

**Notes of meeting of the
Hampden Park West Neighbourhood Panel
3rd November 2009**

Attending :

PS Munro – Eastbourne Police
PC Keith Rockingham – Sussex Police
PCSO Brett Williams – Sussex Police
PCSO Sue Robinson – Sussex Police
Emma Jordan – Community Enforcement EBC
Sue Criddle – EBC Dog Welfare Officer
R P Elles – Fellas Barbers
Fr. Robin Tree – St Mary's
Annette Spence – Ladbrokes, Scouts and Infant School
John Spence – Scout Hut
Olive Woodall – Ward Councillor
Mary Pooley – Ward Councillor
Rita Herbert – Eastbourne Railway Club
Lord Greger – ETC School Council
Callum Legg – ETC School Council
Gary Dell – Manager Southern Trains
Sandy Boyce-Sharpe – Chairman

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Welcome :

The Chairman, Sandy Boyce-Sharpe welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Apologies:

Keith Pailthorpe Headmaster ETC
Jan Newens Neighbourhood Watch
Pam Rollison Neighbourhood Watch local Co ordinator
Sam Chapman Paperlane
David Kemp Crime Reduction Partnership
Cllr Michael Thompson
Everol Sampson – Eastbourne Homes
Zoe Wood - CRP

Minutes of meetings : Sandy apologized that unfortunately there were no minutes as yet available from the last meeting but they would be put on the website in the next couple of days.

Matters arising :

- The Core Strategy Interactive Consultation is to take place for this area on 11th November between 3-7pm at the Community Centre.
- The survey by County Council officers of parking and traffic flow in the village is to take place during the last two weeks of November
- The level crossing awareness day has been finalised by Network Rail as being 9th December between 3-6 pm at the railway crossing in the village and also at the bridge on Brodrick Road. Arrangements are being made for visits to schools to raise awareness of the dangers of level crossings and walking along the tracks.
- The Brodrick Road footbridge work to stop people being able to throw items onto the line and at trains is still at the design and discussion stage between Network Rail and County Council.
- The provision of commuter parking by Network Rail and Southern is still at the discussion stage.

Councillors' Report :

- Cllr Pooley advised she had been in contact with the Amenities Manager at EBC regarding collection of rubbish in the village as the current bin is not large enough for weekends to cope with quantity. Larger bin is hopefully to be provided as well as rather than instead of. Enforcement Officer Emma Jordan advised she would speak to the take away outlets in the village regarding assisting with clearing litter.
- Devolved Ward Grants have been offered for extra football training, the Darts club; the youth club and the scout hall so far. The emphasis has been on youth facilities.

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Emma

- A member of the public had reported tripping on a pavement to Cllr Pooley and she was to bring this to the attention of EBC. She was further asked to address the change in pavement height adjacent to Tesco Extra entrance where a ramp had been built up.
- Regarding the continuing boarded up windows at Tesco Cllr Pooley was asked to once again alert the EBC officers concerned to see if Tesco could be encouraged to glaze these sooner rather than later.
- Cllr Woodall reported that the Hampden Park in Bloom group had achieved a Silver Award again this year. A Certificate had been presented to the Friends of the Hampden Park. A silver gilt had been achieved by the Princess Diana Memorial Garden. Congratulations were offered.

Police Report:

The village had suffered a devastating week of damage and anti-social behaviour during half term. There had been wide scale damage to property and burglary. Three arrests have been made already and there are further leads gleaned from CCTV footage which will hopefully lead to more. The local officers were working hard to ensure this new group of anti social young people are identified and the necessary orders raised.

Discussion took place regarding reporting of crime; prioritising personal assault over property crime; staffing levels available.

Traders again brought up the subject of CCTV being provided by the local authority or the police and without a special levy being made on commercial property the provision could not be funded from the EBC budget the Councillors confirmed.

Concern was expressed by the chairman regarding the support our front line officers were receiving from the call centres receiving the 0845 non urgent calls and the reported waiting time for callers. In addition, it appeared that when youth offenders were brought before the local magistrates they often had a more lenient attitude than it was felt appropriate.

It was suggested that we invite members of the judiciary to attend a future meeting and explain to us how they decide on sentencing and why they let some off with a verbal warning only to find they come up before them again the following week/month.

It was further agreed that a street meeting in the village be arranged for December.

Sue Criddell, Sgt Fiona Munro and Emma Jordan from the EBC Enforcement Team were all congratulated on the K9 event in the park and advised preparations were well in hand for the event next year which will be held on 7th August.

Neighbourhood Watch Report :

A report from John and Pam Rollison was read out in their absence which advised that several successful street meetings have been held with attendance including Police Officers, PCSOs, Councillors and other officers from EBC. Approx 30 local residents attended a recent meeting for Hampden Park West residents which resulted in recruitment of two new co-ordinators and generally membership is steadily increasing.

Youth projects :

In Everol and Zoe's absence there were no current updates on the BMX track project or funding for youth facilities in the village but William Pratt spoke on the subject and proposed that it might be possible to arrange a community project utilising the resources of local churches and add their funding opportunities to what might be available. It was agreed an empty shop would be useful as a drop in centre daytime and evenings but staffing should be sourced and local café's consulted. Provision costings had been provided by Everol at the last meeting. William agreed to lead on this topic and liaise with Everol and Zoe plus the local community and report back to a future meeting.

Panel's top 3 priorities :

These were discussed and it was agreed to reprioritise these items as follows:

- Youth facilities**
- Anti Social Behaviour**
- Parking & Traffic Flow**

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Councillors

Chairman

William

Report from Area Meeting attended by Chairman:

Sandy was delighted to report that the vast majority of the Hampden Park West police leaflets telling the community about Neighbourhood Panels had now been delivered, together with a double sided A5 insert prepared by the chairman explaining in some detail the workings, what our priorities are, who and how to contact and current achievements to date. This pretty well replicates the information on the new home page on the panel website.

It had been sad to hear this last week of the anti social behaviour and crime surge the area had suffered, particularly as the monthly year on year figures had been so very good, and until last week had been at an all time low.

The Inspector co-ordinating neighbourhood panels was to change and, in future, this would be Insp. Rachel Barrow.

Report on Crime Fighters Convention attended by Chairman :

Sandy confirmed that on behalf of the panel she had represented them at a Community Crime Fighters conference in Brighton for joining others from the whole of the south east of England. It had been an interesting day with presentations and workshops covering the Policing Pledge; Community payback; Crime and Disorder and the local authority Anti-social Behaviour co-ordinator who should be available from every authority; rights as a Victim of Crime and ASB; Neighbourhood Policing and what it means; the contributions of the community. Short papers covering these presentations were available for everyone to read should they wish.

Any Other Business:

- At the meeting Sgt Munro distributed information regarding Operation Crackdown which encourages every citizen to telephone or email information about car drivers breaking the law by using mobile phones, tail gaiting, etc.
- A Remembrance service is to be held at the war memorial in the park (opposite the children's play area) on 11th November at 11am. Everyone welcome to be there please at 10.45. Fr Robin asked if anyone could help with provision of a portable PA system. Suggestions were brought forward for Fr. Robin to follow up.
- Request for information regarding a shop that had applied for a licence. Cllrs. to advise at next meeting if this had been granted.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meetings :

It was agreed that the next Panel meeting would be on Tuesday 15th December 2009, at the Eastbourne Railway Club 10am.

- Future meetings :**
- 26 January 2010
 - 9 March 2010
 - 20 April 2010
 - 1 June 2010
 - 13 July 2010

Thanks to our hosts :

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.25 am.

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