

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 3rd October 2023 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Will Fielding (Chair) Councillor Chris Wray Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes) Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD) Dan Bamforth – Higham Cricket Club	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Councillor Sam Christmas Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action led
<p>Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting including Dan Bamforth from Higham Cricket Club.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members introduced themselves for the benefit of Dan Bamforth.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>DG reported that the Summer Sports Van Sessions, including the Ramp it up Sessions, had been both very successful and very well received. DG also stated that the 10 Year Ward Alliance Celebrations were also a great success with a great evening of celebrations being held.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11th July, 2023, were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action led
<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest declared.</p>		

5. Budgets	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £8,687.38</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £337.91</p> <p>DG reported the unallocated balance outlined above, was after the projected spend for Christmas.</p>		
6. Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Dodworth St. Johns the Baptist Parish Church – Christmas Event</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from Dodworth St. John’s Parish Church for the sum of £325.00. The Church are holding a Christmas Fayre Event where children are invited to visit Santa for free. The funding will be used to purchase a gift given to each child who visits Santa together with a free lunch bag containing a sandwich, drink, crisps and a biscuit.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members thought this was a very worthy project, and the funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Library – Community Activities</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from Dodworth Library for the sum of £500. The Library would like to host a weekly social group for adults to come together to colour. Most of the adults interested in this activity have special</p>		

<p>educational needs which can leave them feeling isolated and vulnerable. The library is also wanting to host a Christmas event for families to attend free of charge which will link in with the planned High Street Christmas Fayre.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p> <p><u>Applications for Ratifying</u></p> <p>DG detailed the following applications previously discussed and circulated which required to be ratified by the Ward Alliance:-</p> <p>Dodworth Village Community Group – Perspex for noticeboard on High Street, Dodworth Dodworth Ward Alliance – Christmas in Dodworth Dodworth Ward Alliance – Litter Picking Equipment Buttons Cat Rescue Project</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members gave confirmation of the funding applications being approved in full.</p>		
7. Ward Alliance Projects	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported that the future provision of hanging baskets across the Borough had been put out to tender to identify a suitable supplier.</p> <p>DG stated that whoever was successful would have to agree to a contract whereby they will be required to have all hanging baskets up within the first 2 weeks of June.</p> <p>DG will keep the Ward Alliance updated with the outcome of the tender process including the cost implications.</p> <p><u>Christmas</u></p>		

	<p>DG reported that a sponsor had been found for the living Christmas tree which will be planted adjacent to Gilroyd Club. DG stated that a plaque will be erected recognising the sponsor who is a local business owner within the Ward.</p> <p>DG confirmed the Christmas High Street Event will be held Sunday 3rd December 1pm-4pm and posters have been prepared and are being distributed and displayed. DG reported some businesses on the High Street will also be opening on the day. The Ward Alliance will have stall on the day to promote its work across the Ward. DG will arrange to have some freebies to give away on the stall.</p> <p>DG reported that a request for the Christmas light motives to be erected by the beginning of December had already been submitted. There will be 7 on Dodworth High Street and 4 on Saville Road, Gilroyd. DG stated that sponsorship is now being sort for each light motive at a cost of £85.</p>		
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Community Garden – Land on Higham Common Road</u></p> <p>It was reported that the issue of vehicles being sold on land at Higham Common Road was still ongoing. It has been suggested that the land could be turned into a community garden area. DG reported however that ownership of the land was still yet to be clarified and it was thought that not all the land may be in Council ownership. DG will update the Ward Alliance on this matter in due course.</p>		

	<p><u>Higham Cricket Club – Dan Bamforth</u></p> <p>Dan Bamforth from Higham Cricket Club attended the meeting to discuss the costs for erecting their Christmas light motifs at Higham. Ward Alliance Members suggested that a funding application could be put forward for consideration to help with installation costs of the lights. The Ward Alliance Councillors present also stated they would raise the matter with the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson which covers this area of work.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>		
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 5.30 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>		