

Update of Issues Raised at the Meeting Held on 1 February 2006

Petitions

A petition was submitted on behalf of the “Don’t Bring Down the Curtain Campaign” against the increased costs of hiring Dudley Concert Hall, Stourbridge Town Hall, Brierley Hill Civic Hall and Cornbow Hall.

Charity fundraising events have been incorporated within Band 2 of the Council’s Fees and Charges for Public Halls.

Public Forum

Minute 59 (4) A question was submitted on the erection of weight restriction signs in Bradleys Lane affixed to the NETTO Supermarket wall that were only 2’ x 2’ in size. Signs of this size were considered to be unreadable to drivers until they were almost upon them. A request was also submitted asking for speed cameras.

Some new signs have been erected and a site survey will be undertaken and reported back to Committee.

The issue of speed cameras has been raised previously, however, this type of measure currently comes under the control of the West Midlands Casualty Reduction Partnership and not the Local Authority. This does not prevent the Council from putting forward suggestions for potential sites but the Partnership does have the final say and they have very strict criteria for agreeing sites which may be suitable. A long list of potential sites is already being subjected to an order of relative priority and an operational case having to be submitted for approval by the Department of Transport. Therefore Bradleys Lane is most unlikely to be approved as a site where a speed camera will be installed at this time.

Ward Issues

Minute 64 (1) Councillor Mrs Ridney raised the issue of the junction of Harding Street/Skidmore Road asking if one end of Islip Road could be blocked to prevent it becoming a “rabbit run”.

Harding Street/Skidmore Row will be added to a list for future consideration of a possible proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

Minute 64 (4) Councillor Wright requested that “slow down” signs and a red anti skid surface be installed in Fiddlers Bank, following a recent serious accident.

Fiddler’s Bank can be considered for signing/lining during the 2006/07 financial year.

Minute 64 (5) Councillor Wright raised the issue of a letter received from a member of the public with regard to the erosion to the banks at the side of the road in Himley Lane/Mount Lane and requested that officers investigate the situation.

This query has been answered and a response sent to the resident in February.