

## Emsworth Community Board

### Minutes of Meeting held at Emsworth Community Centre on 10 May 2007 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present: Community Board Members**

Stephen Pearce (Chair) (SP)  
Rosemary Osborne (Vice Chair) (RO)  
Virginia Wilson-Smith (VWS)  
Ken Gilchrist (KG)  
Frances Jannaway (FJ)  
Maurice Clarke (MC)  
Helen Barnard (HB)  
Jayne Emery (JE)  
Malcolm Emery (ME)  
Mike Iddon (MI)  
Tim Brooks (TB)  
Donald Wells (DW)

#### **Residents/Members of Public/Police etc.**

Harold Groom  
Mr Murrell  
Mrs Murrell  
Brendan Gibb-Gray  
Sgt. Ian Grey (Police)  
B Clarke  
David Lee  
Nick Horten (HBC)  
Richard Jannaway

Helen Wood (HW) Community Boards' Support Officer

#### **Item**

#### **Action**

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, especially new members of the Community Board – Mike Iddon, Malcolm Emery, Tim Brooks and Donald Wells.

Apologies had been received from: Brian Edwards-Picknett

#### **2. (a) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Subject to the following amendment the minutes of the previous meeting were approved - The date of the previous meeting and the name of the Vice Chairman required amendment.

Helen Wood to re-issue corrected minutes.

HW

#### **(b) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3. Summary of Reports/Documents Circulated**

Information from Sarah Snowden had been circulated.

#### **4. Police Report/Environmental Ranger**

##### **Police**

Sergeant Ian Grey (Safer Neighbourhood Team) attended the meeting and confirmed that the amount of Police cover had increased providing more support for Lisa Jones. A new PCSO would commence within a couple of months.

Theft of motor vehicles was very low but dwelling and distraction burglaries were of concern with three occurring during the previous month. A dedicated team had been set up to deal with distraction burglaries as the victims were often the more vulnerable members of the community.

One of the main areas of concern to the police was criminal damage – damage to garden walls, offensive graffiti on vans etc. Police were working with Environmental Rangers.

Emsworth and Denvilles had a number of garage and shed burglaries during April and the community were urged to lock these. Bikes, lawn mowers and chain saws had been stolen.

Sergeant Grey was asked about response times and confirmed that police would be deployed within 10 minutes of a 999 call. A lower grade incident may take longer. There was a short discussion concerning the use of 101 which is now operative in Emsworth.

A trial was also being held on the effect of 'No Cold Calling Zone' notices.

Mike Iddon spoke of issues with Emsworth Sailing Club car park. It was confirmed that photographs could be useful if passed to the police. The police worked in conjunction with Environmental Rangers and where offensive graffiti was involved this was removed within 24 hours. It was confirmed that the Police could also deal with loud music from car radios.

### **Environmental Ranger**

Nick Horten spoke of the 'No Smoking' display in Emsworth and of the new legislation effective from 1 July when it would become unlawful to smoke in public meetings.

Travellers were likely to be moving around and Nick Horten asked to be informed of any such movements within the Borough. He could be contacted on mobile 07786 395411

There had been relatively few abandoned vehicles but fly tipping continued to be an issue. Three verbal warnings had been issued at Spencer Field.

Thanks were passed to Ian Grey and Nick Horten.

## **5. Planning Matters**

Steve Pearce reported that there had been a number of high profile planning applications many of which were being refused but could go to appeal.

58 Horndean Road – refused.

26 New Brighton Road – it was believed that this had been refused.

Oak Tree Drive - it was believed that this had been refused.

50 Bath Road - There was also a short discussion regarding Bath Road. There was a Tree Preservation Order on eight trees but application had been made to fell three trees. A letter had been written from the Community Board objecting to the felling of the trees and the density of the proposed building.

There was an application to build a hotel and filling station on A27 near Washington Road. The Planning sub group would be considering this application as would the Residents Association.

A joint meeting of the Community Board and the Residents Association had previously been discussed and a fuller report would be provided at a future meeting.

A meeting with Planners would be held on 16 May involving Emsworth Community Board, Emsworth Residents Association and Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray.

Steve Pearce expressed the hope that objections for the Community Board were having an effect.

A workshop was to be held on 25 May regarding the Havant Borough-Wide Urban Design Guide. Frances Jannaway, Brian Edwards-Picknett, Virginia Wilson-Smith and Tim Brooks would attend. It was recognized that such meetings were important and the Community Board were pleased that members had been invited to contribute. Steve Pearce would reply on behalf of the Community Board. The invitation had been passed on to Chris Curry of the Residents Association.

SP

## **6. Market Town Initiative (MTI)/Town Partnership**

It was recognised that there would be a need to discuss Town Partnership further in the future. A meeting had been held on 25 April involving various organisations in Emsworth. Possible projects were:

- ❖ Baptist Youth Centre
- ❖ Public Toilets
- ❖ Town Access Plan
- ❖ Making better use of South Street Centre
- ❖ Walking/Heritage Trail

The Community Board would lead on the Town Access project and was very supportive generally of the Town Partnership. Frances Jannaway confirmed that the name of the group i.e. Town Partnership had not yet been agreed.

It was confirmed likely that access to funds for various projects would be available. There was a general discussion concerning the access of funding and accountability for funds received and the importance of all groups in Emsworth working together.

## **7. Emsworth Community Board 'Mind Map' Diagram**

A diagram showing potential project areas had been on show at the last meeting and group members had been identified. Steve Pearce asked if members would agree that this be adopted as a statement of the areas in which the Community Board would be involved. It was agreed that West Sussex and other parishes be included. It was also agreed that Health and Education should be included and that Helen Barnard be involved with these.

Groups to look at possible realistic achievements within the next twelve months.

Project  
Groups

## 8. Town Access Plan

A Town Access Plan had been proposed for Emsworth. The Community Board had run a Cycleways Project identifying primary cycle routes through Emsworth and a strategy. A report had been produced and presented at a meeting with Hampshire County Council and Havant Borough Council. It had been agreed to widen the scope of the project into a Town Access Plan which included routes for pedestrians and mobility scooters. A walking survey of all routes would be undertaken, hopefully with Traffic Engineers, and a list of improvements would be identified. Any future road and building plans could be considered in the light of the routes identified in the final Town Access Plan. Possible funding was also available for the project.

There was a general discussion regarding a meeting involving all interested parties and working in conjunction with the MTI/Town Partnership and consideration of restricting the number of vehicles going into Emsworth.

Brendan Gibb-Gray suggested that traffic issues should also be linked into Planning issues to ensure improvements to access as development occurred.

The issue of limiting car access to Emsworth Town Centre was raised but this was not accepted as being part of this phase of the Town Access Project.

Recent improvements (by Hampshire County Council) had culminated in railings being installed to stop cyclists falling into the Mill Pond. A site visit had been held with the Traffic Engineer to consider the project and a response from HCC to Community Board concerns was awaited.

## 9. Progress Reports from Sub-groups

**Litter Project** – Maurice Clarke and Rosemary Osborne had re-visited the hot spots.

Hollybank Recreation Ground – Plastic bottle banks had not been replaced with metal bottle banks (a safety issue with bins tipped over and pushed into road and broken glass scattered). An additional litter bin had not been installed. A letter had been sent to Peter Vince. Litter picking had increased and was undertaken by the Park keeper daily which had improved the area.

The A259 underpass was tidy and had improved. It was believed that this was now cleaned daily.

Washington Road underpass had also improved with regular cleaning. There was some graffiti but the area was generally clean. However, Highways Agency and Railtrack land were very bad and it was hoped that Havant Borough Council would use powers of enforcement to ensure the area was cleansed.

A resident confirmed that lights had been repaired by the Highways Agency at the A27 underpass (Seagull Lane) but this was not part of Havant Borough Council's responsibility.

The Mill Pond area had also improved and was relatively clear of debris. The Sailing Club had replaced a bin but signs were needed on bins to confirm that they could be used for dog litter.

There was scarcely any litter at the Skate Park.

Cleaning would be taking place and mesh installed under the road bridge at North Street to discourage pigeons.

It was acknowledged that there had been an overall improvement and that Havant Borough Council had acted on the complaints although the litter on privately owned land remained an issue.

Thanks were passed to Maurice Clarke and Rosemary Osborne for the work they had undertaken.

**Tree Planting Project** – Frances Jannaway confirmed that Andrew Skeet at Havant Borough Council was considering a watering programme for the new trees in Horndean Road Recreation Ground. Volunteers may be required.

Frances Jannaway also reported that the path from Palmers Road car park into Brook Meadow had recently been improved by the Probation Service Community Pay Back Scheme (group of offenders working free of charge). On completion they would move to Nore Barn Woods.

## **10 Feedback on Hampshire Action Team Meetings**

HATs would be a communication channel between Community Boards and Hampshire County Council and would hold regular meetings with the Teams considering projects and problems which could be addressed. Anyone wishing to attend meetings should contact Steve Pearce.

Dates of future meetings at the Garrett Room of the Staunton Country Park, from 2 pm until 4 pm, would be as follows:

Thursday 31st May 2007	Wednesday 20th June 2007
Friday 20th July 2007	Wednesday 26th September 2007
Wednesday 24th October 2007	Friday 23rd November 2007
Tuesday 18th December 2007	Tuesday 22nd January 2008
Tuesday 19th February 2008	

## **11. Havant Community Partnership**

Frances Jannaway provided an update from the last meeting of the HCP Board. It was confirmed that funding had been received for the Community Boards' Support Office for the forthcoming year, a discussion had been held on recycling targets and reports had been provided by Hayling Island and Waterlooville North Community Boards.

Steve Pearce confirmed that he would represent the Community Board at future meetings and anyone wishing to attend these meetings would be welcomed and should inform Steve who would confirm details with Enid Ashley the HCP Secretary.

## **12. Public Forum**

Harold Groom asked for confirmation that the money held in the Memorial Gardens bank account included the donation of £100 from Bosmere Hundred. This was confirmed.

A resident spoke of the underpass at Lumley and the amount of graffiti which stopped residents from walking their children there. It had been confirmed that this was not the responsibility of Havant Borough Council although Peter Vince had agreed to look at it. Maurice Clarke to check this and contact Peter Vince. MC

### **13. Any Other Business (for Community Board Members)**

Donald Wells raised the issue of free parking cars in car parks on a Bank Holiday but restrictions remaining for on-street parking. Virginia Wilson-Smith to speak to Parking Managers. VWS

Tim Brooks raised the issue of poor workmanship on the crossing in front of The Ship in The Square which was a danger to cyclists. Virginia Wilson-Smith to pursue. VWS

Tim Brooks had also spoken to David Linnington regarding the web site and confirmed that this was now up to date. Tim Brooks would liaise with David Linnington to maintain the web site.

It was confirmed that new lamp posts had been erected on the A259 and in Warblington Road and Westbourne Avenue.

It was understood that work would be undertaken on the surface of the underpass and that a mirror would be replaced. Frances Jannaway to contact Tony Cailles. FJ

Mike passed on his thanks for being elected on to the Community Board.

Steve Pearce reported that Hampshire County Council would be considering the possibility of lowering speed limits in towns and villages and had asked for input from Community Boards. Rosemary Osborne, Ken Gilchrist and Helen Barnard volunteered to attend a meeting on 31 May 2007.

### **14 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting**

**Thursday 14 June 2007** at Emsworth Community Centre  
(7pm for Board members & 7.30pm for members of public)