

Notes from meeting of the Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel 1st March 2011

Attending:

John & Pam Rollison of Neighbourhood Watch, Hampden Park Borough Cllrs. Mary Pooley & Olive Woodall, Katie Davies from Tesco, residents: Angela Kirby, H. Tunstall, Finn O'Shea, Caroline Ansell Conservative Action Team, Sam Chapman from Paperlane, Sussex Police Sgt Fiona Munro & CPSO Lee Osborn, Nicola Fenner Environmental Health EBC & Sue Criddle Dog Warden, Everol Sampson YMCA, Robert Cooper EHL Access Group, Pat Taylor EBC, Emma Jordan Community Enforcement EBC, Fr. Robin Tree St Mary's & St Peter's, Keith Fillery Deputy Chairman, Sandy Boyce-Sharpe Chairman.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present and shared the sad news that Roy Statham, who had served on the Panel, had died suddenly last weekend. A moments silence was held to remember his contribution to the group and to think of his friends and family at this time.

2. Apologies:

Denise Hamilton British Transport Police, Jane Greenstock Eastbourne Homes, Nick Neal Tesco William Pratt Eastbourne Academy, Mo McCann, JC Kilvert YMCA

3. Matters arising not itemised on the agenda:

'No dogs' signs for children's playground : Sue Criddle reported that stand-alone 'No dogs' signs previously discussed for play areas would not be re-instated other than in smaller parks. This was due to EBC's endeavours to gain 'Green Flag Status' for major parks and the guidelines for this suggest that multiple signs are neither practical nor effective. 'No dogs' was however featured on the standard, large sign. Sue invited advice re any small park which could qualify for the stand alone sign.

The meeting was advised that late evenings dogs and their owners had been observed in the children's play. An officer of EBC had reported dogs being encouraged to strengthen their teeth/jaws on children's swing seats as well as young saplings in the park. Sue Criddle confirmed that she had heard mention of this but had not observed directly.

Dog Fouling in the area of The Hydneye raised by Annette Spencer at the last Panel meeting: Sue Criddle reported that she had made a visit and this area together with Pig's Lane, Ashington Road and Lottbridge Drove lamppost were suffering significant fouling - despite signage and bins –and these areas will be monitored and blitzed in incoming weeks. It was shared that there is to be a publicity campaign on dog fouling, to be featured in the Herald this week or next, alongside officers undertaking secret surveys and undercover patrols. Zero tolerance is the new message. Cllr Pooley enquired as to the state of Tugwell Park and Sue was able to report that it *had* been relatively clear but currently wasn't.

Marcus King controlled property on the Parade

Marcus King, London-based Managing Agents, is now in receipt of their local agent's report on works required. They have been staggered by the scale and scope of the task at hand. Remedial action to the wall and tarmac surfaced parking area will be the priority and other necessary works are being submitted to the property owners. This being monitored.

Elm Grove substation: The Chairman confirmed she had been advised this was in hand and action awaited.

Library Signage

The repairs to the Library signage still remains outstanding.

Recycling bins at Tesco car park entrance

One bin has been removed and others are no longer infringing on the road. There are discussions between Tesco & EBC as to siting the bins on the Tesco site. Projected time scale 4 – 6 weeks.

ACTION

S.Criddle

EBC and
Chairman

Library

Street sweeping

Following a discussion on street sweeping, particularly in the Winkley Farm Estate area, the Chairman is to arrange a meeting with the Officer in charge so definitive reassurance can be given re street sweeping in this area.

4. Correspondence:

- A communication had been received from Sacha Titherly of Wealden, Eastbourne and Lewes Mind (WEL Mind) the Health Charity. They are appealing for volunteers to befriend people affected by stress, anxiety and depression. Full details available from the Chairman. Volunteers were encouraged to come forward.
- EBC had forwarded copies of THE EASTBOURNE PLAN, the proposed core strategy for each neighbourhood in the Town. These had been distributed to attendees and everyone present was encouraged to return response forms.

5. Chairman's Report

Report on CSPG meeting: The Chairman has had a meeting with Network Rail and representative of different groups from the whole of South East England. Brodrick Road bridge as an agenda item. Network Rail confirmed the finance for the survey has now been secured and proposals will go to the County Council as soon as it is complete. Cllr. Woodall informed the meeting that she had written to Rupert Chubb at County Hall on this subject but had not had a response. Also our MP is being kept apprised re the situation.

No district meeting since the last Neighbourhood Panel so nothing to report on this occasion.

6. Deputy Chairman's Report

Fly Tipping in the Tugwell Area. The Deputy Chairman reported continued fly tipping in the area of the lock up garages having found at the start of half term items he felt particularly dangerous to children playing in the areas, in addition to general rubbish. There followed a discussion on the extent of garage owners' responsibilities and the limitation on the Council both financial and legal when it involved fly tipping on private property. The Environmental Health Officer advised if the identity of culprits could be proven legal action would be taken. In the meantime, CCTV is to be deployed and signs will be displayed. PCSOs, Community Officers and Environmental Health Dept. Officers are to monitor the area. Further discussion took place regarding other potential initiatives including 'Street Champions' and reintroduction of 'Amnesty Days' with skips/lorries provided for the community to dispose of large objects. This to be followed up, particularly funding of the latter.

Water Management: Communication received from the Highways Principal Engineering Inspector, Richard Stevens, advising the Panel that the work of the Eastbourne Surface Water Management Plan is ongoing and the consultants are currently in the process of assessing the various areas that have been highlighted. The surface water issue in the area of Mountfield Road/Roundabout is included in the areas they are looking at. EBC has been able to relay their concerns about this and other areas around the town. Unfortunately Southern Water were not in attendance at this last meeting and have not responded further, however, now that this being looked at by the project team, hopefully the problem and possible solutions will be progressed.

No Cold Calling Zone in HP East: The proposed leaflet to be distributed to each household has been finalised. Sgt Munro will arrange printing and Deputy Chairman is co-ordinating volunteers to deliver.

7. Councillors' Reports

Orienteering: Cllr Pooley. Signs should be in place April/May of this year with the caveat that in the event of unforeseen urgent works, this could be delayed. The signs are to be made of recycled plastic rather than wood.

ESCC land at Binsted Close: Cllr Thompson had not sent a report to the meeting. The land is believed to be owned by ESCC. The issues, overbearing trees on the land and youths jumping from the building, was still a concern for local residents and therefore the Chairman requested that the issue be pursued.

Benches Queens Parade: Nothing further to report.

Condition of benches beside Public Toilets: Cllr Pooley told the meeting that this was in hand.

Damaged paving slabs near Library. Chris Handford had reported this to the last Panel Meeting. Councillors had made enquiries regarding paving on approach area to Tesco, but this pavement problem still to be addressed. Kate Davies of Tesco was able to report that repairs to pavements on their land are in hand.

Fr Robin Tree raised the question of the condition of paving slabs outside Avalon Nursing Home damaged when the building work was undertaken. Cllr Woodall to follow up.

Redundant Signage: The question of a sign indicating 'St Luke's Church' in Brassey Parade was raised. This church hasn't been there for some time. Cllr Woodall to alert Councillor Thompson to action its removal.

Recent street accident in Gladstone Close: A residents' petition had been received at the County Council Friday 25 February. This followed a road traffic accident involving a small child in Gladstone Close. Emergency Vehicles had been unable to get proper access to the scene of the accident, due to obstruction caused by parking cars – a problem area previously identified in the ESCC Parking Consultation.

8. Police Report

This meeting being the 1st of the month, crime figures were pending but will be made forwarded when available.

The Chairman suggested that the site of the fly tipping highlighted by the Deputy Chairman in the garage areas of the Winkney Estate - could be settings for future street meetings.

9. BTP

Apologies previously noted. Route Crime Update from 01/01/2011 sent to panel Chairman:

Stone throwing x1 at Willingdon Crossing
Obstruction x 1 at Willingdon Crossing
Level Crossing x 3 vehicle Failing to stop

The Chairman advised that BTP were looking to produce a leaflet in multiple languages to circulate to local language schools to inform visiting foreign students of live rails. Sgt Munro suggested liaison with that Vicky Bishop of the Overseas Schools Group (OSG) and the Chairman is to make the introduction between parties.

10. Network Rail/Southern

Tidying of land between platform and Mallard Close – in hand, awaiting work.

Car Parking: The Chairman is now in communication with another new contact at Network Rail and hopes this proposal will be carried forward by their business team.

Signal box repainting: Delayed due to snow before Christmas, then scheduled for April now put back again with no new date fixed. However as the Station itself was now being repainted, it was hoped it will be expedited.

I Love My Local Station: The Chairman has been in discussions with Network Rail and has introduced Hampden Park in Bloom to the Community Champion for NR. The scheme seeks to find local people willing to adopt their local station. NR will pay for the purchase of tubs, baskets and bulbs and are looking for volunteers to water and care for the plants. HPinBloom had met NR for discussions but advised they are unable to take on this task. Volunteers will need to be sought. Proposal agreed that this be highlighted in the Gazette 'Down Your Way'.

Debris at Brodrick Road sub-station: This had been highlighted with Network Rail and the Chairman has been assured this has now been cleared. To be confirmed.

11. Neighbourhood Watch:

Membership in Hamden Park is currently 1,394 which is over 13% of the total NHW membership in Eastbourne. Our co-ordinators advised the various local groups to whom they have given presentations and confirmed they had attended a recent police surgery at Tesco.

ACTION

Cllr Pooley

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Thompson

Chairman

They will be manning a stand at the Wintergarden's Lifestyle event in March and presenting to Eastbourne National Trust in October.

Shop Watch: Sgt Munro advised that this entry could be struck from future agendas. The cost of participation in the scheme has seen several members pulling out, including major supermarkets, with others sure to follow.

12. Youth projects:

Everol Simpson YMCA talked through discussions held recently by the steering group considering the areas of the BMX track off Cross Levels Way, and the Old Rifle Range area in Hampden Park. A consultation has been held with students at The Academy and around 40 are keen to join a skate group and be involved with re-developing the current site.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Network Rail held a community budget and as such, could be potential **sponsors for the BMX** fundraising project. Everol Sampson was pleased to share that YMCA was going to target the Park re potential youth projects supported by the Youth Service, Police and Council. The Chairman confirmed she now had contacts at NR who had indicated they would be willing to possibly contribute to a youth initiative when costings, etc., available.

13. Other Reports:

Disability Involvement Group: A Scootability Event is to take place 8 September at Devonshire Hall, Winter Gardens 10.20 – 2.30 as part of the Eastbourne Disability Road Show. For further details on the event and information on stands – contact Robert Cooper.

14. Review of priorities

Hampden Park Panel's top priorities. The Chairman explained that we were allowed up to 6 priorities as we are a joint panel area. These were revisited and agreed to be retained as:

- 1 Youth facilities
- 2 Anti Social Behaviour
- 3 Parking & Traffic Flow
- 4 Brodrick Road Footbridge
- 5 Cold Calling zone

13. AOB

Village Community Board: This had not been progressed further but as advised post the last meeting, there is a community board available at Tesco. The desirability of a free standing board was raised and discussion took place regarding, siting, easy access, notices being kept fresh and out of date ones removed. These issues caused notice boards to be ignored.

Angela Kirby asked if there was any news regarding the Lotbridge Arms as the For Sale sign had been removed. The Chairman understood that Wetherspoons had surveyed the property but nothing further was known.

A concern was raised regarding the white floodlights, in Dunelm car park, which are illuminated throughout the night and causing a danger dazzling motorists and pedestrians. Nicola Fenner from Environmental Health advised they would seek advice as to the best way forward. Discussion took place regarding shields for the lights, lower wattage, etc., and Cllr Pooley advised that a similar problem in the past had been easily resolved by changing the angle of the lights.

Robert Cooper raised the subject of Morrison's potential development in Lotbridge Drove as reported in the local paper. The Chairman reported that part of her conversation had been reported together with a quote from Paperlane. This was all still subject to planning permission and it was hoped perhaps this could include a condition regarding employing local residents.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 April 2011. Agenda and notes are available on the website.

Future Agenda items: If there are any points members feel they would like discussed at future meetings please email hamChairmanman@eastbournenp.org and they can be included in the Agenda.

Thanks to our hosts: The Chairman thanked our hosts once again for their hospitality, the use of the room and the coffee. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30am.