

**NOTES ON KINGS PARK/KINGSMERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL HELD ON
21ST JULY 2011 IN KINGS PARK HALL**

Present

Mrs J Moxon (Chair), Mrs P Thompson (Secretary), Mrs B Watson, Mrs K Daly, Mrs V Gardner Mr C Platel, Mr A Land, Mrs C Land, Mr A Moore, Mr J Connolly, Mrs P Connolly, Mr F Winnett, Mrs M Sellers, Mr C Neill.

Sgt Edward Ripley, PC Louis Thompson, PCSO Tony Holland

Councillor Patrick Warner, Councillor Gordon Jenkins, both Sovereign Ward.
Ms Jan Newens, Neighbourhood Watch Chair,
Ms Alison Bancroft, Redport

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Margaret Salsbury and Miss Kate Gardner.

2. Minutes of last meeting

3. Matters Arising

Copies of the minutes had been sent to all Panel members.

The minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising.

4. What are our three main problems

Sgt Ripley said the three main points listed at the last meeting were anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and the decision to patrol Kings Park and Kingsmere generally.

Recently there had been reports of drug dealing and drug misuse. He said he was very pleased to get this information as they were able to act quickly. All information is taken very seriously.

The Eastbourne 999 Event had proved very successful.

There were still problems with speeding vehicles in the North and South Harbours and pot holes in roads

He considered the main problems now on Kings Park and Kingsmere were drug dealing; unfavourable characters coming into the area; speeding.

Mrs Gardner pointed out that children were regularly playing in Hereward Rd after 10pm each evening, using unacceptable language.

Sgt Ripley said they would make this a priority patrol area.

There is a problem with dog fouling in Harold Drive and Councillor Warner was asked if the Council could provide another dog bin.

The police were thanked for the attention they are giving to Kings Park/Kingsmere estates.

5. Jan Newens, Chair of Neighbourhood Watch

Jan said that three years ago there were 8,500 neighbourhood watch members – now there are 11,500 members.

There are approximately 45,000 homes in Eastbourne so there is still a long way to go to get everyone to join.

On Kings Park everyone is considered to be a member unless they opt out and so far no-one has done this.

They are hoping to increase membership in Eastbourne by 50% each year.

Jan pointed out that most insurance companies will allow a 5-10% discount on their policies for Neighbourhood Watch members

Some advantages of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme are:

It brings about a community spirit

Discount on insurance policies

Quarterly newsletter

Personal alarms are available for sale

Anti-vandal strips to prevent intruders climbing over fences

Etc.

6 Alison Bancroft re proposed redevelopment of the Crumbles retail area.

Alison said she was in charge of the consultation stage of the redevelopment of the Crumbles retail park.

She showed the meeting plans of the proposed redevelopment.

Consultation will take place 15-28 August and there will be a public exhibition , probably in the Fitness First building. She hopes as many people as possible will attend this exhibition.

The proposal is to redevelop the Fitness First building to house a restaurant and cafes on the ground floor (not a pub) with a nine-screen cinema over.

The present cinema (six screens) will be taken over by retail shops and there is already interest from several retailers.

Car parking will be improved.

The redevelopment is expected to be completed by 2013.

7. Councillor Patrick Warner and Councillor Gordon Jenkins spoke briefly to introduce themselves. They are Councillors for Sovereign Ward. The third Councillor for Sovereign Ward is Phillip Ede, who was not present at the meeting. They hold surgeries each month when they hope to see constituents who have any problems. Councillor Jenkins offered to send Mrs Moxon a list of the dates of surgeries over the next 12 months.

8. Any Other Business.

- a. Mrs Kate Daly said this would probably be her last meeting as she and her family are moving to Wales.
- b. Mr Frank Winnett pointed out that cars and a van are parking in Kingsmere Way which are causing a danger as they obscure the view of oncoming traffic.. He asked if double yellow lines could be drawn to prevent this.
- c. Parking in Harold Drive is also causing a danger.

PCSO Tony Hollands agreed to check these points.

- d. A complaint was made about the noise, chattering, shouting and offensive language coming from a flat in Kings Court West occupied by some new tenants. A recent incident started at midnight and continued until 6.30am the following morning. This has been reported to Environmental Health, who have asked for a log sheet to be completed giving times and details of the disturbances.

Sgt Ripley said the next step would probably be to provide the neighbour with sound recording equipment. He knows the Environmental Health staff and he will help in any way he can.

Councillor Jenkins also offered to help as Environmental Health is one of his areas of responsibility.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Tea and biscuits were served with a general chat among those present.

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