

**Notes from meeting of the
Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel
24th August 2010**

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Attending :

Stephen Lloyd MP
Sgt Fiona Munro – Sussex Police
PCSO Sue Robinson – Sussex Police
Keith Fillery – Vice Chairman Hampden Park Joint Panel
Eastbourne Railway Club
Emma Jordan – EBC
Carrol Humphris – Southern Railway
Pam & John Rollison – Neighbourhood Watch
David Wilkins – Chairman Ratton Neighbourhood Panel
Cllr Olive Woodall
Cllr Michael Thompson
Brian Stimpson – Park Denture Practice
Mo McCann – Resident
Angela Kirby – Resident
H J Tunstall – Resident Brodrick Road
Pat Hearn – Resident
J McKinnon – Resident
Fr Robin Tree – St Mary's & St Peters
Finn O'Shae – Resident
Everol Sampson – Eastbourne Homes
Sam Chapman – Paperlane
Karl Beck – TEVA UK Ltd
Sandy Boyce-Sharpe – Chairman

Welcome :

The Chairman welcomed guests and visitors to the panel today, particularly our MP, Stephen Lloyd, and David Wilkins Chairman of Ratton Neighbourhood Panel. Everyone was invited to join in any topics of interest. Stephen thanked everyone for his welcome and confirmed he was very interested in sitting in on one of these Panel meetings and to see for himself how democracy was working in Hampden Park.

Congratulations were offered to Carol from everyone as she had been married last Saturday.

Apologies:

Jan Newens – Neighbourhood Watch
Denise Hamilton-Harris – British Transport Police
Keith Pailthorpe - Headmaster ETC
William Pratt - ETC
Eleanor Reilly – Network Rail
Jane Greenstock – Eastbourne Homes
Anthony Nicholas – Raglan Homes
Cheryl Bowditch – Raglan Homes

Minutes of meetings : The notes of the last meeting had been circulated to everyone on the panel distribution list via email and is available to download from the panel website www.eastbournenp.org by navigating to Eastbourne North, Hampden Park West and then to Meeting Notes. Should anyone wish to be placed on the email distribution list please ensure your email address is on the attendance list being circulated. To those without email or internet access Chris Handford kindly offered that the Library would print off a copy of the meeting notes or agenda if requested. Grateful thanks from everyone to Chris for this kind offer.

Matters arising :

- Parking Survey – County Cllr Matthew Lock had replied that he is sorry for any delay re parking but implementation of any parking changes won't be possible until the result of the independent revue has taken place as, to make any decision before the revue has reported would question its independence.
- Parking provision by Network Rail – the response has been from NR that a suitable business case cannot be put forward at present as there is so much free on street parking available.

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- Bridge over railway at Brodrick Road – County Cllr Lock had also advised via email that as soon as he has some information re the bridge he will update the panel and Cllr Thompson, but there is no information at present. Cllr Thompson confirmed he would keep following this up.
- Tree outside 100 Brodrick Road – Richard Stevens, Principal Highways Engineer, had offered apologies that this hadn't been attended to yet due to other priorities but work was scheduled.
- Flooding in vicinity of Hydney roundabout – Richard Stevens as above confirmed he had at last managed to have discussions with Southern Water re this problem and they have stated that they will be taking action on their mains which serve some properties in Hampden Ave that were affected by the recent flooding, and have ordered some CCTV to be undertaken concerning the culvert that upon inspection EBC had found to be surcharged.
- Missing orienteering signs – no further reports from Parks & Gardens Dept. who had advised they hoped to be able to replace the missing ones this year.
- Signal Box repainting – Carrol confirmed she was still pursuing this with Southern and hoped to be able to advise the Chairman re proposed work soon.
- Brassey Parade parking area wall – the Chairman advised she had contacted the managing agents for the property Marcus King and they had confirmed they would send their contractors down to see what could be done.
- CCTV – the Chairman is trying currently to arrange a meeting with Network Rail and Southern re the siting of this on the signal box so that, should it be possible to fund this, it can cover the level crossing as well as the village street. Quotes were to be sought.
- Bin outside Paperlane and protruding bolts from pavement – Emma confirmed this had been attended to and a more secure system installed to bolt the bin to the pavement.
- Recycling bins behind public toilets – since our last meeting these bins had been put in place and Paul Marsden, Cleansing Contracts Manager had emailed to advise that this was to replace the recycling site which had been in the supermarket car park. The new site; the new site is designed for passersby to recycle and to improve the area visually; it is not anticipated there will be an increase in traffic movement; the site will be regularly checked and cleansed; emptying of the banks will take place during the day; it will help the Council achieve its target to recycle 36% of domestic waste by the end of this financial year; it will improve services to the public and provide those residents who are unable to recycle from their homes through lack of storage space with a service of collecting 2 or more materials to be recycled. Brian Stimpson confirmed that parking of cars in the area which could block access to the shopkeepers parking at the rear of the shops was still a concern but the recycling area would be monitored and a report would be brought back to this panel if it became a problem.
- Christmas lighting for the village – Brian Stimpson advised he had canvassed all the traders and sought costings. The cost of 6 Christmas display lights attached to lamp posts, maintained and removed after the Christmas period would be £3,400. It had been recommended by the company concerned that as not all traders would contribute it could provide 2,000 copies of a magazine which would have half page advertisements for the businesses contributing to the lights. They would also undertake to distribute 1200 of these in the Hampden Park area with 600 left for the traders to distribute. The cost for this would be an extra £1,600 making the total package £5,000. To achieve this price there would have to be a three year contract.

There are 40 traders in the area which would make the cost £125 per business but, so far, the agreement to commit by traders had been minimal. The Councillors present advised they would be able to contribute from the Devolved Ward Grant at least for the first year but could not commit to 3years. Stephen Lloyd asked if the traders had considered combining the lighting with some late night shopping or a mini Christmas festival type event to attract shoppers. Brian to take this back to the traders. Brian commented that to manage lighting for this Christmas contracts would have to be in place by late September.

Brian

Report from Vice Chairman on items raised last month :

- Tugwell Park play equipment - Keith advised that despite advice to the contrary at the last meeting there were still gates missing and had had contacted Parks & Gardens at EBC who agreed and advised that the matter was in hand.
- Regarding the provision of a 'no cold calling zone' – Keith had sought full information on this and all residents in the proposed area would need to be canvassed for their opinion. Sgt Munro confirmed they would assist with this and it was agreed a sub group make necessary arrangements calling for help as and when required.

Keith

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Councillors' Report :

- Bridge over railway at Brodrick Road – Cllr Thompson could not advise further at present.
- Aldi – Cllr Thompson advised he could get no response from Aldi but Sgt Munro advised she had been told that Tesco were surveying the property with a view to taking on the lease.

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- New use for the old rifle range area in the park – Cllr Thompson advised he had spoken to Parks & Gardens Dept and the proposal was that, initially, some tables and chairs be set up in the area. He also planned a meeting with Cllr David Tutt to discuss potential funding for other ideas the steering committee had proposed. Everol Sampson advised the area was under consideration for a skate park, there was a committee and funding available and plans were being prepared. It was agreed a joint meeting take place soon between interested parties to avoid duplication of effort.
- Cllr Pooley was not available to report further on missing manhole covers.
- Cllr Woodall advised the lighting over the footbridge had been repaired.

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Cllr Pooley

Police Report :

Sgt Munro gave a detailed report on the crime reports for Hampden Park and the work of the Youth Services Local Partnership project with funding available for intervention work. ASBOs had been served; home visits had taken place; ASB contracts had been issued and Eastbourne Homes, working with Sussex Police, had asked the person inviting children into his flat for breakfast and conducting surrogate purchasing of alcohol had been asked to vacate his premises.

The school holidays had contributed to a peak in the crime figures with a number of break ins reported including 9 commercial, 5 in Brassey Parade, 1 domestic shed and 2 on the Industrial Estate. 19 cases of criminal damage. Vandalism and inappropriate play had been reported in the Tugwell Park area resulting in local residents being issued with Operation Blitz packs to achieve instant response. Operation Blitz was in action every night during the school holidays. The newly formed Support Team had undertaken speeding checks.

The ongoing problem of anti social behaviour in some particular areas and concerned residents were provided with local PCSOs telephone numbers so future problems could be reported direct rather than having to go through the central reporting switchboard.

Sgt Munro is proposing to instigate a mini Operation Synergy with the proposal of addressing one street a month, and asked for suggestions. The police could be contacted via the website sussexpolice.com.

Stephen Lloyd MP

At this point Stephen Lloyd unfortunately had to leave the meeting but wanted to congratulate Sgt Munro on the improvements she and her team had achieved in the area since she had taken post. It was a credit to them that the crime rate was so much lower than it had been some 3 years ago. He advised that he had said as much to the Deputy Ch. Constable at a recent meeting.

He went on to confirm to all present his support of Neighbourhood Panels, how useful he thought they were to the community as a whole and congratulated the Hampden Park Panel on the number attending, the cross section of the community they were representing and the diversity of the problems undertaken. He would follow up on all the items still awaiting closure as discussed at the beginning of the meeting and see if he could hurry things along, or find out more detailed information which he would relay back through the Chairman. He went on to confirm that he and Sandy were in regular communication and he was kept abreast of problems and achievements in the Hampden Park area and looked forward to continue being involved.

He wanted to advise everyone that the proposed change of Eastbourne Technology College to an Academy was taking place and it would reopen as an Academy in September. Despite recent press reports, he was confident that funding would be forthcoming for the new school buildings. He was continuing to press the Minister concerned for this to be made available as soon as possible and would be delighted to advise the results of his endeavours through the Chairman.

He went on to offer everyone present his telephone number and email address and advised it was his intention to hold one in four of his weekly surgeries not at the Seaside address but out in his constituency. He hoped to start with one at Sainsbury's and perhaps in one of the premises in Brassey Parade. He would advise when these were to take place through the Chairman.

The meeting thanked Stephen for taking the trouble while Parliament was in recess to attend their meeting and show his support.

Neighbourhood Watch Report :

Pam Rollison reported there are 2 new co-ordinators for Parkfield Ave covering a further 20 properties and more residents interested. A local co-ordinator had reported a redundant street sign metal spike protruding from the ground where children play and this had been removed by EBC.

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There is an ongoing problem regarding a disused brick building within the grounds of ETC where it backs on to Binstead Close. It is dilapidated and dangerous as the children climb on it and are gradually destroying it. Cllr Woodall suggested this was part of the area scheduled for the new Academy development but details were not known. Full details were passed to Stephen Lloyd before he left and copies would be forwarded to the local Councillors. Matter carried forward.

Councillors

In addition there are four tall trees in the corner of the same field towering over several properties in the same close which a tree surgeon has recommended should be lopped and pruned. This matter has also been passed to Stephen Lloyd. Information to go to Councillors and carried forward.

Councillors

Rail Watch :

No report to this meeting

Youth projects :

The meeting was advised that youth facilities were to be provided at the Rugby Club hopefully starting at the end of September and Everol Sampson agreed to make local groups aware of these as soon as full details were available. Unfortunately William Pratt was not able to be at the meeting today because it was Exam Results Day at ETC but he had attended a meeting with the Police at the Rugby Club and applauded the offer being made of facilities including plasma screen TV; pool table; leather sofas; coffee bar; soft drinks, etc.

Everol expanded further on the proposals for the old rifle range area and it was confirmed interested parties would attend a meeting which Cllr Thompson was to call probably within the month.

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Cllr
Thompson**

Panel's top 3 priorities :

These were discussed and it was agreed to keep the same issues, the footbridge issue not having been solved yet.

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

Urgent action point – footbridge from Brodrick Road

The question of litter was brought to the meetings notice as the bins in the park, and particularly those along the footpath between the College and Sainsbury's were full to overflowing. There were a number of foreign students in the area and it wasn't their fault there was no where to put their rubbish as the bins hadn't been emptied. Emma offered to follow this up and arrange extra emptying where necessary.

Emma

Report from Local Panels District Meeting :

There was the offer of requesting areas that the Community Payback Team could clean up and this was in addition to the recent letter from EBC which had been forwarded to everyone. Cllr Woodall asked re the provision of a constitution for Neighbourhood Panels but it was agreed this was a matter to be taken forward to the next District Meeting.

Police

Any Other Business :

- Congratulations were offered to everyone involved in the recent Dog Show in Hampden Park which had raised £800. This had been organised by EBC Dog Warden Sue Criddle, Emma Jordan had been the Hon. Secretary and the Police had been involved in the steering group as had a number of others. It had been a very successful event, well attended, approx 150 dogs entered into various classes and it was hoped it would take place again next year.
- Praise was also given to the National Play Day that had taken place in Hampden Park just a few days earlier. This had been attended by hundreds of children from all over Eastbourne and provision was made for toddlers to late teens. Over 180 children had 'had a go' in the Police Boxing Ring. Despite the weather that day the event was very successful so congratulations were due to Sue Morris the Play Ranger for all her and her team's hard work.
- Concern was expressed regarding the tables and chairs on the pavement on the north side of Brassey Parade and visual impression to shoppers. Emma to investigate and report.
- Carol confirmed she is still endeavouring to source the right contact at Southern to arrange for signage from the station to the park. A colourful plan of the park had been put up in the station provided by Friends of the Hampden Park and many thanks were due to Carol for printing and arranging this.
- Fynn advised that a resident from Elm Grove had been observed taking household waste and placing it in the dog bin. Emma to keep an eye on the situation.

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- Fr Robin Tree asked if this might be a good time to remind everyone of the annual remembrance service that is now held at the War Memorial in Hampden Park on 11th November. Would everyone attending please be there at 10.40am as the service would commence just before 11am. The Mayor had accepted an invitation to place the official Eastbourne Wreath at our memorial this year rather than, as usual, in the town centre. A bugler had been arranged; the Royal Sussex would be represented and hopefully the colours. Everyone was welcome. Thanks were offered to Fr Robin for ensuring this became an annual occasion in Hampden Park.
- Concern was expressed by a member present at the café in the park playing a radio so loudly that it was difficult to hold a conversation inside and outside the premises. Emma to look into this.
- It had been reported at the last meeting that some houses were placing their waste wheelie bins in communal garage areas. Unfortunately these were proving useful to some youngsters who were then able to gain access to garage roofs but unfortunately, as it was private property, EBC were powerless to intervene. However, as they were contributory to a crime being committed the Police agreed they would visit the residents concerned.
- Concern was raised regarding dog fouling in Broom Close and EBC had advised no bin could be provided as all the houses were too close. Emma to follow up but this street was in the Willingdon Trees area and would be brought to that Panel's attention. Ditto a query regarding Midhurst.
- Emma advised that she was arranging an Operation Cruella in Hampden Park in the near future together with the local PCSOs, the Friends of the Hampden Park, local sports club representatives, etc. and all were welcome. It would be a patrol to ascertain the degree of dog fouling, litter, etc. Date to be advised.

Date of next meeting :

It was agreed that the next Panel meeting would be on Tuesday 5th October 2010. .

If there are any other points members feel they would like discussed at future meetings please email hamchairman@eastbournep.org

Future meeting : 16th November 2010 each 10am at the Railway Club, Station Approach, Hampden Park.

Thanks to our hosts :

The Chairman thanked our hosts once again for their hospitality, the use of the room and the coffee, and looked forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30am.

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