

Home Safety Association

A meeting of the Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Monday, 20th March 2006.

Present: Councillor Mrs Cains (Chairman); Councillor Dixon Roberts and Womphrey (Vice Councillor Mrs Wade); Mrs T Harrison (LD); Mr Jarvis and J Thomson (Wolviston Parish Council).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Wade, Mrs G Corking, F Russell and C Snowdon (DNS); P Dix and D Turton (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Inspector Thornton and Sergeant Shallow (Cleveland Police); Mr Menell and Mr N Thomson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2006 were agreed as a correct record with the following amendments:

T Dix and J Thompson should read, P Dix and J Thomson, amongst those present.

In the last paragraph of the item from Trading Standards, the last sentence stated 'refute or dangerous offenders' but should have said 'repeat or dangerous offenders'.

The item relating to ROSPA mentioned CO2 detectors but should have been CO detectors.

The item from the Fire Officer related to chip pans advised that the Fire Officers had visited all Tristar tenants, however they had only visited some of them.

The Braille Identity Cards Bill

Members were advised that a bill had been introduced by John Trickett MP and was backed by The National Federation of the Blind in a bid to ensure that Braille was incorporated onto all ID Cards to assist in the prevention of exploitation and even endangerment of live of vulnerable consumers, including those with visual impairment by doorstep callers.

The secretary had made further enquiries regarding the Bill but had been unsuccessful in gaining any further information.

CONCLUDED that the Secretary would investigate the Bill further and would report her findings to the Members of Home Safety.

ID Cards

The Secretary advised that she had spoken with Mrs Durnion of Stockton Blind People's Voice, requesting her input on suggested ways to improve ID cards for Council employees therefore assisting visually impaired people to identify Council employees who came to their homes.

CONCLUDED Mrs Durnion would provide the Secretary with suggestions once she had spoken with a cross section of visually impaired people, the Secretary would in turn present the finding to the Members of Home Safety.

Terms of Reference

The Secretary sought further clarification on items within the Terms of Reference

CONCLUDED that the terms of reference be updated and presented to Members at the next meeting.