

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

**Wednesday 5th November, 2014 at 6.30pm
at Wollaston Village Hall, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge**

Present:

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

Officers:

A Leigh (Lead Officer) (Head of Services (Housing Strategy and Development) – Directorate of Adult, Community & Housing Services) and H Shepherd (Democratic Services Officer – Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Together with 6 members of the public

15 **Welcome and Introductions**

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

16 **Apology for Absence**

Councillor C Elcock.

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Mopeds and motorcycles being used around the Wollaston playing field at the rear of St James's Church, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston causing disturbance and damage to the ground.	Issue had been raised with West Midlands Police. Referred for a response/action.

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillor H Rogers referred to parking issues at Mary Stevens Park.	It was stated that a review of the situation had been promised.

Councillor M Attwood referred to the proposed change of use of the Gigmill Public House.	The Lead Officer agreed to explore the guidance on listing of assets of community value and correspond with Members direct.
Councillor M Wood raised the issue of dog fouling at Pedmore Cricket Club and requested additional signage and dog bins to be erected in the area.	Referred for a response/action.
Councillor C Hale raised concerns of speeding traffic from the High Street up to Wollaston Village.	Councillor C Hale would continue to monitor the situation.
Councillor N Barlow reported the increase in vehicle crime, particularly in the Stourbridge old quarter area.	Residents were requested to be vigilant and not to leave any items on display in their vehicles and to report any suspicious behaviour to West Midlands Police.
Councillor N Barlow stated that a follow up meeting in relation to the Longlands site would be held at 6pm on 28 th November, 2014 at Greenfields Primary School.	All residents were welcome and encouraged to attend.

19 **Community Forum Funding**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Stourbridge Choir and Orchestra	Approve an upfront contribution of £1500 and approve any additional funding once the total cost is confirmed, up to the amount of £3000, but for the sole purpose to support the production of a World War 1 commemorative concert and not for the making of a charitable donation.
The Friends of Wollescote Park	Deferred – Lead Officer to ascertain how the remaining funding required for the project would be obtained.
Lye Community Centre	Approve £2500
Dudley MBC – Environmental Management Division	Approve £2324.53 allocated from the High Street Innovation/Empty Shops Grant
Dudley Duke of Edinburgh Award Association	Approve £500

Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings

Future meeting dates noted as follows:-

Wednesday 28th January, 2015 – Gig Mill Primary School, The Broadway

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

The meeting ended at 7.50pm