

Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel

Notes from Meeting of

Thursday 14th September 2017

Held at RNLi Operations Office

North harbour Lockside

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Introduction of Invited Guests
3. Notes of last meeting
4. Issues Raised since Previous Meeting
5. Update
 - Police
 - Neighbourhood First Team
 - Councillors
 - NSL- Parking Issues
 - Premier Marinas
 - Waterfront Traders
6. AOB
7. Date of next meeting December 14th 2017

Attendees

Members:

Jan Weeks
Ray Blakebrough
Norman Cruse
Ros Bradley
Joan Brady
Brian Holmes
Warwick Black
Des Davis
Robert Stanborough

Community Associates

Cllr. Penny Di Cara
Cllr Paul Metcalfe
Cllr David Elkin
Paul Boyce NFA
Natalia Grabowska NFA
PC Ed Faulkner
PCSO Martin Hylands
John Rabbitts Nautica la Marina MC
Jeremy Wassell NSL
Daniel Heckford Premier Marinas
Beverly Bundy Haven School

1. Welcome and Apologies

JW Welcomed guests Julie Hickling Neighbourhood First Manager, and Harry Williams Policy & Engagement Co-ordinator, and resident Rick Runalls.

Apologies offered by Elaine Levy, John Langton, Ivor Rumsey, Cllr Gordon Jenkins.

2. Notes of the last meeting.

Notes of meeting 14th June 2017 accepted without amendment.

3. Issues raised since previous meeting.

- Cars and Motorcycles using Retail Park
- PSPO Extension to cover North Harbour Beach
- Anti-Social meetings Fri/Sat Nights on Harbour Spur
- Police Response to calls via 101 & email communication

A general discussion was held regarding the issues raised.

The noise nuisance caused by the cars etc. in carparks is being dealt with by the police.

PSPO for the North harbour Beach requires more information and evidence of anti-social problems.

JH and HW updated the panel on the recent PSPO consultation which resulted in a very good response from the harbour. In answer to a question on enforcement, JH replied that targeted enforcement could be used to hit prolific ASB dog owners.

Anti-social behaviour on the harbour spit has reduced. This could be due to summer holidays over and return to Uni and school.

Police response to 101 and email communication, still of on-going concern.

.4. Updates.

Police Report

1. The Crime figures for the last three months prior to this meeting are:

Theft: 5 (down 9 from last quarter)

Shoplifting: 13 (down 3)

Criminal Damage: 20 (up 10)

Assaults (inc Domestic Violence): 18 (up 5)

Vehicle crime: 7 (up 6)

Burglary – Other than dwelling: 2 (up 2)

Burglary – Dwelling: 4 (up 3)

Other Offences: 5 (up 1)

Fraud (Op Signature): 1 (no change)

Drugs: 2 (up 2)

Total: 81 (up 17)

As always these figures cannot be given as 100%, however are collated based on the best information we have.

The dwelling burglaries are largely cycles being stolen from gardens, one appears to be an opportunist burglary revolving around an apparent bogus caller.

The other than dwelling breaks involve one from cineworld where they accidentally left the doors open after hours and kids stole some sweets, the other was a cycle theft from a garage.

The criminal damage increase is almost all at the Crumbles retail park, there does not appear to be a pattern (for example the anti-social driving after hours) however there is an increase in this area. The decrease in thefts is welcome however.

2. Stop and search events in the last 3 months within the Harbour panel area:
There have been no stop and searches in the harbour area in the last 3 months.
3. Following the increased complaints around the anti-social driving and noise disturbances around the Crumbles retail park and Pevensey Bay Road area we are actively working to resolve this problem. Thursday evening has been mentioned at the worst night of the week and so therefore high visibility patrols have been undertaken in these areas at the peak times. A Section 59 warning (this is a formal warning against both driver and vehicle where if they are found to be driving anti-socially again their vehicle can be seized) was issued against one vehicle and where offences exist formal action will be taken against the driver.

PCSO Hylands is leading the work around this, and is intending to engage with the land owners to establish what more that can to target harden the site, and to open the lines of communications with them around this issue.

Additionally contact is being made with “organisers” within the groups that are using the location to make clear the impact they are having on local residents and businesses, and also to see if they will move their meeting location to a more suitable place. This may be somewhere where the impact on residents is minimized.

Progress on this will be regularly reported to residents via this Panel and any other appropriate line of communications that is suggested. However we must continue to stress the need for residents to report matters at the time on 101 or after the event via the Sussex Police website so that we can monitor the overall situation. Operation Crackdown is also a very good way to get information into us about any repeat offenders.

4. The new Prevention model of Policing is progressing and will come into force on 6th November 2017. Panel Chairs will be invited to a meeting with the District Commander to talk about these changes and so I do not intend on speaking about them in detail here. However hand in hand with this is a re-emphasise on the way people can contact Sussex Police.

999 is there for emergencies where life is in danger, property is at risk, or where you feel an immediate Police response is needed.

101 is the non-emergency number for reporting crimes that have taken place, concern for welfare over individuals, or other anti-social behavior matters that are taking place. Be aware that the wait time for this number may be long, and so if the matter can be reported in other ways then please consider that.

The Sussex Police website is now a better place to report crimes that have taken place along with anti-social behaviour matters. Lost property, and other general enquiries relating to Police can be made via this method too. We are trying to encourage as many people as possible to report matters via this method. We appreciate that many people prefer to speak to an operator however the service you will get from the website is likely to be more efficient from both the Police perspective and the victim.

Officer's direct mobile numbers – these should not be used to report crimes, or events in progress. Officers do not have the capability to record incidents that have taken place and so therefore these numbers should not be used for that process. However if you need to speak to an officer that has been dealing with an incident and you need to update them then please feel free to call them direct. Alternatively they are there for general advice or information that needs to be passed. However please also remember that Sussex Police continues to have a front counter in the Council Offices at 1, Grove Road and this is available for all enquiries, including crime recording. Eastbourne district also has an email address allowing residents to report ongoing matters to us, but again this should not be used to report crimes. This email address is eastbourne@sussex.pnn.police.uk

As with all public services Sussex Police are undergoing a period of change and increased demand. This means that on occasion the services received by people may not be as expected, especially at pinch points such as 101. We are working our hardest to give the best possible services, and part of this is to ask people to only use the telephone services when they need to. I appreciate this does not answer everyones concerns around this however I felt it would be useful to give a guide.

After PC Ed had given his report he asked to say a few words.

After 8 years as the NP police liaison for the harbour due to the internal changes taking place within the force his role is now changing and as from November he will be a 999 response officer.

He extended his thanks and gratitude to Jan and the panel for their support over years.

JW reciprocated by saying how without Ed's involvement there would not be a NP and thanked him and Martin for all their help and support.

Neighbourhood First Report

Neighbourhood First Advisor Paul Boyce reported on the 10 incidents for the past month. Most wards have reports of 30/40.

The walkways are still being cleaned and weeded by Brian the barrow hand. There have been reports from Daytona Quay about the bins at the rear of Next and Boots not being emptied.

The 3 bus shelters on North Harbour are now included in the cleaning contract.

Sovereign Ward	10
Abandoned boats and bicycles - remove	1
Dead Animal in Street - Fox	1
Fly-tipping	2
Grass - maintain	1
Hedges and vegetation - maintain	1
Litter	1
Litter on Street	1
Parks Maintenance - Paths	1
Seafront facilities - maintain	1

The panel thanked the NFA for their contribution in keeping the harbour weed and litter free.

Councillors Report

With reference to the ASB on the spit.

Cllr Metcalfe suggested that if foreign students are involved maybe an educational programme be in place to talk to language students about this behaviour and informing the host families possibly imposing curfews for example.

Harry - safety advisory teams, maybe they could be used to educate and inform.

Cllr. Elkin reported on the ongoing issue of anti-social cyclists on the Strand.

Several requests have been received for signage to remind “Cyclists have no right to cycle” clarity is required. Residents want cycling stopped.

NC – Asked when the damage to pinch point would be repaired. . DE - road has been reported.

RR – asked for an update on the outstanding road adoption on South Harbour .

DE - not yet. Persimmon not completed all of the work.

NSL – Jeremy Wassell

Since January 11PCN's have been issued on Atlantic Drive and 7 PCN's on Pacific Drive all for parking on DYL's.

CEO are patrolling and enforcing dropped kerbs in the area. Warning issued Pitcairn Avenue 1 , Samoa Way 2.

New term at the Haven School 3 vehicles moved on outside school.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/tickets/parking-on-school-keep-clear-markings/>

New double yellow lines /restrictions are being painted for corner protection, and traffic calming measures on raised carriageways along lengths of Atlantic and Pacific Drives. Bus stops will be marked clearways.

Premier Marinas

Daniel reported that work on replacement walkways on lock 2 would start in November.

No other issues regarding the marina.

Waterfront Traders – No report available

AOB

Nothing to report

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 14th December 2017

Thanks to the Mark Sawyer and RNLI for their hospitality in allowing use of their boardroom.