

Minutes of the 18th Meeting
of the
Seaside Neighbourhood Panel

Date: 2nd November 2011
Chair: Jane Dubery (JD)
Location: St. Agnes Hall, Whitley Road
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Minutes taken by: Bill Whaley (BW)

Members present:

Police

PC Keith Rockingham (KR)
PCSO Kathryn Harlow (KH)

Councillors

Beryl Healy – County (BH)
Margaret Bannister (MB)
Neil Stanley (NS)
Steve Wallis (SW)

Others

Claire Banks (CB)
(Community Enforcement)

In addition there were approximately 18 members of the public.

Apologies: Viv Angus (Regency Park)

Updates on Priorities from 17th Meeting held on 14th September 2011:

Priority 1 – Lottbridge Drove - Cars Speeding at night after 10 p.m. between Sovereign Centre and Tesco roundabouts:

KR reported that this operation is still ongoing but since the last meeting there had been 3 fixed penalty notices issued, 11 other vehicles stopped and speeding discussed plus one safety belt infringement.

Priority 2 – Car Park Warrior Square – Investigate possible criminal intent:

KR and KH reported that high visibility policing would continue in this area but the initial problem seemed to have gone away. Rough sleepers had been dealt with. The land had reverted to the church and will be fenced. Likely to be converted to a Community Play Garden.

Priority 3 – Anti-Social behaviour by youths in the Abbots Close area:

KR and KH reported that the situation had improved due to the moving away from the area of some offenders. In addition another youth had been given a 30 day notice to improve behaviour.

Other actions/Priority Discussion issues:

1. Community Survey in Regency Park.

KH and SW reported that 125 surveys had been given out in Regency Park covering Groombridge Walk, Groombridge Road, Wakehurst Road and The Mews on Saturday 29th October. None had yet been returned but it was hoped that good input to both the Police and Council would be forthcoming.

2. Street Meetings.

KR reported that the next street meeting was expected to take place on 23rd November with various agencies being involved, venue yet to be decided. Members were asked to think about this item for the next meeting.

3. Speed checks in Royal Parade.

KR reported that 5 verbal warnings had been given during this exercise.

4. Robbery in Princes Park.

KR reported that a robbery took place recently in Princes Park around 9 p.m. An investigation is currently ongoing.

5. Paint Damage to House.

KR reported that paint was thrown over a house in Willowfield Road during the evening of 31st October. It was thought that this was not a Halloween prank but that the house was specifically targeted.

6. Potholes in Rylestone Road and Redoubt Road.

BH stated that potholes in the above roads had been reported to County and action could be expected in the near future.

7. Treasure Island.

NS gave a briefing on the state of play regarding Treasure Island. He stated that the rumours about the place opening in three months time were untrue. The Council want to improve the situation regarding tenancy so are being more stringent in their requirements which are being passed on to the Administrators. In essence the Council want a quality operator for this venue.

8. Redoubt/Tank Hardstanding.

NS reported that working with English Heritage is a slow process and there was no further news regarding what could possibly replace the tank outside the Redoubt. He reported that the Redoubt have put on many exhibitions this year and they now have a type of road show that can be taken around schools. The Redoubt can also now be used as a wedding venue and it is hoped that next year a café will be opened (may be a reminder of the NAAFI).

9. District Panel Meeting.

JD reported that other Panels are having similar problems to the Devonshire Ward (i.e. parking outside schools/cycling routes etc.).

10. Slip Road between Bourne Street and Langney Road.

BH reported that the School Governors of Bourne School had put in a request to take out the slip road between Bourne Street and Langney Road, this will be put before the County Council on 8th November for discussion.

11. Disabled Parking Bay by Windsor Tavern.

Complaints had been received from a resident regarding users of the Windsor Tavern actually using this disabled parking bay illegally.

12. Stolen Bicycles.

Reports had been forthcoming regarding stolen bicycles from Penshurst House (2) and the Sovereign Centre (1). Residents were requested to do all they could to lock up their property and security mark it if possible.

13. Burglaries in Eastbourne Area.

KR reported that there had been some increase in burglaries in Old Town and Roaselands. Sheds and Garages seemed to be targeted. Ensure they are locked. Operation Lemon is in place and Neighbourhood Policing Teams will respond and check areas of concern.

14. Lead Theft – Latimer Road.

One panel member thanked the police for their speedy response to lead theft in Latimer Road where two houses were stripped of lead. Police caught the offenders red-handed.

15. Non-Emergency Police Number 101.

The meeting was informed that Sussex Police went live with **101**, the new national non-emergency number on 1st November 2011. For the time being the **0845** number will continue to run in tandem with **101**. Calls to the **101** non-emergency number will cost 15 pence for the entire call, no matter how long the call or what time of day it is. This charge applies to calls from both landline and mobile numbers. In an emergency, callers should continue to dial **999**, which is free.

Priorities:

It was agreed that the priorities for this period would be:-

1. Lottbridge Drove - Cars speeding at night after 10 p.m. between Sovereign Centre and Tesco roundabouts.
2. Area behind the old Lloyds Bank, now reverted to church – continue to monitor.

Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 11th January 2012

Wednesday 7th March 2012

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

All the above meetings to take place at St. Agnes Church Hall, Whitley Road at 7 p.m. on the days shown.