

Notes from meeting of the Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel 5th April 2011

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Attending:

Sam Chapman, Mo McCann, Angela Kirby, H Tunstall, Cllr Pooley, Pat Hearn, Keith Fillery, Cllr Woodall, Kirsty Peckham, Eastbourne Homes, David Wilkins, Chairman Ratton N H Panel, Sgt. F Munro, Sussex Police, Laura Day, Places for People, PCSO L Osborn and PCSO Brett Williams Sussex Police, Robert Cooper, Fiona Ras, Local Partnership for Children, Katie Davies Tesco and Sandy Boyce-Sharpe Chairman.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present particularly visitors.

2. Apologies:

John & Pam Rollison Neighbourhood Watch, Fr. Robin Tree St Mary's & St Peter's, Sue Criddle Dog Warden, Denise Hamilton British Transport Police, Emma Jordan Community Enforcement EBC, Everol Sampson YMCA, William Pratt Eastbourne Academy, Lord Gregor, Academy School Council

3. Matters arising not itemised on the agenda:

▪ Marcus King controlled property

No further information at this point but in schedule of works and has been chased up in the interim.

▪ Sub-station renovation

Work required still outstanding but in the programme.

▪ Library signage

Now restored.

▪ Recycling bins at Tesco car park entrance

Under discussion.

▪ Flood Lights in Dunelm

The Chairman has still to hear from Nicola Fenner Environmental Health. Cllr Pooley advised she did not recognise this as a problem. Advice to be awaited from Nicola re discussions with Dunelm.

EBC

4. Correspondence:

None received.

5. Chairman's Report

A district level meeting has been held since the last Neighbourhood Panel. The Chairman gave an overview on developments proposed regarding the way some Neighbourhood Panels are to operate. The Police, in conjunction with EBC, are to institute a management team for some panels. But this is not considered necessary for the Hampden Park panel. Discussion took place on the merits or otherwise of a having a constitution and electing panel members who would form a small decision-making body which had also been put forward at the District meeting. The Chairman invited suggestions for change. There were none. It was agreed unanimously that the status quo – consensus amongst an open membership - was the preferred option for the Hampden Park Panel as it had proved successful and effective. The Hampden Park Panel will continue with the current format.

6. Deputy Chairman's Report

No Cold Calling

Sgt Munro reported that this is in hand. A technical hitch relating to an email attachment - had caused a small delay but that printing literature for delivery will follow.

7. Councillors' Reports

ESCC land at Binsted Closed

This was first reported to the Panel in October last year. Information had been passed to Stephen Lloyd and Cllr Thompson had agreed to follow up. No report has been received from Cllr Thompson. Councillors present advised that Cllr Thompson has spoken with the Academy but they have no report for the panel.

Condition of benches beside Public Toilets: Repairs now complete.

Damaged paving slabs in pedestrian way from parade to health centre beside the new Tesco

Katie Davies of Tesco was able to inform the meeting that she had progressed this matter this very morning and highlighted the problem to the Store Manager, Nicholas Neal. However, ownership of the land is still unclear. Conflicting information arose in the ensuing discussion as to whether EBC or Highways at County had responsibility for the other side of the path. The Chairman had spoken to ESCC who acknowledged responsibility, as this represents a public right of way, and Cllr Pooley asserted that the land belonged to EBC and the issue would be handled by the Estate Manager at EBC.

Redundant signage for St Luke's Church

Reported to Highways by Cllr Woodhall two weeks ago.

With this being their last meeting as Borough Councillors for Hampden Park, The Chairman thanked Olive Woodhall and Mary Pooley for all they had done in the Ward over their years representing the community and with their help and attendance at the HP Neighbourhood Panel and proposed a vote of thanks. The Panel members attending joined in those thanks.

8. Police Report

	feb 10	Feb 11	Mar 10	Mar 11
Total	77	76	59	84
Burglary	4	3	3	0
Criminal Damage	15	18	25	20
Vehicle crime	11	8	2	11

9. BTP

Apologies previously noted. Route Crime Update relayed by Chairman:

1 case of criminal damage at the Station
2 children on the line Brodrick/Percival Road
Youths on the line taking a short cut to Eastbourne
Level Crossing x 2 vehicles failing to stop

The Chairman advised that BTP was finalising the multilingual leaflet for language school students to alert them to the dangers of live rails in this country and the distribution of these through local language schools was being co ordinate by Sgt Munro.

10. Network Rail/Southern

Tidying of land between platform and Mallard Close, Car Parking, Signal box repainting and safety at the Brodrick Road bridge, all still being pursued by the Chairman. Southern has sponsored a train ticket for the Chairman to attend the next meeting of CSPG in London and the Chairman hopes to bring to the next Neighbourhood Panel the results of the bridge survey.

I Love My Local Station The scheme by which Network Rail want to enhance stations with plants and hanging baskets but are looking for local volunteers to help with watering and maintenance.

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The Chairman welcomed this initiative and had put Hampden Park in Bloom committee in touch with Network Rail. Unfortunately they did not have any spare capacity to undertake this task and volunteers were being sought through the Friends of the Hampden Park and the local paper. Cllr Woodall to approach the Horticultural Society and the Allotment Society. The meeting agreed that fresh appeals would be made as having hanging baskets and tubs would this would be a lovely addition to the environment of the village and particularly as the station will cover the cost of the bulbs & planters etc. too good an opportunity to be missed. POST MEETING NOTE: VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO UNDERTAKE THIS.

11. Neighbourhood Watch:

Apologies

12. Youth projects:

BMX Track In Everol Simpson's absence the Chairman updated the meeting on the work of the Steering Group that has been formed by the Friends of the Hampden Park to address this project and the renovation of the old rifle range area in the park. In essence, finance is being sought to provide this facility again on the site which is between the edge of the park and Cross Levels Way. Responses are being sought for a survey that has been prepared to form part of the consultation required to apply for Lottery funding. The survey is available online on the Friends' website and details have been sent to local schools. A copy of the survey will also accompany these notes. Please copy it, circulate it among your group and associates and forward it to the address thereon. Successful consultation with all members of the public will strengthen the case for grant funding.

Old Rifle Range also under consideration by the Steering Group. The site is to be surveyed to establish the cost of drainage.

Other opportunities for youth in Hampden Park were highlighted by panel members. Boxing Club in Willingdon Trees: PCSO Osborn pleased to report that this initiative is going well. Funds have been raised for a purpose built dance studio/boxing facility but plans for the new extension have not yet been submitted and there remains a funding shortfall of £15,000. 'Access to Activities' fund still available to children who qualify for free school meals. Schools and groups can access the fund. £4,000 needs to be spent by August. Cllr Woodall felt that the The Gardening Project at Willingdon Trees needed to be extended to the village. The Wildlife pond at Highfield School was raised as another success story for young people in Hampden Park as was Everol Sampson's project with free runners and their peer mentoring scheme. It was suggested that monies from the borough councillors' devolved budget could be used to establish a cycle repair project. The meeting was informed that Everol Sampson is now the Youth Rep for the YMCA. Sgt Munro talked about the success of a scheme which sponsors young people at risk of offending to take up gymnastics.

13. Other Reports:

Disability Involvement Group: Nothing to report at this point. Robert Cooper promoted an invitation to the 'Green Spaces' Opening Event 7 May. All agencies and neighbourhood panels are invited to have a stall. Hampden Park in Bloom will be amongst exhibitors.

The Friends of the Hampden Park: The Chairman was pleased to report on innovations to the Children's Playground in the Park. Phase II is now complete with zip wire and a rickety bridge installed. Hampden Park is to be the first children's play area in Eastbourne to have a sand pit.

Also, work on the pond work has started with securing the area. There will be 24hr security for next 6-8 weeks. An Interpretation Board will be placed on the lawn opposite the cafe describing the works being undertaken in the different phases. Improvements will incorporate a wildlife area, a feeding area for the ducks and silt from the pond will be used to improve the edges and enlarge the islands to allow for marginal planting. Leaflets will go to Friends of Hampden Park with their newsletters and will also be available at Tesco, Sainsbury's, Park Practice surgery, various shops and the Lakeside Cafe in the Park. The leaflets have been prepared by EBC in conjunction with the Friends and will detail the works being undertaken to improve the ecology of the lake. The official opening is planned for 2pm on 26 June with ribbon cutting on the bridge and tea & cake served at the Cafe.

The Hampden Park Councillors highlighted that the last of their 2010-2011 Devolved Ward budget was used to pay for two benches and a picnic table for the park which had been sited behind the indoor bowls club. It was likewise noted that Ratton councillors also gave £2200 of their Devolved Ward Budget to the Friends for them to spend, as the Friends see fit, on projects in the Park.

14. Review of priorities

Hampden Park Panel's top priorities. These were discussed. Whilst progress has been made these priorities were revisited and retained as:

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

The Chairman had heard talk of restriction in village to promote turnover of parking by the shops but that we were still waiting for the results of the ESCC survey. Park n Ride was raised and acknowledged to have been on EBC Agenda for many years.

13. AOB

The Pubb It was asked if anyone could confirm that Weatherspoons was pulling out of their intended purchase of The Pubb? It was understood that Weatherspoons had wanted the Goldwell site for additional parking. Sgt Munro advised that there were reasons (confidential) why this was not feasible.

Future Meetings of the Panel: All members of the Panel had been given a copy of The Eastbourne Plan at the meeting on 1st March and the Chairman proposed to the meeting that we invite Jefferson Collard in his capacity of Head of Planning at EBC to attend the Neighbourhood Panel and talk about future developments in Hampden Park as identified in the document most particularly the Neighbourhood vision as described: reduction in the levels of deprivation; assisting in the delivery of housing and employment opportunities for the town; intensification of industrial estates; protection and enhancement of retain provision in shopping areas; improvement of the public realm in residential and shopping areas; creation of a sense of place; protection of important green spaces, increase of provision for facilities for children and young people and the support of the creation of interchange facilities at Hampden Park railway station amongst others. This was well received and agreed by the meeting.

Chairman

Date of next meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday 17 May 2011. Agenda and notes are available on the website.

Future Agenda items:

If there are any other points members feel they would like discussed at future meetings please email hamChairmanman@eastbournenp.org so that 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 11.10am.

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