

Minutes of the 15th Meeting
of the
Seaside Neighbourhood Panel

Date: 11th May 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 Lisa Cousins (LC)

Councillors

Margaret Bannister (MB)
Steve Wallis (SW)
Neil Stanley (NS)

Others

Neil Peters (NP)
(Community
Enforcement)

In addition there were approximately 17 members of the public.

Apologies:

Councillor (County) Beryl Healy (BH)
Viv Angus, Sue Belchamber, Claire Banks

Updates on Priorities from 14th Meeting 9th March 2011:

Priority 1 – Street drinking/drugs/driving problems in Burfield Road, Marine Road and St. Aubyns Road leading to aggressive behaviour :

LC reported that there had been lots of high visibility patrols and the area has since quietened down. This was confirmed by some of the residents present.

Priority 2 – Drinking and fighting in the Myrtle Road area after 10 pm and at weekends:

LC reported that a house visit had been made concerning parties which led to the drinking and fighting. Some of the culprits had moved on and the area does seem quieter.

Priority 3 – Anti-Social behaviour in Batemans House, Regency Park:

LC reported that this had been classed as a major issue area by Sgt Gareth Evans. PC Jupp, PC Cousins and Claire Russell from the Housing Association had been involved. One eviction had taken place and high visibility patrols of the area were producing results.

Other actions/Priority Discussion issues:

- 1. Recycling Briefing.** Councillor Steve Wallis gave a detailed briefing on the rules regarding the use of Green Boxes for recycling and Green Sacks for garden green waste plus cardboard recycling i.e what could and could not be put into them. He explained that residents can have as many boxes or sacks as they like. Lids were available for the boxes if required. A form needs to be completed for Wealdon District Council so that they know where to pick up the green garden waste sacks.
- 2. Dog Fouling.** NP, who covers Roselands, reported that there had been recent successes in fining dog owners who did not pick up after their dogs had fouled. Eight fines and fixed penalty notices had been issued. He also informed the meeting that there were twelve enforcement officers on patrol around Eastbourne between 6 am and midnight.

3. **Useful Contact List.** JD stated that she was in the process of trying to update a previous contact list and asked for helpful inputs. It was hoped that a new list would be available in the not too distant future.
4. **Alexander Arms Complaints.** Residents were complaining about the late licence until 1 am Friday and Saturday nights. Smokers are outside shouting and laughing and this noise sometimes goes on much later than 1 am; this combined with glasses and bottles being thrown into gardens are causing problems. LC mentioned that this complaint was in hand and she had already emailed the Licensing Officer for details.
5. **Potholes.** Many residents complained about potholes in their own areas. Those with computers may like to try "Fixmystreet.com" where potholes, abandoned untaxed cars, loose cobbles and pavement problems can be reported.
6. **Rubbish Bins in Seaside and Burfield Road.** Residents complained that rubbish bins had been seen outside the flats on Seaside (the old Black Horse Pub) and in Burfield Road. There were two issues here as Ian Simpson, the Cleansing Manager at EBC had actually approved those outside the flats in Burfield Road being on the pavement. SW undertook to look into this.
7. **Potential Grot Spot.** A Regency park resident reported that the stream area between KFC on Lottbridge Drive and the Wartling Road bridge before Crumbles Pond was becoming a potential Grot Spot. SW undertook to look into this.

Councillor Briefings:

Neil Stanley (NS), Borough Councillor: following re-election reported the following:

1. His remit covers Tourism, Leisure, Seafront and Theatres.
2. Treasure Island. The company running Treasure Island were actually in the red to the Council and this had an affect on the licence application. i.e. The Council were worried that if Treasure Island did go into the red then the pub might turn into a low cost drink den and cause anti-social problems. Treasure Island was currently in the hands of the Administrators and there were protracted legal difficulties. The property had recently been vandalised necessitating the boarding up of windows and doors etc. The Council hoped to put in a team to cut grass and conduct a general tidy up. There are many offers in line to take over Treasure Island but this will be up to the Administrators. The Council also hope to get the lease years reduced for any new venture, for example reducing from a 99 year lease to a 15 year lease.
3. Princes Park Events. NS felt that the Party in the Park for the Royal Wedding had been well attended and was an overall success. He also felt that it had been a good move to change the venue for the Magnificent Motors from Western Lawns to Princes Park. Some residents felt that there was insufficient space around each vehicle at Princes Park and NS said that he would pass this on to the organisers for future events.

Steve Wallis (SW), Borough Councillor: following re-election reported the following:

1. His remit covers Environment, Parks and Gardens and Recycling.

Margaret Bannister (MB), Borough Councillor: following re-election reported the following:

1. Her remit covers Community Care, Housing, Homelessness Protection, Council Tax, Crematorium and Community Centres.
2. MB mentioned the new Council Flats in Upper Avenue that had been fitted with solar panels. These were expected to pay for themselves over time. She also mentioned

that there were no grants available as yet for owner occupiers who wished to fit solar panels.

The work of the Neighbourhood PCSOs:

The Neighbourhood PCSOs had spent lots of time out in the community.

Quality Streets

On the 3rd May 2011 a Quality Streets Event was held in the Wartling Road/Regency Park Community Centre between 4 and 8 pm. Although this was attended by many official organisations only 10 residents attended. The police spent time out and about in the area talking to residents and finding out their worries.

The Blitz Van is still running on a Friday and Saturday night from 6.00 p.m. until midnight tackling anti-social youth behaviour and under age drinking. An information pack and more details are available from your local officers.

District Panel:

JD had nothing to report.

Priorities:

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

1. Inconsiderate parking in and around Norway Road.
2. Regency Park anti-social behaviour.
3. Speeding between 12 midnight and 5 am Friday and Saturday on one way system in Dursley Road area plus residents parking issues. Operation Crackdown was mentioned in regard to anti-social driving.

Date of Next Meetings:

13th July 2011, 14th September 2011 and 9th November 2011 (all at St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road).