

**MINUTES: RATTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL**  
**THURSDAY 9 JULY 2009**  
**RATTON SCHOOL, PARK AVENUE, EASTBOURNE**

Present: David Linsell (Chair)  
Councillors: Colin Belsey, Barbara Goodall & Sandie Howlett  
John Crane, Park Lane Residents  
David Lee, Rodmill Residents  
Michael Marchant, EBC Community Enforcement Officer  
PC Dave Selby  
Sgt Fiona Munro

Guest: Mark Probyn, Asst Director, Amenities & Contract Mgt, Eastbourne Borough Council

Apologies: Darren Gunn, J Harmer & Clyde Barrett: Park Lane Residents  
Harry Stanley: Park Lane Residents  
Sandy Boyce-Sharpe, Friends of Hampden Park  
Alf Pulfer, Neighbourhood Watch  
PSCO Zoe Ayres and Austin Milson

Minutes of Previous Meeting – these were agreed to be an accurate record

Matters Arising: - Drains in Park Lane – this had been reported to Martyn Hacker at EBC  
Anti Social Behaviour in Ratton Wood area – will be monitored by Parks and Gardens Dept and also PC Selby will monitor as part of Operation Blitz  
Cold Calling – Cllr Belsey was preparing a leaflet which will be delivered to Burton Road area  
Weeds in twitten between Park Ave and Park Lane – Land ownership is not clear which prevents further progress, but Mark Probyn advised EBC would clear rubbish.  
Village Green – application will be sent off but Mark Probyn advised it did not meet the criteria and would probably not be successful.

Neighbourhood Watch Update: Alf Pulfer not present so no update given.

Cold Calling Update: Dealt with under matters arising

County Traffic Management: David Linsell advised that a Consultation Document had been received by the school for return by 29 July 09. Michael Tunwell advised that wider consultation would be undertaken.

Crime Figures: No figures available for the meeting but PC Selby and Sgt Munro did advise that crime levels in Ratton were low and absence of figures should not be a concern.

Street Meeting Update: Austin Milson who had attended the two meetings was not present to give an update but Cllr Goodall reported on the issues raised. In Southdown Road the main issue was parking on grass verges and this was thought to be visitors to the Golf Course. There was also reports of speeding by one car which again was thought to be a member or visitor to the Golf Course. It was agreed a visit to the Golf Club would be the best way to deal with this.

In the Wrestwood and Friston Ave street meeting a number of highways problems were raised – pavements requiring attention, no dropped kerb in the area, speed of cars. All these issued have been reported to Roger Hyde at EBC Highways section.

District Panel Report: No meeting had taken place to report on but there will be a meeting on Monday 13 July.

Rodmill Parking Update: Regarding the double yellow lines in Rodmill – the Traffic Regulations for Rodmill and other parts of the town had been advertised. 29 Objections (or letters of observation) had been received regarding the Rodmill and this means a delay while these are looked into. It may require a report to Cabinet at EBC (next meeting Sept 09) so there is no immediate prospect of these lines as the Statutory process needs to be followed.

Ratton Panel Priorities:

- a) Cold Calling – as previous update earlier in meeting
- b) Enlargement of Neighbourhood Watch – Alf Pulfer not present so not discussed
- c) Street Event: Sgt Munro explained the aim of this event would be to advertise Neighbourhood Panels and to get people meeting together. David Linsell offered Ratton School's Christmas Fayre in December as an ideal venue to host this event. Cllr Goodall, PC Selby, John Crane and Austin Milson were asked to form a sub committee to progress this event. Cllr Howlett suggested that this could be advertised in the next Ratton Ward Newsletter

Guest Speaker - Mark Probyn gave a very interesting talk about the work of his department – ranging from rubbish collection and recycling to maintenance of pavements, coastal defence and maintenance, parks, gardens and downlands. Mark gave some highlights of the work – the Council owns 4 farms which are run by tenant farmers, seafront lighting is now cheaper thanks to the low energy long life bulbs which are used, the council has 400 miles of pavements to maintain and the Council is responsible for maintaining the CCTV cameras in the town. Many thanks to Mark who attended the entire meeting.

A O B: (Chaired by Michael Tunwell as David Linsell had to leave at 6pm) – David Lee mentioned 3 issues – 22 Westfield Road seemed to be a building site, drains from 15 – 30 Westfield Road seemed blocked and there was a very tall hedge between 45-47 Westfield Road. Michael Marchant agreed to advise Planning Enforcement but it was felt a visit in person re the hedge would be the best way to deal with what is probably a civil matter.

Sgt Munro advised that on 26 Sept, from 11am to 3.30pm there will be Dog Day in Hampden Park where there will be a Chipping service and it was hoped there would be an opportunity to raise awareness of the problems connected to dog fouling.

John Crane raised the issue of potholes in Park Lane – several new ones have been marked out for repair but the surrounding tarmac is also loose.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 September at 4.00pm (subject to confirmation of Ratton School)

Meeting closed at 6.20pm