

# Minutes of the Seaside Neighbourhood Panel

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
Chair: Jane Dubery  
Location: St Agnes  
Time: 7.00pm  
Minutes taken by: Jane Dubery

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Members present:

Police	Councillors	Public
PC Lisa Cousins (LC)	Beryl Healy (BH) - County	Approx 16 members of the public

## Apologies

Jan Newens – Neighbourhood Watch  
Peter Parsons – Eastbourne Homes  
Steve Wallis (SW) )  
Margaret Bannister (MB) ) Borough Councillors  
Nigel Stanley (NS) )

## Updates on priorities

- Street drinking in the area between Bourne Street and Christchurch

This was reported to be under control. Representatives of Oasis have cleared the alleyway next to the old Lloyds Bank near Christchurch. There was discussion about drinking in public places and about groups drinking in Whitley Road/Seaside recreation ground. LC told the group that if drinkers cause problems or are under age then action can be taken but drinking per se, if not causing problems, in an area such as the recreation ground possibly cannot be prevented.

- Drug dealing in Burfield Road

There has been no obvious drug dealing in Burfield Road but there have been traffic problems which may be related. Residents reported that a police presence does help. They also reported that there seemed to be a group that communicated by whistling. It seemed possible that dealing was occurring under the cover of supposedly broken down cars with the bonnets raised. The issue of pedestrianising is being looked into by councillors.

- Dog fouling in the roads between Seaside Recreation Ground and the seafront.

This is still a continuing problem and seems difficult to resolve. Action is dependent on officers actually seeing the fouling and which owners are responsible.

## Other actions

- Local councillors were unable to attend due to a council Cabinet meeting so verbal updates were unavailable. Some feedback had been received by email.
- Barbeques on the beach – Councillor Stanley – awaiting feedback
- Rubbish bins – Councillor Wallis – new litter bins have been installed in Langney Road, Bourne Street & Leslie Street.
- Pedestrianising Burfield Road – Councillor Healy – BH reported that this had been discussed with the County Council lead for Transport and that SW was following this issue up locally. SW emailed to say that the County Council had initially said no but that he is escalating the issue and will report to affected residents personally.

- Improvements to the play area in Seaside Recreation Ground – all Councillors. Further information is awaited.

### Street Meetings and the work of the neighbourhood PCSOs

A street meeting has been held in Whitley Road/Seaside Recreation Ground. Various issues were discussed including drinking in the Recreation Ground and the opening hours of the public toilets. The general opinion was that, particularly in the summer, the toilets close too early. At the meeting PCSO Kathryn Harlow agreed to contact the local councillors and feedback is awaited. The main issue about drinking was the refuse that is left behind.

The next meeting is outside Strollers in Prince Park on 8<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm.

### District Panel

There was a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June. JD reported on this meeting and told the group that as previously the same problems are experienced across the District which covers Meads, Town Centre and Seaside.

### Other issues and Priority Discussion

- Regency Park – Several residents from Regency Park attended the meeting for the first time and were welcomed by the chairman. Residents have experienced several problems that can come under the general heading of antisocial behaviour. They include drug dealing, teenage antisocial behaviour including drinking, aggressive behaviour by certain individuals and inappropriate use of the play area. The police are aware of the problems and are targeting the area. The residents have met with the Neighbourhood Watch Association Chair (JN) and are setting up a Neighbourhood Watch to cover the area.
- There was discussion about the application by a new restaurant, based at Treasure Island, for an alcohol license. SW had sent information to JD about discussion that had taken place between the council and the applicants. The group had an open discussion about the application and was divided about the issue. Some members of Group will be objecting.
- LC raised the issue of an apparent increase in drug dealing in the Redoubt Road/Latimer Road area. A representative from Eastbourne Homes suggested that it seemed to be centred on one of the blocks of flats. JD reported that a resident of Addingham Road thought that they had seen unusual activity in the road.
- There was discussion about overgrowth of vegetation in the area. A small patch of ground adjacent to a house in Seaside has brambles and nettles growing on it that are intruding onto the path and there is a tree at the back of the TA centre that is growing over Latimer Road at eyelevel. JD will contact the councillors about these issues.

### Priorities

It was agreed that the priorities would be

- Drug dealing in the Redoubt Road/Latimer Road area.
- Antisocial behaviour in Regency Park.
- In appropriate drinking in Whitley Road/Seaside Recreation Ground.

### Next meetings

8<sup>th</sup> September

10<sup>th</sup> November