

**Report on Selly Park South Neighbourhood Forum Open Meeting  
Held at Christ Church, Pershore Road, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm**

The meeting was attended by 21 residents, 6 members of the Forum Management Committee (all residents themselves) and 6 visitors (Ward Councillor, Neighbourhood Police Officer, 2 representatives from St Andrews Healthcare and two representatives from Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum).

**Forum Website:** The Editor reported that over the past 6 months the average number of visitors to the site has varied from 26 to 34 per day. He reminded residents that the site is updated regularly and is the best way to keep in touch with news and events in and around the neighbourhood.

**Finance:** The Treasurer reported that for the Financial Year closing at the end of March 2010 it is anticipated that the Forum will approximately break even, with income from the grant from the City Council and from website advertising balancing expenditure.

**Policing:** PC Andy Collis of the Neighbourhood Police Team reported on forthcoming major changes to the structure of policing in the West Midlands. Community priorities in policing were agreed as dealing with parking issues, speeding traffic and cycling on pavements. PC Collis reported on successful arrests made in connection with the spate of burglaries in the area towards the end of last year and the fact that since these arrests were made the burglaries have ceased.

**Parking and traffic:** Cllr Robert Wright reported on his liaison with residents over these problems and on agreed measures to be taken.

**Replacement of Dogpool Lane Bridge:** It was reported that whilst all of the plans are ready, commencement of the project is being delayed awaiting the finalisation of a Private Finance Initiative agreement whereby work on Birmingham Highways will be taken over by preferred bidder Amey Construction plc. The bridge project is likely to start 4 to 6 months after the signing of this agreement which it is hoped will take place by the end of this month.

**Update on Selly Park South Flood Action Plan:** Flood Action Coordinator John Clayton reported on the Flood Group's acquisition of flood defence equipment, on successful joint working with Birmingham Resilience Team, the Environment Agency and St Andrews Healthcare, on meetings attended including the National Flood Forum's Conference which was held in Birmingham, on exercises carried out and planned and on the development of our Flood Action Plan. ***However he sounded a cautionary note in warning that the Flood Group has barely the minimum number of volunteers needed to operate the Flood Action Plan successfully and appealed for more volunteers to come forward.***

**The Birmingham Half Marathon 2010:** This will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October and is most likely to include the Pershore Road again.