

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF BELLE VALE, HAYLEY GREEN
AND CRADLEY SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

Wednesday, 5th February, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.
at Windsor High School, Richmond Street, Halesowen

PRESENT:-

Councillor Burston (Chair)
Councillors James, Russell, K Turner and Mrs. H. Turner

OFFICERS:-

Mr. P. Coyne (Lead Officer to the Forum), Directorate of the Urban Environment
and Mr R. Sanders - Directorate of Corporate Resources
together with 13 members of the public

19. **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20. **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Nicholls.

21. **LISTENING TO YOU – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

- In referring to the extreme narrowness of the section of highway of the cul-de-sac off Old Hawne Lane, two residents of the cul-de-sac requested, for reasons of access and safety, the widening of the road and the conversion of the existing grass verge to parking bays.

The residents complained that to gain access to the substantive section of Old Hawne Lane vehicles had to reverse on to the main road. They also referred to difficulties caused to utility vehicles in accessing the cul-de-sac because of its lack of width and to damage to the sides of residents' vehicles sometimes occasioned through minor collisions resulting from vehicles, including utility vehicles, finding that there had not been sufficient room to pass each other.

The residents stated that the problems were exacerbated on match days when Halesowen Town Football Club played at home, regarding which Councillor Russell indicated her intention to discuss the matter with the football club. The appropriateness of the introduction of a park and ride scheme to and from the football club on match days was also raised. The issue of the cul-de-sac and the associated issues was referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment.

- Arising from the discussion on the cul-de-sac on Old Hawne Lane, reference was also made to the continuing problems at Whittington Road and adjacent roads caused by parking by students attending Halesowen College. A suggestion was made that the introduction of a park and ride scheme to serve the College, in addition to the coaches already provided, might be appropriate to alleviate the problem. The issue of the parking situation at and around the College was referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment.
- A resident of Bredon Court requested the opening of storage rooms on the ground floor of the property and of Anterdine to assist residents' in conveying goods and property to their flats, in the absence of a lift in the properties. The issue was referred to the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

22. WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

No issues were raised under this item.

23. AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted indicating the current balance funding available to the Community Forum and confirming that no applications for funding were currently pending.

A local resident indicated his intention to submit an application for funding for a project entitled 'Welcome to Dudley' to this and other Community Forums in the near future.

24. DATE, TIME OF VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Forum would be held at Wednesday 26th March 2014 at 6.30 p.m. at Lutley Community Centre, 31 Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, B63 1BU

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.