

Notes from meeting of the Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel 28 June 2011

Action

Attending: Approx. 30+/- people attended the panel meeting and signed the attendance register.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all present, including visitors and Dale Poore Client Project Manager, Economy, Transport & Environment Department, East Sussex County

ESCC Parking Survey - Dale Poore ESCC, attended the meeting to respond to comments raised on proposals put forward by WSP, the independent company commissioned by ESCC to conduct the Parking Review. Maps of the area with highlighted proposals were circulated. Fears were expressed that further parking restrictions would push commuter parking to outlying roads. Dale expressed the view that some local roads could accommodate commuter parking by virtue of their width but that the intention was to disperse the current problem not to create new hot spots. Serious concerns were expressed over children's safety particularly in Brampton Road (north end) which was a residential road but confused by commercial vehicles sat.nav. as leading to the industrial estate. Also, vehicles trying to jump queues of vehicles waiting for the level crossing raced down this cul de sac and returned to join the queue. Concerns also expressed regarding Mallard Close (potential of moving the parking on to estate private roads and hindering their children's play) and Howletts Close where there is already a problem with an ambulance bay and vehicles parking opposite it making the road impassable for emergency vehicles.

Cllr Pat Hearn agreed to canvass public opinion in Mallard Close and link up with residents in Brampton Road who would seek neighbours signatures on a petition. These to be submitted to the County by the close of consultation on 15 July. The Chairman offered to design and circulate a suitable template.

Cllr. P Hearn

Other - In a related matter – traffic flow – it was agreed that the Panel revisit this debate. Issues around the installation of a zebra crossing on the parade (and not a pelican which would have controlled the flow of pedestrians) exacerbated the poor traffic flow. Dale Poore suggested that the proximity of the rail line was possibly the rationale for the choice of a zebra crossing. The new Tesco Car Park was felt to have relieved short term parking issues for shoppers.

Councillors to establish if there was any criteria for distance of a pelican crossing from a level crossing. The Chairman to progress discussions with Southern/Network Rail regarding the provision of commuter parking spaces as discussed over the years. These new proposals may prove useful in building their business case.

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The meeting thanked Dale Poore for attending and he left the meeting which then continued with normal business.

2. **Apologies:** Emma Jordan Community Enforcement EBC, Mary Pooley, Denise Hamilton British Transport Police, Hilary Hannah, Sam Chapman Paperlane, Sue Criddle Dog Warden.

3. Matters arising not itemised on the agenda:

Marcus King controlled property - Main exterior wall rebuilt and some work carried out to pot-holes.

Sub-station renovation - Work required still outstanding but in the programme.

No cold calling - In hand, letters ready for distribution. Keith Fillery to co-ordinate with Fiona on his return from holiday

4. **Correspondence:** Email received from Melanie Thompson at EBC requesting feedback on the works carried out on 'grot spots' but the areas cited did not fall within the Panel's remit.

5. **Chairman's Report :** No District or Rail Safety meeting since the last Neighbourhood Panel.

6. Councillors' Report

Redundant signage for St Luke's Church - Reported to Highways but could take up to ten weeks to enact

ESCC land at Binsted Close - The Head teacher at the Academy has taken responsibility for the issue of the sub-station. Pam Rollison, NW, will liaise with their co-ordinator in Binsted Close to monitor the situation & report back.

Recycling bins adjacent Tesco Car Park approach road - Two large bins have been removed to be re-painted and will be re-sited in Tesco Car Park. The small bin for clothing remains and two further small bins will be placed there. Councillors to monitor that access to rear of flats on Howletts Close is maintained.

Planting by Public Toilets - This has been cleared of dead Hebe and planted temporarily. New planting to be undertaken by EBC in the winter.

Yellow Boxes - Cllrs. have received a response from Network Rail to their petition for a yellow box at the Level Crossing that it is under review but the consultation period can take up to six months.

Mallard Close Bridge - Ownership of this bridge seems to still be in question with EBC, EA and ESCC all denying ownership, and thus responsibility for repairs needed. Cllr Hearn proposed asking Places for People to take ownership and therefore responsibility. Cllr Hearn to progress and report to next meeting.

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7. Police Report

Report Ward crime figures including Willingdon Trees

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	1 0	1 1
Total	1 1 0	8 1
Burglary dwelling	1	1
Burglary non dwelling		5
Criminal Damage	2 1	1 6
Vehicle crime	5	8
Violent crime		1 9
Robbery		1
Theft		3 4

A detailed report of crime in the area was given by Sgt. Munro summarised by the table above. Panel discussion centred in the rising level of lead theft and the use of Smart Water but the cost is very high.

The Chair raised the report of a persistent motorist parking opposite an Ambulance Bay in Howletts Close and it was agreed this would be looked in to.

It was also agreed that visits by PCSOs would be undertaken in Brampton Road regarding the speeding cars.

8. BTP Report

An email received from Denise Hamilton-Harris, Crime Reduction and Architectural Liaison Officer advised that since the last update, one cycle theft from the station had taken place and a revenue related Public Order offence.

9. Other Reports

Hampden Park In Bloom - following an appeal by this Panel volunteers had come forward to plant up and look after flowers on Hampden Park Station. Boxes and raised beds have been planted up in readiness for Judges visit on 8 July. The Chair extended her congratulations to the Team and shared the news that we are the first group in the area to 'adopt our station'.

Eastbourne Disability Involvement Group - A change of dates advised as a result of the UKIP conference. The Road Show will now take place on the 15 September, at the Devonshire Hall as previously advertised. There are still opportunities for disability related stall holders to exhibit.

The Friends of Hampden Park - A very successful event held on Sunday to celebrate the completion of the works to the Pond. The contractors have now left the site and the planting will come into its own in the next 1-2 years.

Other - Police Community Support Dog will be attending the Dog Show 6 August. Stalls still available, interested parties should contact Sue Criddle at EBC.

10. Network Rail/Southern

Tidying of land between platform and Mallard Close - contact has been made again by the Chairman and confirmation received that this is to be addressed.

Car Parking - A business case it still outstanding and pending the outcome of the Parking Review proposals.

Signal box decorating - Advice has been received that this is to be demolished but no timescale given. The Chairman has won the promise that pending its removal (likely to be a significant period) the signal box will be painted and this is proposed now for August.

Bridge over Railway at Brodrick Road - No further advice from ESCC or NR re the Brodrick Road Bridge.

11. Neighbourhood Watch:

Neighbourhood Watch now has a free web page on the site www.thebestof.co.uk/eastbourne to help promote NHW and its work. A full report was given by Pam Rollinson re recent presentations, the NHW Awareness Week and manning a stand in Tesco. Maywood Ave and Elderwood Close have now joined the scheme.

Thanks to The Community Centre Committee (and most particularly John Rollison) the Community Centre is to have a complete makeover inside and out sponsored by Nick Brewer. The estimated cost of materials is £700 with only a contribution of £160 required. A local builder has donated the use of a scaffold tower and the Committee now only need to raise money for sundries. The progress of the project is to feature in the weekly Gazette column 'Down Your Way'. The start date has not yet been set but works will accommodate the Centre's regular commitments. It was suggested that Level 3 Paint Students at Sussex Downs College be approached to join the project following their success in a similar project on the Old Town Community Centre. YMCA has funds to establish a Youth Centre in the basement.

12. Youth projects:

BMX Track - Open Day to showcase equipment on offer postponed to Saturday 23 July, 12-3pm at the Sports Park Car Park on Cross Levels Way.

Old Rifle Range - Nothing further to report.

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:

- Provision of Youth facilities**
- Anti Social Behaviour**
- Parking & Traffic Flow**
- Brodrick Road Footbridge**
- Cold Calling zone**

It was suggested that public seating in the Village be added. It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea but that serious consideration would need to be made with regard to the design of the seating so as not to attract anti-social behaviour. Robert Cooper representing the Eastbourne Homes local Panel & Cllr Hearn to liaise with Sgt Munro and report back.

15. AOB

Dog Fouling issues - A local resident outlined the situation in Pigs Lane. It was agreed that the local Councillors would liaise with the Dog Warden. The Chairman advised she had already contacted EBC and Emma Jordan would include this on her patrol and suggested that together, she, Sgt Munro & PCSO Brett Williams would pay a house call once the dog walker's ID had been established.

Emma Jordan

It had been reported to the Chairman that a resident backing on to Brodrick Close had found their skip was being filled by passers-by. Emma Jordan to liaise with resident.

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HP/Willingdon Trees Eastbourne Homes Area Panel AGM on Friday 22 July at the Brodrick Road Community Centre, 11-1. New panel members are to be voted in. All invited, complimentary refreshments.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to the Area Panel who, together with Tesco and Network Rail, had sponsored various aspects of the BMX Open Day. Sponsors will receive publicity through the event's advertising posters and also through 'Down Your Way'. It was suggested that the event poster go on Tesco's Community Board.

16. Thanks to our hosts:

The Chairman thanked our hosts once again for their hospitality, the use of the room and the coffee.

Future Agenda items:

If there are any other points members feel they would like discussed at future meetings please email hamchairman@eastbournenp.org so that they can be included in the Agenda.

17. Date of next meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday 9 August 2011. Agenda and notes are available on the website

18. Meetings for 2011: 20 September; 1st November; 6th December all 10am at the Railway Club

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