

Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum

A meeting of Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum was held on Tuesday, 25th July, 2006.

Present: Cllr M Frankland (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr K Leonard, Cllr W Noble and R Put (Stockton International Family Centre)

Officers: Mrs J Allport (DNS); Mrs T Harrison (LD).

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Cherrett, Cllr Faulks, Cllr Salt; Mrs E Chapman (St Johns Living Well); Mrs M Cooper (University of the Third Age); Mrs D Fairhurst (Stockton Residents & Community Groups); S Neal (Teesside Pensioners); Mrs D Rose (Age Concern); L Stanley (Royal Naval Association); D & Mrs S Parker and Alderman Wood (Age Concern Teesside).

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2006

Members considered the draft minutes of the meeting held 30th May 2006.

CONCLUDED that the minutes were agreed as a correct record.

2 Housing Issues - Julie Allport (Head of Housing) and Councillor Leonard (Cabinet Member for Housing) will be attending to provide information and answer questions.

Mrs J Allport (Head of Housing) was invited to provide information and answer questions regarding housing issues for the elderly. Councillor Leonard was also present in his capacity as Cabinet member for Housing as well as being a member of the Forum.

Mrs Allport responded to questions regarding the three phase demolition and regeneration of the Parkfield area.

Members were advised that the aim was to make Parkfield a very desirable area. Consultations had been carried out and would continue to ensure the needs of potential residents were addressed and ensure the retention of community feeling.

It was the hope of Mrs Allport that a good mix of housing, including bungalows would be built in Parkfield, which would meet the needs of the elderly and disabled as well as well as single and big families.

They were trying to formulate packages for the purchase or rent of the properties that would meet the religious and social requirements of potential residents.

Members were concerned that some people would exploit profits when selling the new housing they had purchase and therefore enquired whether restrictions could be put in place but were advised that none existed but Mrs Allport would look into it.

Members enquired whether part exchange would be offered to people and were advised that Mrs Allport would look into it.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The information be noted.

2. Mrs Harrison will write to all members of the Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum asking for any questions members want answering regarding housing issues. Mrs Harrison will pass the questions on to Mrs Allport who will attend a future meeting and provide a presentation addressing all of the issues put to her.