

**Action Notes of the meeting of the Belle Vale, Hayley Green
and Cradley South Community Forum**

Tuesday, 3rd February, 2015 at 6.30 p.m.
at Windsor High School, Richmond Street, Halesowen

PRESENT:-

Councillor D Russell (Chair),
Councillor A Goddard (Vice Chair),
Councillors I Cooper, R James, H Turner and K Turner

OFFICERS:-

A Webb (Lead Officer to the Forum) - Head of Sport and Physical Activity and
R Sanders (Assistant Principal Officer - Democratic Services)

together with 9 members of the public

22 The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

23 **Listening To You**

Subject

Action

Albrighton Road/ Tenlands Road,

Damage to grass verge at this junction caused by parking of heavy vehicles. Resident who raised the issue had contacted the company but to no avail.

Referred to the Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing.

Thornhill Road

Obstructions from parking continue, notwithstanding the 3 hour waiting limit.

Referred to the Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing.
Vice-Chair also to investigate.

Newfield Crescent/Whittingham Road

Parking by students at Halesowen College. Reference also made to parking problems arising from Earls Gymnastic Centre and from football users.

Consideration of residents' parking scheme was requested but it was pointed out that a survey on this had been undertaken some 4-5 years previously and the required 80% majority of residents in favour had not been achieved.

Suggestion made by resident that vacant land adjacent to Halesowen College could be utilised for additional parking for the College. Further suggestion made that as students were permitted to park at Macro and then catch bus to College, more of them should be encouraged to do so. Reference made to a questionnaire that had been sent out recently regarding installation of parking restrictions.

Parking issues referred to Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing.

Parking issues to be raised again at meetings with the College Principal. Members satisfied that the residents who raised the issues may attend meeting with Principal with them.

Questionnaire on parking restrictions to be sent to resident in Newfield Lane who stated that he had not received a copy.

Litter along alleyway from Newfield Crescent to Halesowen College

Reference made to problem of litter along alleyway

Referred to the Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing

Drug taking at Newfield Lane and surrounding roads

Problem of drug taking in this vicinity reported by two local residents.

Chair to contact Police and ask them to act.

Issue to be raised at PACT meeting. Cllr Cooper to notify resident who raised issue of date and venue of next PACT meeting.

Length of time taken by statutory undertakers to complete work

Concern expressed at length of time taken by statutory undertakers to complete their work. Particular reference made to green area at Fox Lea and High Farm Road. (It was pointed out that the Council has no powers in this regard)

Referred to the Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing to establish the anticipated completion date for the work at Fox Lea and High Farm Road.

Road signs at M5 junction

Request made for the road sign at the junction of the M5 and A456 to include Halesowen. Request supported by the members of the Forum.

Referred to the Directorate of the Environment, Economy and Housing to approach the Highways Agency.

Fly posters

Problem of fly posters reported. Particular reference made to Hawne Lane.

Recognised that this was a Police matter.

Cllr Cooper offered to pursue matter if resident who raised the issue would provide him with photographs.

24 **Working for You**

No issues were raised under this item

25 **Love Your Community – Love Your Local Community Fund**

Application

Halesowen Chamber of
Trade – Business
Improvement District

Recommendation

Approve award of £2000 from the
Empty Shops/High Street Innovation
Fund budget .

Approve further award of £1000 from the Empty Shops/High Street Innovation Fund budget, subject to the Halesowen North and South Community Forum making an additional award in the same sum.

Halesowen Chamber of Trade – shortfall in funding for Christmas lights

Approve award of £1059, to be paid with immediate effect on the proviso that the sum may be met from the Empty Shops/High Street Innovation Fund budget and vired back to that Fund from the Love Your Community budget as soon as possible in 2015/16.

Women's Awareness Association

Refuse application.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.
