

Notes from meeting of the Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel 9 August 2011

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

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all present.

2. **Apologies:** Sue Criddle, Dog Warden.

3. Matters arising not itemised on the agenda:

Sub-station renovation - Works completed.

No cold calling - In hand with distribution of letters to residents now planned for September.

Dog Fouling – The Pig’s Lane issue previously raised, Neighbourhood Panel 28 June, is in hand. Two fixed penalty notices have been issued and statements taken.

Public seating – Cllr. Hearn has spoken with Sgt Munro and Gareth Williams at EBC. New seating in Queen’s Parade would be very expensive as it would need to conform to top specification to avoid creating anti-social behaviour. To be carried forward.

Grot Spots – The Chair has been asked to nominate grot spots. See ‘Correspondence’.

Other – Cllr. Hearn relayed correspondence from Mike Sands, Hall Trustee at the Brodrick Community Centre regarding the accuracy of Panel Notes 28 June in relation to the refurbishment of the Community Centre. For clarification, whilst painting is to be carried out to the interior of the Centre, thanks to local sponsorship, Mr Sands asks that it be made clear that responsibility for the exterior of the building lies with EBC. A senior officer from EBC made a site visit to the Community Centre in 2010 and found that costly remedial works were required; these will need to be addressed before any cosmetic work can be undertaken to improve the appearance of the building. In discussion, the Panel acknowledged that EBC operate under financial constraints, but the meeting expressed the hope that - particularly with safety in mind - these works would be prioritised.

4. Correspondence:

Email received from Melanie Thompson at EBC. The Broadway has been cleared of debris behind the shops and weeds have been removed from both Mallard Close and Elm Close; other grot spots previously put forward by the Panel have been passed on to Eastbourne Homes and Eastbourne Allotment Society as appropriate, being within their areas of responsibility.

Email received from Kevin Coleman, Cleansing, Monitoring & Enforcement Officer at EBC, asking the Panel to contribute to the ‘Street scene clear up’ initiative, again nominating grot spots. The work will be undertaken by Tomorrow’s People and general volunteers. Suggestions to be forwarded to the Chairman.

The meeting was advised that a message had been received from Chief Inspector Jayne Dando, District Commander for Eastbourne and was available to everyone to read at the close of the meeting.

An information brochure has been received on Eastbourne Town Centre Action Plan. A nine week consultation is in process, 21 July – 22 September. Exhibitions are being held in the Arndale Centre Saturday 20 Aug, Friday 9 September and the Town Hall September 1st. Residents are asked to feedback online or at a dedicated session. Brochure to be made available at the close of the meeting.

Emma Jordan reported that the Payback Team had cleared the garages around Iden Street and asked meeting attendees to forward further suggestions to her (not fly tipping). Mary Pooley requested action to trim back the area behind Percival Road (rail line side).

5. Chairman’s Report

No District or Network Rail CSPG Rail Safety meeting since the last Neighbourhood Panel.

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6. Councillors' Report

Redundant signage for St Luke's Church - Had in fact been removed at the time of the last Neighbourhood Panel.

Petitions to County Council on Parking Review - submissions have been made from Mallard Close for yellow lines on one side of the road and from Brampton Road requesting a change of name to 'Brampton Close' (heavy goods vehicles en route to the industrial estate take this residential road in error). Change of name was subsequently found to be an EBC matter and forwarded accordingly. The meeting was informed that it could take up to 3 years for SatNav to register the change.

Cllr. Hearn reported that a very positive by-product of the survey work carried out in Bampton Road, is the proposal to transform the land at the top of the 'close' to a community garden. Hampden Park in Bloom has been approached and EBC has already paid a site visit. It was also felt it might lend itself to becoming part of the jubilee celebrations and would additionally provide very necessary screening between residents and Industrial Estate.

Proximity of the pelican crossing to the level crossing - Cllr. Hearn has spoken with Highways at ESCC who have no information on this technicality. They were sympathetic to the problems caused by the current crossing and the item is to be carried forward.

Ownership of Mallard Close Bridge and repairs necessary - Ownership is still in question although it has been established that ESCC has responsibility for the bridge itself and Places for People own the bank. Raglan Homes may also be involved. The issue is now in hand and a site meeting is to take place immediately after this Neighbourhood Panel meeting with Councillor and representatives of associations.

Level Crossing Issues – Cllr. Hearn asked the Chair to raise this at the next Network Rail CSPG Rail Safety meeting. POST MEETING NOTE; DUE TO CIVIL UNREST MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

Recycling bins behind public toilets – two bins have now been removed, the clothing bin remains. Cllr. Hearn wants to see a concreted area to facilitate the work of the Cleansing Department and to ease retailers' parking.

7. Police Report

Report Ward crime figures including Willingdon Trees

	May 10	May 11	Reduction yr on yr	June 10	June 11	Reduction yr on yr	July 10	July 11	Reduction yr on yr
Total	110	81	-29	72	102	+30	84	74	-10
Burglary dwelling	2	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	1	+1
Burglary ND	4	5	+1	5	5	0	3	3	0
Damage	21	16	-5	12	26	+14	21	29	+8
Theft	31	34	+3	24	32	+8	25	26	+1
Assault	37	19	-18	20	34	+14	27	12	-15

Sgt Munro sent apologies on behalf of PCSOs, Airbourne having impacted their duties. The meeting was informed that figures for June reflected an increase in incidents but Sgt Munro remarked that there was no seeming reason or pattern to this, only of note was that June 2010 figures were unusually low, thus the unfavourable comparison. Officers are to attend a meeting at Sutherland Court with Neighbourhood Watch. Reporting back on the issue of obstruction in Howletts Close, despite several visits, the vehicle in

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question was not observed. On speed signs in Brampton Road, Sgt Munro was waiting on risk assessment – monitoring would then follow. Surgery dates were TBC & Street Meetings advised as:

21st August 2pm Port Road junction Ashington // 2.45 Roffrey avenue

21st September 6pm Brampton Close // 6.45 Branston Road

20th October 6pm Elsted Close // 6.45 Brand Road

8. BTP Report – no report.

9. Other Reports

Hampden Park In Bloom - Olive Woodhall reported that very positive meetings had been held with partners, Southern Rail and The Railway Club. Window boxes had been made and filled and were well received. Following vandalism, a new fence has been erected in the Diana Memorial Garden.

Eastbourne Disability Involvement Group - Robert was pleased to report that Neighbourhood Watch had attended the last group meeting. Also in attendance was an officer from ESCC, who spoke on improving life chances. Roadshow leaflets were made available to the meeting for information and/or display. The event was to be promoted in the Arndale Centre in conjunction with Friends Shop Mobility. Robert advised that at the next DIG meeting 17 August, Jeff Collard, EBC, would be talking about progress on The Eastbourne Action Plan and Stephen Lloyd MP would attend and take questions.

The Friends of Hampden Park - Copies of latest newsletter were made available to the meeting and the Friends' Calendar 2012 was advertised. At a meeting with Parks & Gardens, the Chairman was advised that within the current financial year, more speed humps were to be added, work to create more wheelchair and push chair friendly access from Decoy entrance was to be undertaken and that tidying – bollards, pavements – at the old nursery road entrance was to be completed

Community Centre Brodrick Road – carried forward

Eastbourne Homes Panel – nothing further

Residents expressed concerns over **traffic** speed and safety from the roundabout on the Hydneye to Cade Street. Sgt Munro to investigate whether this stretch of road is on the risk assessment list and progress accordingly. 'Slow' signs (smiley signs cost prohibitive) also to be sourced. Cllr. Hearn also to investigate. In a related safety concern, the young people playing football in Gladstone Close was also raised. PCSOs to patrol. Mary Pooley was pleased to advise the meeting that safety around St. Joachim Church, Brodrick Road, had improved significantly since the introduction of double yellow lines and praised the work of PCSOs in this respect.

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Dog Show 6 August. More entrants but fewer visitors and mixed feedback from stall holders. Feedback welcomed and will be considered for next year's event. More attractions, not related to dogs, like a Bouncy Castle, had already been suggested. Emma thanked the Panel for their support and Cllr. Hearn congratulated Emma & other organisers on a very good day.

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Family Learning Initiative - Fiona Ras, LPC Co-ordinator introduced the meeting to the work of the Family Learning Initiative which aims to encourage learning and raise aspirations. Links have been forged with The Academy and Sussex Downs who have made a three year commitment to the Initiative. Fiona will be working alongside current providers to determine local demand. There has been an initial stakeholders meeting, attended by our Neighbourhood Panel Chairman, and surveys looking to gather information on the 'what, where and when', will be circulated to local schools and community centres etc. Already, in conjunction with Sussex Downs, trainee councillors will be going into schools in October to provide support and with the YMCA, projects around bike safety were also in hand.

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10. Network Rail/Southern

Network Rail - Figures received from Ellie Reilly, Community Safety Manager, show 21 incidents recorded by the camera van at Hampden Park in the month of January, 16 in May, 11 in June. On Railway Safety Reps. she had not received a response from local schools but would pass this on to her successor for September. Ellie confirmed that the signal box decorating was scheduled for the 15 August and would take a projected 4 weeks. William Pratt informed the meeting that the Academy was currently using Network Rail materials in Assemblies and in PHSE lessons.

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Southern – The Chair welcomed Paul Bigsby to the meeting. Paul introduced himself as the new point of contact and spoke of the various safety issues of concern to the Panel.

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11. Neighbourhood Watch:

Pam Rollinson gave a full report on the activities of Neighbourhood Watch since the last Panel meeting including attendance at the 999 show which generated over 30 enquiries, a Quality Streets meeting in Holly Park and the Hampden Park & Willingdon Trees (Eastbourne Homes) Area Panel AGM & Willingdon Trees Area Panel Meeting. NW had also had a stand at the Hampden Park Dog Show. Pam & John will be giving a presentation to the residents of Sutherland Court, Cade Street Thursday 10 August. Pam also advised attendees that The Neighbourhood Watch summer newsletter was in distribution and copies would be available at the close of the meeting.

12. Youth projects:

BMX Track - The Open Day consultation event run by the Friends of the Hampden Park and YMCA to showcase potential equipment was held 23 July and surveys to canvass interest in the proposed Skate Park have been distributed. Results awaited. The Chairman reported that St Wilfrid's contractors are laying drainage through the site as part of their new development; advice/assurance is being sought as this could impact the cost and thus feasibility of the Skate Park Also, Cllr. Thompson is seeking confirmation from the County Council that the lease on the land will be renewed. Once the design & spec. for the Skate Park has been established, a business plan will be formulated and the quest for funding can begin. The Chairman again expressed her thanks to the Area Panel who, together with Tesco and Network Rail, had sponsored various aspects of the BMX Open Day and funding towards the ongoing work.

On youth opportunities, Fiona Ras informed the meeting that funding had been secured for a street dance class in Hampden Park based at the Brodrick Community Centre, starting Sept/Oct for 6 months. Together with the YMCA projects in bike safety and repair, a web design course is also to be provided. Further initiatives to follow. William Pratt informed the meeting that The Academy & Places for People had formed a partnership to deliver an Art & Engineering project at Holly Park which will see a sculpture designed by students and end of terrace murals in Willingdon Trees. The Academy is also going to be involved in a 'Gardening & Growing' project and there is to be an allotment on site. Fiona to liaise with Olive Woodhall, Hampden Park in Bloom.

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The proposed Internet Cafe based at Brodrick Community Centre was discussed as was the need for liaison between the various providers to avoid duplication. Fiona to consult with William Pratt at The Academy.

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13. Other reports:

Eastbourne Homes – The meeting was advised that Jane Greenstock Eastbourne Homes Housing Officer was also working on 'grot spots'. Also, that application for funding could be made via the website.

Carnival – there is a move to resurrect the Eastbourne Carnival of former years, dropped due to issues of insurance and Health & Safety. Panel members will receive, with the emailed notes, a form which had been designed to gather local opinion.

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**
- No Cold Calling zone**

15. AOB

Vandalisation of the council gate in Binsted Close – a resident and NHW coordinator relayed to the meeting that although the offending youth had been observed first hand - and was known to the Police – this apparently did not constitute evidence. The Police have been involved but residents still looking for further action. The Chairman proposed that she ask the Police to contact residents again, Emma Jordan to progress. Cllr. Hearn to make enquiries re. replacing the gate with a metal version to improve security.

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A meeting attendee advised that a **new Chess club** was being set up in the area, 'chess, chat, chocolate biscuit'. The Chairman suggested Ratton Panel as another opportunity to promote the club and the club is to feature in the Gazette's 'Down Your Way'. Anyone interested please contact the Chairman.

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Pavements outside Co-op, Queen's Parade – There have been complaints regarding the pavements by members of the public. The meeting was advised that as this land is privately owned, EBC can only intervene on litter. The Chairman proposed, as previously undertaken in Brassey Parade, that a letter be sent from the Panel to the landowners to encourage responsible ownership. If this fails to prompt action, Cllr. Hearn suggested it could be addressed by EBC under the difficult properties department (although this is a long and expensive process).

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Morrisons and The Pubb – nothing further known

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Wilton Avenue hole in road – Cllr. Hearn will pursue as a matter of urgency.

Flooding at the Hydneye – Members attending considered this is still an issue. It was raised by the Panel last year and understood to still be with the various agencies involved. Everyone asked to monitor future flooding and the Panel would follow up again with Highways.

Sam Chapman at Paperlane asked if EBC could incorporate into their round the new general litter bin on the Parade. It is very well used, requires emptying three times a week and the burden falls on traders. Cllr Hearn to make enquiries.

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Emma Jordan – a fixed penalty for repeat litter complaints has been issued to the Co-op in the Hydneye.

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. If anyone requires hard copy of meeting notes or agenda they can request them from Chris at the Library. Thanks Chris.

17. Date of next meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday 20 September 2011. Agenda and notes are available on the website

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

Meeting closed at 11.38.

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