

**Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Present:**

Margaret Bannister	EBC Ward Councillor
John Bradshaw	Resident
Mrs J A Evans	Resident
D Evans	Resident
PC Scott Franklin-Lester	Police
Richard Goude	Resident
Pam Hagon	Resident
Beryl Healy	ESCC Ward Councillor
Marie Hennelly	Resident
Adrian Ley (Chairman)	Resident
Jan Lyalls	Resident
Kevin Mitchell	Resident
Jay Patel	Resident
Kareen Plympton	EBC Licensing Manager
Chris Richards	EBC Town Centre Manager
E Sheere	Resident
David Waldick	Resident

**1 Welcome and Introductions:**

The Chairman welcomed new attendees to the meeting and introductions were given around the table.

**2 Apologies :**

Ray Barron	Resident
Nigel Goodyear	EBC Ward Councillor
Liz Goude	Resident
Julian Ledger	Call A Cab Ltd
Brian Larrett	Resident
David Mitchell	Resident
Roy Peacock	Neighbourhood Watch
Pauline Peagam	Salvation Army
Stephen Priestley	Resident
Judith Robinson	Resident
Steve Wallis	EBC Ward Councillor

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Chairman described the procedure in which minutes and the agenda will be emailed to all attendees who provide an email address. They will also continue to be published on the Neighbourhood Panel Web Site. <http://www.eastbournenp.org/>

**4 Matters Arising - Update on Priorities**

**Priority 1 - The Redesign of the Seating Area Outside of the Post Office and Marks and Spencers in Terminus Road**

SFL circulated photographs of the area concerned and reported that working with the local authority, Mark Probyn, Councillor Tutt and Trish Pybous from Eastbourne Business Crime Group alternative seating arrangements and costing will be developed. He will report back to the next Panel meeting and hopefully achieve the aim by early

Spring. It was noted that independently from the Panel this topic had been discussed in the local paper as part of the debate about street drinkers.

### **Priority 2 - Late Night Parking in Devonshire Place**

SFL reported that there are some issues about what parking restrictions are in place following the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement. Further work needs to be done looking at signage before the aspect of enforcement can be considered. It was noted that the central reservation parking area is EBC controlled whereas the kerbside parking is part of the County parking scheme.

### **Priority 3 - Driving with Excessive Speed in the Town Centre**

SFL stated that as a result of monitoring since the last Panel meeting 26 penalty notices and many warnings have been issued. Noisy exhausts, which serve to give the impression of greater speed, are a particular issue.

### **On Going Priority - Street Drinkers in the Town Centre**

It was noted that this issue had been picked up as the front page article in the local paper which resulted in letters and an article quoting the police in subsequent weeks. The Chairman reported that he had written to the paper describing the Panel's consideration of this. (Post Meeting Note – This was published on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009)

SFL reported that as the street drinkers have relocated away from the Town Centre things have improved. He also gave a summary of efforts to secure the gated area besides the Post Office and how discussions were continuing with the Edinburgh Woollen Mills Head Office to elicit a contribution from them. JP commented on the higher profile police presence and expressed appreciation for their work on addressing this issue.

### **On Going Priority - Anti-Social Behaviour, Late Night Licensing**

There were no major incidents to report at this time. Residents from Gannett House thanked KP for her assistance in addressing an issue with the licensed premises opposite.

### **On Going Priority - Condition of Town Centre Pavements**

As a result of ongoing discussions Mr Stevens will attend the next meeting.

### **5 District Panel Update:**

BH who had attended the meeting stated that there was nothing to report.

### **6 Devonshire Neighbourhood Action Plan Update:**

The Chairman reported that the Devonshire Project Steering Committee agreed that the Town Centre and Seaside Neighbourhood Panels should take over the role of the Devonshire Neighbourhood Action Group to identify future priorities for the Project. A review of progress on current priorities is taking place and will be reported to the Panel as soon as it is complete.

### **7 Review of Panel Priorities:**

#### **Cycling on the Pavement in Terminus Road**

Cycling in Terminus road in particular between TJ Hughes and Debenhams continues to cause problems and risk injury to pedestrians. The signage concerning "NO CYCLING" in the town centre is inadequate and this needs to be revised. SFL confirmed that the police will continue to deter cycling on the pavements and pedestrian areas in the town centre and will warn and issue fines where appropriate. It was agreed that the Town Centre Manager will look at the issue of signage and report back to the next meeting.

### **Poor Lighting in Commercial Road and St Leonard's Road**

The inadequate lighting in Commercial Road and St Leonards Road, was highlighted at a recent street meeting. At night this area is regularly used by people passing through the back of the station.

### **Quality of Street Cleaning and Blocked Drains**

There was concern about the quality of street cleaning and clearance of blocked drains in the Town Centre. KP indicated that there were telephone numbers for reporting these to the Council and agreed to bring these to the next meeting. The Chairman reminded Panel Members of the need to report issues of this type immediately and not wait for the Panel Meeting.

### **Language School Students**

SFL was thanked for his ongoing work with language schools. He cited a recent case in which a student had been sent home for inappropriate behaviour as demonstration that language schools took the issue of student behaviour seriously.

### **Rubbish Bins Being Left Out on Non-Collection Days in Cornfield Road**

CR agreed to deal with this.

### **Obstruction of the Pavement caused by Tables and Chairs Opposite Bus Stop Shelter**

CR Agreed to look into this.

It was agreed that the three priorities for the meeting were:

- 1. Benches outside Post Office**
- 2. Cycling on the Pavement in Terminus Road**
- 3. Poor Quality Lighting in Commercial Road and St Leonard's Road**

### **8 Any Other Business:**

SFL gave details of the new system being implemented by the Salvation Army which resulted in PP's apologies.

Alcohol Awareness Week starts 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### **9 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 1900hrs at the Town Hall.

The following meeting was agreed as 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 1900hrs at the Town Hall.