6. Issues from previous meetings

Re Stoney Street and Borough Market - Des Waters

In February there had been well attended meetings re traffic management and anti-social behaviour. They are working on an Action Plan.

We are working with Thames Water looking to do major replacement work. They have already started digging trial holes in the area. We have been asking Thames Water for a report on their programme but we are still waiting for that. As a consequence we cannot start our traffic study until we know their plans.

There was one anti-social issue which cropped up concerning activities outside the pub. We have spoken to the publicans.

Our street cleaners have noted an improvement since the cigarette stubbies were distributed. Des invited residents to contact himself or Jabeen Ayub if they felt that was not the case.

Peter Nelson (Thameslink) gave an update on Borough Viaduct. See Take Note for further details

Peter said that river walk would close in January 2009 for two and a half years and be diverted up to Blackfriars Bridge.

Falcon Point was experiencing noise and was eligible for noise insulation under our vibration policy. Thameslink is working with Southwark Housing on how to proceed with noise insulation in the area.

Councillor Morris alerted residents that is likely to take one year to complete extension works going on at the junction of Southwark Bridge Road and Borough Road.
7. Deputation on After School Provision – This was moved to the end of the meeting as the speakers had gone to a different venue by mistake.

8. Community Fund 2008/9 decisions – see below

9. Police / Community Wardens update
Sergeant Jon Wilson (Chaucer) and Sergeant Steve Dutton (Cathedrals)

Sgt Wilson said that at the last ward panel meeting issues covered included: cyclists going through red lights on Borough High Street and people taking drugs in local parks. The Safer Neighbourhood team has been working to solve problems at the ‘Hand in Hand’ pub on Meadow Road involving squatters. The pub has been boarded up and Police are following up on information related to criminal offences.

On the Longridge there have been complaints about youths hanging around and a number of these were questioned by Police. The shutters are now down at no. 35, a crack house and squatters have moved in.

At the Tesco store on Long Lane concerns were raised by residents about spirits displayed on the shop floor. The ward panel did a lot of work on this which led to Tesco changing its policy. As a result there has been a reduction in stock loss.

Re the red light issue, Sgt Wilson said there were different lights on Borough High Street and they were putting warnings up. Cyclists were putting themselves and others at risk by going through red lights.

Sgt Dutton said the next ward panel would be on 15 July. At the March meeting issues included: Collington Court and Blackfriars Road. A recent arrest led to one hundred pieces of crack and heroin being found.

At Collington Court we have been working with the Anti-Social Behaviour unit and may put CCTV in both areas. The patrols have had a positive response.

There have been a number of drug arrests recently and twenty stop and searches.

Patrick Carragher a PCSO, who was run over some months ago trying to stop a crime, is now back at work. The offender was sent to prison.

Sgt Dutton said they were looking for feedback from residents about Section 60 notices that would give rise to searches to combat knife crime.

Sam (Community Warden) said there have been increased patrols to St George’s circus and on the Peabody estate. There has been a lot of work in Bankside to stop illegal traders and buskers. Wardens have been patrolling buses to stop problems with school children. Fixed Penalty Notices were issued on Borough High Street and the London Bridge area and litter picks were done in Dickens Square.

10. Cleaner Greener Safer Programme 2008/9 decisions – see below and Take Note

11. John Harvard Library project update
Des Waters

Councillor Zuleta said that she was Chair of the project and had recently met with a group to discuss it.

Des explained that a £1.42 million lottery grant had been allocated for the library project. Three plans were submitted in April: Community Engagement, Business plan, and Capital programme. The Council has given planning support and no issues are anticipated. The project management board has been set up. Various local groups have endorsed the project.

Tenders have been sought as of July 11 2008 and building works are due to start on September 29 2008.

The increased footfall of the building will not affect access. There will be a big entrance onto Borough High Street. Plans for the library will be available in the library in the coming weeks.
The library will close in September 2008 and re-open in June 2009. Prior to the closure there will be a programme of special events highlighting the past and the future of the library.

12. New Housing Strategy consultation – see Take Note for further details
Robert Weallans

The current Housing Strategy 2005 to 2010 – Our vision is to improve residents’ lives by providing high quality homes and housing services that promote successful and inclusive communities.
Strategic priorities:
- Improve the quality of all homes and neighbourhoods
- Increase the supply of housing, in particular affordable housing
- Reduce homelessness and improve the standard of temporary accommodation
- Improve the quality of life for vulnerable people through housing support
- Deliver community-focused services

Tel: 020 7525 1217 / Email: housingstrategy2@southwark.gov.uk

13. Local Information Networks – see Take Note for further details
Ed Givens

Tel: 020 7525 7495 / Email: paul.bruce@southwark.gov.uk

14. Southwark’s equalities and human rights scheme – will go to the September meeting

AOB Deputation on Tabard After School Project (TASP)
Tabard After School Project is a successful parent based innovative after school club within the SE1 area. It was founded in September 1984.

The project is run by a management committee made up mainly of parents from different ethnic and professional backgrounds that bring varied knowledge and skills to the organisation. This is achieved on a voluntary basis by the elected parents and TASP receives a revenue grant from Southwark Council to assist in the running of the club.

TASP aims to provide broad, yet balanced after school care for children of the local community. It is regulated by OFSTED. As a voluntary organisation established for over twenty years, Southwark Council have always shown support to the project. The management of TASP very much appreciates continued support for the project.

However, in light of our current landlord’s (Charterhouse in Southwark) decision to sell their property, TASP is faced with no premises from which to operate and offer its much needed service within the community.

In the meantime, the Elim and Meakin TRA have shown favourable support to our project and would like to temporarily offer us the use of their tenants’ hall as a base for the project. TASP sees this move as a positive partnership where both parties will benefit. However, the hall requires some upgrading and building works to be completed before we can be accommodated.

We are therefore appealing to Councillors to exercise their duty of care to the community to help TASP by prioritising the repair works required to ensure it is suitable for an OFSTED approved childcare provision.

Our current landlord has issued a letter stipulating that we must vacate the premises by September 19 2008. However, in order not to disrupt the children’s new academic routine, TASP would ideally need to move in to the TRA hall by the end of August. To this end we would very much appreciate all the help and support the Council can give.
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<td>Toren Smith (Consultation Manager, Thameslink Programme Network Rail) gave the following response after the meeting:</td>
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<td>Thank you for your enquiry. The asbestos is located behind an electric fuse box at 7a Stoney Street. The residents and businesses nearby have not been formally notified since it is considered that the risks posed by the internally identified asbestos are being adequately managed by our principal contractor. Indeed the residents ought to be reassured that Network Rail through the contractor has commissioned surveys such that the asbestos has been identified and hence can be managed to reduce the risk to contractors and others. It is considered that no risk is presented to anyone not accessing the properties at this stage.</td>
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<td>In general terms providing asbestos is not disturbed and it is sealed (painted or similar) or encapsulated with a protective covering the risks posed are minimal; since fibres are not released. This is the case for the majority of the identified asbestos within the properties. Where this is not the case or if it is to be disturbed the material in question is assessed in accordance with HSE guidelines set out in HSE documents using given algorithms. If risk is present, entry to the area is strictly restricted until such time that it can be safely removed or dealt with by a specialist HSE licensed asbestos contractor. If access to these ‘risk’ areas is required, systems of work require adequate precautions to control the risk presented to those accessing the area where damaged or dangerous asbestos products are present. As I think you will be aware, commercial property owners have had a legal duty for several years to identify asbestos within areas under their control and manage it adequately to prevent exposure. It is this legal duty that NWR and its contractors have complied with.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Toren.smith@networkrail.co.uk">Toren.smith@networkrail.co.uk</a> / Tel 020 7023 3189</td>
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<td>Sgt Wilson – I don’t know details of that. Possibly we could have a green light for cyclists first. We have been trying to educate cyclists on the issue of signals. Also we have being issuing cyclists tickets (fines) for cycling on the pavement.</td>
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<td>Sgt Wilson – It should be noted that a number of crack-houses have been closed. The Police set up a team with Southwark Council to tackle the problem and two per week have been closed. However a few slipped through the net. If tenants are vulnerable they have to be re-housed. Also if someone is determined to break in they will, but the Police find out about them quickly.</td>
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<td>Sgt Wilson - Yes we had no problems today and we regularly engage with the students.</td>
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<td>Sgt Dutton – We patrol three or four times per day. Two PCSOs on foot, Two PCSOs on bikes and PCs out and about. We sometimes have less staff during the holiday season but residents should contact us about issues.</td>
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<td>Sgt Dutton added that, following a recent call from a concerned resident, a burglar had been caught red-handed by some Police who just happened to be on patrol around the corner.</td>
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<td>Sgt Dutton – These are dealt with by the domestic unit. All complaints will be followed up.</td>
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<td>Des – It is not possible to remain during the works so the public are advised to use other libraries at that time. For groups affected, such as mother and toddlers, we will look to provide alternative facilities.</td>
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<td>Des – Your comments are noted. During the planning process there will be notification on the website and opportunity for consultation.</td>
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<td>The Chair added that people were consulted. There will be the chance to look at the plans. Cllr Zuleta added that the plans she had seen were exciting with more computers and designed out grot spots.</td>
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#### Public Questions

**Question to Ed Givens** – Can you assure us that Local Involvement Networks (LINks) will be more than just talking shops?

**Ed** – A portion of the money available will be for the networks to focus as they choose. If enough people get involved they can make their case.

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The following identifies the actions arising from the above meeting.

The first named Officer is the person responsible for initiating and coordinating the action required.

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<td><strong>DECISION:</strong> That the minutes of the April 23 2008 meeting were an accurate record of the meeting.</td>
<td>Borough and Bankside Councillors</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> Peter Nelson said that he would respond in detail tomorrow to any questions (re Thameslink) that he could not deal with at the meeting.</td>
<td>Peter Nelson (Network Rail)</td>
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| 8.          | **DECISION:** That the following projects receive funding under the Community Council Fund for 2008/09 –  
African Diaspora Development Association – Drama and Dancing - £1000  
Applegarth House TMC – 52 years of Applegarth House - £1000  
Bankside Open Spaces Trust – Friday fun in the park - £1000  
Bengali Women’s Group – Intergenerational Embroidery / Sewing - £1000  
Bermondsey Street Area Partnership – Gala opening - £1000  
Decima Street TRA – Community Fun Day - £1000  
Hayles TRA – Summer Fun Day - £1000  
Lawson TRA – Fete Day - £1000  
Lawson TRA – Keep fit for over 25’s - £500  
Marshalsea Tenants Association – Day trip for residents - £500  
Queensborough Community Centre – Pensioners Tea - £510  
Red Kite Learning – Neighbourhood Renewal Boat trip - £180  
Rockingham Somali Support Group – Southwark Somali Festival - £1000  
SE1 United – Blackfriars Peabody estate fun day - £960  
Southwark Cathedral – Interfaith exhibition and youth arts - £750  
Starlight Music Academy – Windrush 2008 - £1000  
Trinity Newington Residents – Programme of Events - £1000  
Waterloo Women – Intergenerational creative lunch - £600 | Forid Ahmed |
| 9.          | **ACTION:** Sam said he would follow up on anti-social behaviour reported around the Lawson estate. He would report back to the next meeting. | Sam (Community Wardens) / Chris McCracken |
| 9.          | **ACTION:** Des Waters said he would speak to Jonathon Toy and community safety regarding reported problems on the North of Tabard Estate. | Des Waters |
9. **ACTION:** Wardens were asked to respond at the next meeting (September 10) on suggestions that they need to increase their visibility in the area.  
Chris McCracken

10. **ACTION:** Councillors asked that officers stop making applications under the Cleaner Greener Safer programme.  
Jabeen Ayub / Eleonora Oliva

AOB **ACTION:** Des Waters said he would look into a report that the Council had asked for an old public toilet to be filled in with concrete. Councillors asked that the practice be stopped.  
Des Waters

10. **DECISION:** That the following projects receive funding under the Cleaner Greener Safer programme for 2008/09 –

- Nelson Square landscape and improvements – £20,000
- Geraldine Mary Harmsworth paving - £35,000
- Waterloo Road & Morley Street landscaping - £6,000
- Bitten Street playground - £20,000
- Tabard Gardens gardening club - £5,000
- Marlborough playground (subject to consultation) - £20,000
- Elim Cage Lighting - £18,000
- Lighting on Tabard Gardens Estate - £21,000
- Trinity Estate, notice board - £15,000
- Elephant & Castle garter signposting - £2,000
- Tree planting in the area outside the Ship Inn - £6,000
- Improvements to Spurgeon Street - £40,000
- Improvement to Little Dorrit park - £30,000
- Hanging Baskets within Bankside - £7,000
- Haddonhall community garden - £25,000
- Maiden Square improvements - £20,000
- Clennam Street pedestrianisation - £10,000
- Rockingham Centre murals - £5,000
- Beautify utility boxes - £5,000
- Newington Gardens extension - £10,000
- Mint Street park improvements - £1,500
- Planting in Gambia Street - £1,950
- Greening of Lancaster & Webber St roof - £11,600
- Decima St. implement 2006 scheme extras - £13,500
- Contribution to Trinity Street gate renewal - £5,000
- Planters on Meakin Estate - £4,000

Jabeen Ayub

11. **ACTION:** That there be an update on the John Harvard Library at the September 10 meeting.  
Adrian Whittle

11. **ACTION:** Residents were invited to contact the clerk if they wanted to receive an information sheet on the library covering frequently asked questions.  
Tim Murtagh

12. **ACTION:** That officers ensure the Housing Strategy documents are widely circulated to groups including – Area Housing Forums, TRAs and private residents’ associations.  
Robert Weallans

14. **ACTION:** That the Southwark’s equalities and human rights scheme consultation findings be brought to the September 10 meeting.  
John Mukungunugwa
15. **ACTION:** That Members and Council officers (Children’s services / play services) arrange a meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the urgent accommodation problems related to After School provision and Charterhouse. Further that an update on this issue goes to the September 10 meeting.

**Borough and Bankside Councillors / Colin Gale / Forid Ahmed / Donald Forde**

AOB **ACTION:** Re 56 Southwark Bridge Road - That a report or deputation be given at the September 10 meeting.

**Tim Murtagh**

The information included in this form, together with the Take Note (colour document), form the minutes from the above meeting and have been agreed as a true and accurate recording of that meeting. Any necessary amendments shall be detailed in the Summary of Actions held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.

Chair ................................................................. Date .................................................................