

Notes from meeting of the Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel 20 September 2011

Attending: H Tunstall, Mary Pooley, Olive Woodhall, Katie Davies (TESCO), Emma Jordan CSO, PCSOs Lee Osborn & Zoe Ayres, PC Keith Rockingham, Pam & John Rollison (NW), Kirsty Peckham (EHL), Ken Platt, Cllr. Pat Hearn, Philip Hearn Tech Support Officer Hampden Park in Bloom, Caroline Ansell, Keith Fillery

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

2. **Apologies:** Fr Robin Tree, Sam Chapman, Angela Kirby, Hilary Hannah, The Filling Station, Cllrs. Murray & Thompson

3. Matters arising not itemised on the agenda:

Yellow hatch boxes at the Level crossing completed.

No cold calling – Letters are with Sgt Munro. Distribution to be planned.

Dog Fouling – Pig’s Lane. An additional fixed penalty has been issued (both reported back as paid).

Public seating – Robert Cooper is the lead member on this for Eastbourne Homes and it features on the agenda for their next meeting, 7 Oct. One aspect which could be problematic, proposed seating being cited on private property, understood to be Marcus King. Cllr. Hearn informed the meeting that the legal department at EBC has already been in contact with Marcus King re. the poor condition of the pavements. It was also understood that the Chair had been in correspondence. To be carried forward.

Grot Spots – Kevin Coleman, who manages the Grot Spot list at EBC, has received an email from Cllr. Murray regarding Southern Road/Wilton Avenue. This work will be undertaken by either by the Grot Spot task force or the Payback team. The Deputy Chair raised fly tipping in the garages. Emma Jordan suggested a letter drop to residents in the vicinity requesting a call-in should they observe fly-tipping. PCSO Osborne raised the area of green by The Premier, off The Hydneye, as a significant grot spot. With this falling within Eastbourne Home’s responsibility it was agreed it would be forwarded to Jane Greenstock. Mary Pooley again raised the hedges alongside the alley at the back of Percival Road. EJ reported that the site was with the team for assessment but that work was undertaken on a priority basis.

Cllr Hearn was pleased to confirm that students from Sussex Downs College would be undertaking the interior paint work, 2 days a week, at Brodrick Community Centre. * CORRECTION to the Neighbourhood Panel minutes 9 August: - minutes should read Mike *Stones*, Trustee at Brodrick Community Centre.

4. Councillors’ Report

Petitions to County Council on Parking Review – motion put to Full Council by Cllr. Hearn to approve the application to redesignate Brampton Road to Brampton Close. A consultation will now be sent to out to residents and with their agreement, bodies such as Royal Mail & the Emergency Services will be consulted. It is a lengthy process and there are costs - £200 plus £20 per property (there are 33 houses in the road). As this is a safety issue, Cllrs. are proposing that funds from the devolved budget could be made available to cover costs. The practice of drivers from Gladstone Close using Brampton Road to beat the traffic was also discussed. It was proposed that residents in the Close be contacted to inform them that this ‘strategy’ does in fact represent a turn to the right and therefore is breaking the law. The suggestion of a letter drop in Gladstone Close is to be forwarded to Sgt Munro for consideration.

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Sgt M. & KF
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PCSO Osborn
PCSOs

Proximity of the pelican crossing to the level crossing - Cllr. Hearn has spoken with Highways. The Pelican crossing previously discussed is not a viable option due to the proximity of Rosebery Avenue/Elm Grove as poor visibility for drivers exiting these roads would put crossing pedestrian at risk. Cllr. Hearn has requested that the white lines be repainted and that lighting is upgraded. County will undertake to carry out the work required overnight and at the weekend as it necessitates temporary traffic lights which would have a seriously detrimental effect on traffic flow in the village. There may be up to a ten week wait for these works. Although the crossing does exacerbate the issue of traffic flow, Cllr. Hearn was informed by County that there had been fewer accidents causing injury since its installation. Mary Pooley underlined this – the crossing had originally been proposed following an incident around 8 years ago.

Ownership of Mallard Close Bridge and repairs necessary - Ownership established - ESCC & Places for People discussion as to 'ownership' of repairs is ongoing. To be carried forward.

5. Police Report

Report Ward crime figures including Willingdon Trees

	June 10	June 11	Reduction yr on yr	July 10	July 11	Reduction yr on yr	August 10	August 11	Reduction yr on yr
Total	72	102	+30	84	74	-10	109	86	-13
Burglary dwelling	1	0	-1	0	1	+1	3	0	-3
Burglary ND	5	5	0	3	3	0	9	2	-7
Damage	12	26	+14	21	29	+8	25	15	-10
Theft	24	32	+8	25	26	+1	34	36	+2
Assault	20	34	+14	27	12	-15	23	26	+3

Street Meetings

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

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

Hampden Park In Bloom reported widespread and recurrent vandalism to plants and flowers along Brassey Parade and at the Station, with incidents generally occurring overnight; replanting had taken place every morning. PCSOs asked that these incidents were reported to them as last year they had undertaken plain clothed operations in this area to very good effect and had they been aware, similar action could have been initiated to combat vandalism. Autumn planting is soon to begin and it was agreed that any further issues would be forwarded to either PCSO, by phone or email and raised at future Neighbourhood Panel meetings. Also, that there would be a meeting between Hampden Park in Bloom and local officers ahead of Jubilee Celebration Plans. Philip Hearn, Technical Support Officer for Hampden Park in Bloom, advised the meeting that his telephone number featured on each of the boxes should damage been observed.

Mary Pooley raised vandalism at the Brodrick Road Community Centre – 9 smashed windows. PCSO Osborn advised that although the Centre was already included in operation Blitz, he would ask Sgt Munro to include the Centre on Neighbourhood Response Team rounds as they operate after midnight. CCTV was discussed but dismissed as too expensive a venture.

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HP in Bloom & PCSOs

PCSO Osborn

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6. Neighbourhood Watch: Pam Rollinson gave a full report on the activities of Neighbourhood Watch since the last Panel meeting including attendance at the Shinewater Fun Day, the Disability Road Show at the Devonshire Halls and Croxden Court's St Wilfrid's fundraising Open Afternoon. A presentation had been given to the Eastbourne Lady Rotarians, one postponed for Sutherland Court and one scheduled for the Eastbourne branch of the National Trust. Also forthcoming is a stand at Hampden Park Tesco to raise awareness of National Personal Safety Day. The meeting was informed that current Chair, Jan Newens is to relinquish her role and Mr Philip Hearn, Vice Chair, will stand for Chairman at the AGM.

7. Other Reports

Hampden Park In Bloom - Olive Woodhall reported that Hampden Park In Bloom had been awarded Silver medal and Silver for the Diana Memorial Garden. A special commendation had been awarded to Bertie Wilmshurst for long years of dedicated service. A poster celebrating this success has been produced for display in the shop and Library and it is hoped it will inspire and encourage uptake in the Gardening Competition (private gardens) further details to follow from Olive Woodhall.

Community Centre Brodrick Road – carried forward

The Deputy Chair flagged up the meeting to bring the community together to talk about plans for a prospective entry to the Eastbourne Carnival. Tuesday, October 11, at 7pm in the Railway Club, Station Approach.

EJ reported on progress on the area behind the shops in Brassey Parade. The wall has been rebuilt and fly-tipping cleared by the pay-back team. Hilary Hannah is to contact Marcus King. An ongoing issue exacerbated by the car park which will require ongoing intervention.

Binsted Close – Tree cutting in progress. The Academy has undertaken responsibility for this. Action on the substation building has been delayed pending consultation on the electrics.

Wilton Avenue pothole – Cllr. Hearn has spoken with ESCC. As Wilton Avenue is not an A road the pothole would have to be at least 4 inches deep to be considered a priority. The feeling of the meeting was with regular bus services in this road, it did warrant urgent action on a safety level and accordingly, Cllr Hearn will contact ESCC again.

14. Review of priorities

Hampden Park Panel's top priorities. These were raised and retained:

Provision of Youth facilities

Anti Social Behaviour

Parking & Traffic Flow

Brodrick Road Footbridge

Cold Calling zone

15. AOB

New general litter bin on the Parade. Cllr. Hearn reported that EBC would not include the new bin on its regular rounds so Cllr. Hearn has requested that a wheelie bin be supplied to Sam Chapman to alleviate the problem.

16. Thanks to our hosts:

The Deputy 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 1 November 2011. Agenda and notes are available on the website.

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