

**Action Notes of the Norton, Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Wollaston and
Stourbridge Town Community Forum**

Wednesday 28th January, 2015 at 6.30pm
at Gig Mill Primary School, The Broadway, Norton, Stourbridge

Present:

Councillor N Barlow (Chair)
Councillors C Hale, L Jones, I Kettle, I Marrey, H Rogers and M Wood

Officers:

A Leigh (Lead Officer) (Head of Housing Strategy and Development – Directorate of Environment, Economy & Housing), J Pritchard (Winter Warmth, Public Health, Directorate of People Services) and H Shepherd (Democratic Services Officer – Directorate of Resources and Transformation)

Together with 19 members of the public

21 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed those present and Members and Officers introduced themselves.

22 **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors M Attwood and C Elcock.

23 **Listening to you: Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

Subject

Action

Continual parking issues at Mary Stevens Park.

Lead Officer to forward all comments to the Interim Director of Children's Services and Councillors to continue to raise concerns with the Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services.

Request for crossing facilities to be developed at the junction of A491/Collis Street/Wollaston Road, due to the volume of traffic, as it is causing pedestrians difficulties in crossing the road safely.

Councillor Hale confirmed that double yellow lines were to be implemented at the top end of Wollaston Road, but was not aware of any changes in that area.

Referred for a response/action.

Large pothole on the A491 by the bus shelter next to the Ruby Chinese Restaurant. It had been filled several times before but kept reappearing.	Referred for a response/action.
Could Section 106 monies from the new Dalton Brook Housing Development on Wollaston Road, be used to improve local road facilities, due to the increase of residents using them?	Lead Officer to respond
Parking issue outside the flats on The Broadway, Norton, causing obstruction and difficulties for residents.	Referred for a response/action.
Grass verges on The Broadway, Norton. People have been parking on them and they are now a mud trap.	Referred for a response/action.
Request for consideration to be given on the possible inclusion of a condition to the planning application for the conversion of the Gig Mill Public House, to enable South Road residents to continue to park on the premises car park to avoid further congestion on the surrounding roads.	Referred for a response/action.
Request for consideration to be given on the current position of the pedestrian crossing in Bell Street, Stourbridge, as it is causing considerable concern due to the lack of visibility and whether it would be possible for this crossing to be moved nearer to Market Street, Stourbridge.	Referred for a response/action.
Issue in relation to fly-tipping and whether specific training was provided to Housing Operation Managers in dealing with these issues.	Lead Officer to speak to the resident direct after the meeting.
It was suggested that consideration should be given, if not already, on the possibility of charging 'In-Post' rent for the use of the land outside the KB Fishbar, Kingsway, Wollaston where the electronic postal business is situated.	Referred for a response/action.

Reference was made to the request submitted by Stourbridge College to discharge some of its Planning Conditions in relation to the development of a walkway around the campus and the replanting of trees in the reception area, and how residents could make objection to these requests.

Councillor Marrey stated that objections could be made direct to the Directorate of Environment, Economy & Housing or residents could contact him and he would then make the objections and representations on their behalf.

24 **Winter Warmth Initiative**

J Pritchard from Public Health, Directorate of People Services gave a brief presentation on the Winter Warmth Initiative that was available for residents of the Dudley Borough. Booklets and leaflets were made available for the public to take away.

A suggestion was made of the possibility of the service being promoted through Tenants and Residents Associations as they dealt with vulnerable residents.

25 **Working with you: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

Subject

Action

Councillor Marrey referred to the continual issues in relation to access to the Lions Health Centre, Stourbridge.

It was noted that the request for a pedestrian crossing on Enville Street had been refused as statistical information had identified insufficient warrant for a crossing in that area.

Councillor Barlow also confirmed that no resolution had been achieved in relation to additional bus services being provided to the Centre.

Both Councillors agreed to pursue these issues.

26 **Community Forum Funding**

Application

Recommendation

Gig Caritas

Approve £2000

West Midlands Fire Service

Refuse, as does not meet the local criteria, however, Councillors would encourage a similar programme to be arranged within the Stourbridge area.

Home School Association –
Ham Dingle Primary School

Refuse, as it was considered that Community
Forum funding was not the appropriate funding
type for this application.

27 **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

Future meeting dates noted as follows:-

Wednesday 18th March, 2015 – Chawn Hill Church, Chawn Hill

The meeting ended at 8.20pm