



## Emsworth Community Board

### Minutes of Community Board Meeting held at Emsworth Community Association Centre on Thursday 11 March 2010

#### Present: Community Board Members:

Rosemary Osborne	Resident and Chairman
Tim Brooks	Emsworth Business Association
Brian Edwards-Picknett	Resident
Keith Gittins	Resident
Chris Phippard	Resident
Chris Walker	Resident
Donald Wells	Resident
Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith	HBC

<b>Others:</b>	Helen Wood	Community Boards' Support Officer
	Nick Horten	HBC
	Richard Thompson	PCSO
	4 members of the public	

#### Action

#### 1. Welcome/Apologies

Rosemary Osborne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from:

Hilary Millen	Resident
Jean Tier	Emsworth Community Association
Peter Tier	Friends of Emsworth Hospital
Richard Taylor	Resident
Cllr Ray Bolton	HCC
Sgt Darren Osgood	Police
PC Clare Proudfoot	Police
PCSO Diane Robbins	Police

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the addition of Chris Phippard to the list of Community Board members attending the meeting.

#### Matters Arising

Tim Brooks reported that the weekly planning list, issued before Christmas had not been received by Community Board members and the closing date for responses regarding Oak Tree Drive had passed. However, Tim Brooks had reviewed everything and confirmed that all previous questions had been answered and the design looked good.

### 3. Environmental Ranger

Nick Horten reported that he had been unable to remove the advertising sign chained to the boat feature at the West Sussex entrance to Emsworth as it was located outside the boundary of HBC but a resolution was still being pursued.

There had been a successful 'clean-up' of the copse at the end of Washington Road/Coldharbour Farm Road by the Community Payback Team. The area belonged to the Ministry of State for Transport. It was reported that work had not been completed. Nick Horten to investigate.

NH

It was reported that the number of abandoned vehicles and level of fly tipping and litter remained low. Rangers were currently working on Best Value Performance Indicators undertaking borough-wide street inspections.

Nick Horten was thanked for attending the meeting.

### 4. Police Report

PCSO Richard Thompson provided information on crime statistics. During the previous month there had been:

- 14 reported incidents of violence against a person. Some incidents had been captured on CCTV. This category also included domestic violence
- 3 house burglaries and 4 non-dwelling burglaries. Some culprits had been caught
- 2 thefts from motor vehicles
- 5 other thefts, including theft from shops. Some culprits had been caught
- 4 incidents of fraud/forgery. The offenders had been caught
- 6 incidents of criminal damage including damage to shop windows.

Brought forward from previous meeting. Cllr Bolton questioned whether there were any trends in crime in Emsworth. Darren Osgood to investigate.

DO

Police were working with HBC regarding parking complaints at the Mill Pond. More frequent patrols would be undertaken.

The parking of delivery vehicles at Tesco Express had been raised at the previous meeting. Richard Thompson to follow up.

RT

Minor vandalism in the Southleigh Road/Hollybank Lane area was reported with children throwing stones and breaking windows etc. This was happening approximately 10.30pm/11pm. Richard Thompson confirmed that Police were considering Acceptable Behaviour Contracts for some young people in the area and letters were sent or visits made to parents who were also given information on Street Sport at the SYRCH Centre at half term.

The Junior PCSOs had visited Jubilee House where tea/coffee etc had been made for residents. This had proved to be an enjoyable and successful visit.

A resident spoke of the beat surgeries which were not generally well attended and suggested that more notification was provided when times of surgeries changed and that this was advertised e.g. at the Co-op. It was confirmed that consideration was being given to advertising on community notice boards and Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith offered to display notices at the Syrch Centre. Information was also available on the Emsworth web pages.

There was a short discussion regarding visits from agents of Scottish Power who were stating that their product was cheaper than others when it actually was not. Richard Thompson confirmed that Police had spoken to three agents and

checked IDs. He explained that Hampshire Trading Standards could be contacted if there was any concern over doorstep selling. Alternatively, the main supplier could be contacted (agents were often sub-contacted from local sales agencies and complaints could result in those sub-contractors not being used in future). Police could not stop any legitimate callers.

PCSO Richard Thompson was thanked for attending the meeting.

**5. Public Forum**

There was further discussion regarding the advertising sign at the entrance to Emsworth and concern that this could lead to other signs being displayed both at the same location and at the Havant entrance to Emsworth. It was suggested that a letter be written from the Community Board to the business owner asking for the sign to be removed and that an article be placed in the Ems. However, it was agreed that Tim Brooks would check whether there was any agreement with the Business Association for the sign to be placed at that location and that, if this could not be rectified by the Environmental Ranger, the Ems would be contacted.

TB

A resident questioned the lack of refuse collection during the snow and there was a short discussion regarding this. Chichester District Council were reviewing the action taken during the snow and it was questioned whether Havant would also be undertaking a review. Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith to check.

VWS

**6. News Round-Up**

It was reported that funding was available to refurbish the playground at Hollybank Park and consultation had been undertaken with young people. It was agreed that Helen Wood would request a presentation to the Community Board.

HW

There were currently few planning applications and these were mostly adding dormers/conversions etc. which were not relevant to the Community Board. It had been noted however that planning notices were no longer displayed on lamp posts. This had been questioned with HBC who confirmed that the criteria for displaying such notices had changed. Letters were sent to properties immediately adjacent to any proposed development.

**7. AGM**

The AGM would be held on 15 April and would include a presentation and refreshments. This would be advertised in the Ems. New members were required and anyone interested in joining the Community Board should attend the AGM.

**8. Any Other Business (for Community Board Members)**

Tim Brooks agreed to follow up the issue of the lack of planting on the central roundabout with Emsworth Business Association.

TB

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 15 April 2010 at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Centre.