.

Two Members of the Committee, who had previously voted against the closure, commented on the success of the scheme.

At this juncture comments from Members were invited and these included:

- (a) Some Private Hire drivers were cutting through a gap near the telephone box in Coventry Street, although they did not do so when taxi marshals were in the vicinity.
- (b) Early Saturday morning litter clearing in the High Street needed to be carried out more promptly.
- (c) It was acknowledged that safety for the public in the town had improved significantly as a result of the package of measures introduced in December 2006.
- (d) There was a need for the signage in close proximity to King Edwards College to be more visible. The Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, undertook to investigate this issue.
- (e) There was a need for the Committee to receive regular updates on the situation regarding effects of the High Street closure.
- (f) There was a need to provide a further CCTV camera in the interest of safety to extend to Crown Lane, if necessary.
- (g) There was a need to reconsider the best possible site for the Private Hire vehicles, as an alternative to Lower High Street.
- (h) It was acknowledged that the drivers had been instructed to switch off their engines to lessen disturbance to residents, whilst waiting for fares.

RESOLVED

That the closure of Stourbridge High Street continue subject for further consultation with the residents of Lower High Street.

HIGHWAY MINOR WORKS CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2007-2008

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on proposed programmes of work for Local Safety Schemes, Pedestrian Crossings and Safer Routes to Schools within Stourbridge, including a reserve scheme for a pelican crossing at High Street, Wollaston, should funding become available.

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Cowell, as to the exact position of the drop off point referred to in Appendix C of the report submitted, the Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, advised that the improved drop-off point for Dunsley Road was just beyond the Dudley Borough line in Dunsley Road.

In response to a request by Councillor Attwood for consideration to be given for a handrail along Racecourse Lane, the Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, advised that this was not appropriate as the path was not wide enough to allow for a handrail.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be advised of the Committee's support for:-

- (1) the introduction of the following road safety schemes:
 - a) Anti-skid surfacing at Sandringham Way junction and approaches to the mini roundabout at Hillfields Road, Amblecote.
 - b) Centre line hatching and road studs and anti-skid on bends, together with improved signs and markings at Racecourse Lane, Stourbridge.
 - c) Anti-skid surfacing, improved signs and road markings at A458/Balds Lane, Lye.
- (2) the introduction of the following pedestrian crossing schemes:
 - a) a pedestrian facility at Wollaston Road, Amblecote.
 - a pedestrian refuge at Norton Road, Stourbridge, near Stanley Road and the introduction of a pelican crossing at High Street, Wollaston, between Vicarage Road and Apley Road, should funding become available.
- (3) The introduction of the following safer routes to school:
 - a) improved drop off points for alternative access off Dunsley Road for the Ridgewood High School, Stourbridge route; and

b) street lighting to new footway link off Stourbridge Road for Rufford Primary School, Lye route.

18 DUDLEY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (LIFT)

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on progress of the LIFT scheme in Lye. In presenting the report, the Principal Project Officer reported further on paragraph 6 of the report, where the detailed negotiations between the partners for the Health and Social Care Centre at Brierley Hill were scheduled for completion in June 2007, and on paragraph 9, where dates for the public consultation were scheduled for August and September 2007.

In response to comments from Members of the Committee, the Principal Project Officer advised:

- a) the plans were in the very early stages and no firm decisions regarding car parking had yet been agreed.
- b) at the end of the 25 year Lease, the Council could purchase the facility, although it was not committed to do so under the current arrangements.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) Councillor Mrs Rogers requested that consideration be given to the introduction of an alcohol ban in Mary Stevens Park, as numerous complaints had been received relating to under age drinkers and acts of anti social behaviour. She understood that the Police could not use the Deed of Gift covenant to prevent drink related acts of anti social behaviour and damage in Mary Stevens Park and the surrounding roads.

> The Area Liaison Officer responded, confirming that the Police could not enforce the covenant, but that he would liaise with the Police on to establish whether there was sufficient evidence to justify a ban.

The Chairman encouraged the public to report anti social behaviour and any incidents of under age drinking in the park directly to the Police.

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- (b) Councillor Attwood advised of a website 'Park Watch' established by the Friends of Mary Stevens Park, whereby forms could be completed on line and sent to the Police, advising of anti social behaviour and other problems at the park. The form was available by clicking onto the link <u>http://www.stourbridge.co.uk/htm/fomsp.htm</u>
- (c) Councillor A Turner requested that the Director of the Urban Environment and the Director of Children's Services be requested to give consideration to allowing skatepark users and other users of the playing fields in Junction Road, Stourbridge to use the car parking facilities at Redhill School, Junction Road, out of school hours, to prevent nuisance to neighbours by large numbers of visitors who parked their cars when visiting the playing fields and the skatepark.
- (d) Councillor C Wilson drew attention to the recent Award for Excellence presented to the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge reporting that the presentation of the award had not been covered in the local newspapers. Congratulations were extended to the Manager and Staff of the Centre on achieving the prestigious award.
- (e) Councillor Hanif requested that consideration be given to the reopening of the public toilets in High Street, Lye. The Chairman, as Cabinet Member for Transportation, undertook to investigate, but thought it unlikely that the toilets would be re-opened due to anti social behaviour problems associated with the public toilets.
- (f) Councillor Mrs Cowell raised concerns, unrelated to the recent spell of extreme bad weather, regarding the volume of rain water lying on the Bridgnorth Road, possibly due to there being drains on one side of the road only. The Assistant Director Development and Environmental Protection undertook to pass on the concerns to her colleagues in Lister Road.
- (g) Councillor Knowles referred to his previous request for consideration to be given to the introduction of a 20 mph speed limited in the Old Quarter of Stourbridge and requested that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman, as Cabinet Member for Transportation, responded commenting that the item would be put on the agenda of a future meeting, but indicated that he could see little point in introducing a 20mph speed zone, which could not be enforced. Currently, enforcement was a Police issue and there were not the resources to deal with this.

- (h) Councillor Kettle requested that:
 - i) the list of roads on the Road Maintenance Programme be presented to a future meeting.

- ii) a report be submitted to a future meeting on the position with regard to Council owned housing in the Stourbridge area, with particular emphasis on housing provision for young people.
- iii) free parking be offered at the nearest parking facility to local residents whilst maintenance work was carried out, to enable the work to be carried out more easily. The Chairman, as Cabinet Member for Transportation, advised that he would investigate the possibility of alerting residents in advance of maintenance work commencing, to enable them to make alternative parking arrangements.
- iv) remedial work be carried out to remove two buddleias growing out of the roof of the Stourbridge Town Hall. This would be referred to the Town Hall Working Group.
- v) the litter near the Bell Hotel be cleared.
- vi) consideration be given to offering workers, who currently parked along Birmingham Street, free parking on the lower car parks.
- vii) the "chewing gum" machine be used on the streets of Stourbridge in the near future.
- viii) The grass banks on Birmingham Street be mowed, on a regular basis, to improve the appearance of this entrance to the town. In support of this request, a member of the public requested that when verges were being cut back, attention be given to overhanging vegetation, which often blocked out the signage at junctions. He made particular reference to the traffic lights near the golf club in Racecourse Lane.

The Area Liaison Officer requested that the Committee, as Trustees of Mary Stevens Park, endorse an urgent decision made by the Cabinet, to install, as a matter of urgency, security measures at the Council Offices at Mary Stevens Park, to combat vandalism and theft following a number of incidents over recent weeks. These included the installation of a fast track hedge and new steel gates, which would be subject to planning permission. This work had already been approved by the Cabinet for inclusion in the Capital Programme. Some Members commented that the Friends of Mary Stevens Park should be consulted on the measures and the design of the gates. The Chairman advised that the Trustees had the power to make decisions, and consult the Friends of the Park, if this was feasible. Due to the nature of the decision, it had not been feasible to consult on this occasion. As the installation of the gates would be subject to planning permission, the Friends of the Park, and others, would have an opportunity to raise any objections at the planning stage of the process.

RESOLVED

That the Committee endorse the recent urgent decision of the Cabinet to introduce security measure at the Council Offices at Mary Steven's Park, Stourbridge, subject to planning permission.

20 <u>RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS</u>

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on written responses to questions sent since the meeting of this Committee in March 2007.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report submitted be noted.

21 <u>SELECT COMMITTEE PUBLICITY</u>

Information was given regarding the dates for future meetings of all Select Committees, which were held at the Council House, Dudley. Members of the public were welcome to attend such meetings.

RESOLVED

That the information given in respect of the dates of future meetings of Select Committees, be noted.

22 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates and venues of future meetings of the Committee, were noted as follows:

5th September 2007 at 7.00 pm at Stourbridge Town Hall, Crown Centre, Stourbridge

19th November 2007 at 7.00 pm at Hob Green Primary School, Hob Green Road, Stourbridge

 21^{st} January 2008 at 7.00 pm at Red Hill School (provisional – still to be confirmed)

12th March 2007 at 7.00 pm at Hob Green Primary School, Hob Green Road, Stourbridge

Some Members of the Committee requested that consideration be given to holding a future meeting in the Amblecote Ward.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

CHAIRMAN