

Emsworth Community Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 13 September at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre

Present:

Community Board Members

Steve Pearce (Chairman)

Rosemary Osborne (Vice Chairman)
Helen Barnard
Martin Bonner
Tim Brooks
Maurice Clarke
Brian Edwards-Picknett
Richard Galloway
Frances Jannaway
Ken Gilchrist
Donald Wells
Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith

Others

Enid Ashley, Havant Borough Council (deputising
for Community Boards' Support Officer)
Ian Donohue, Havant Borough Council
Nick Horton, Havant Borough Council
WPC Lisa Jones, Hampshire Constabulary
Police Community Safety Officer
Accredited Community Safety Officer

45 members of the public

AGENDA

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| <p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the large numbers of members of the public and thanked the Emsworth Residents' Association for the loan of the sound system.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from: Malcolm Emery, Jayne Emery and Mike Iddon.</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 12 July/Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were approved, however a member of the public commented that on page 7, under heading "Environmental Group", the Seagull Lane Underpass was described as being in West Sussex when it was in Hampshire. Steve Pearce explained this had been researched and as far as was known the minutes were correct, but this would be checked.</p> <p>a. <u>Emsworth Design Statement</u>. Frances Jannaway reported that there had been 241 responses to the consultation of which 98% had been positive. All comments were currently being considered and would be replied to.</p> <p>b. <u>Drinking in Public Places Order</u>. Steve Pearce explained that the Community Board had agreed with the proposed extension of the DPPO throughout the borough but had expressed concern about the signage which would be required: a minority of Community Board members had felt that the benefits would be outweighed by the negative image given by the signage.</p> | <p>SP</p> |

3. Summary of Reports/Documents Circulated

The minutes of the previous meeting, agenda for the current meeting and Litter Report had been circulated.

4. Police Report

WPC Lisa Jones, Beat Officer, reported as follows:

- a. Thefts from Bath Road Sailing Club. The situation had improved.
- b. Vehicle damage in Bath Road/Bridge Road area. Mobile phones and satellite navigation systems had been left in cars, which were consequently broken into. It was important to ensure valuables were out of sight in parked cars, especially during the forthcoming Emsworth Food Festival.
- c. Crime figures. In the previous 30 days there had been an increase in vehicle crime but one fewer reported crime, compared to the same period last year.
- d. Summer holidays. There had been fewer juvenile nuisance problems this year but there had been reports of people camping in Nore Barn Woods and lighting fires. Everyone was asked to be vigilant.
- e. Crime Reduction and Environment (CREW) Week. This would take place from 22-26 October and would be a multi-agency approach to tackle eg speeding/untaxed vehicles, cleaning up underpasses, cleaning graffiti. Funding was being sought for the prizes for the final day at Emsworth Recreation Ground, which aimed to get young people involved in environmental issues.

5. Planning Matters

- a. A27 Interbridges Site. Ian Donohue explained that the site had been allocated for industrial use in the Local Plan, with a traffic light junction. That being the case, this was binding and the council had no grounds for refusing planning permission providing a satisfactory scheme was put forward. On the east side of the junction, there was planning permission (expiring in 2008) for 10 industrial units plus the traffic light junction. The planning application for the road junction had been submitted in June 07 and may go to Development Control Committee on 18 October. Extensive consultation had taken place, with few objections: to date, 3 objections had been received from local groups.

Steve Pearce detailed the objections the Emsworth Community Board had made, including inconsistencies in design, poor visibility at junction, impact on traffic going through Emsworth, obstruction of the strategically important Footpath 71, drainage concerns, and yet one more cause of splitting the north and south of Emsworth. Details of the letter received from the developer were given. The Emsworth Community Board would continue to object to the application.

Extensive discussion took place on the issues surrounding the planning application, including inadequate sight lines, consideration of other access routes, sale of the land owned by the Highways Agency, whether a full sustainability appraisal had been carried out and whether the Planning Inspector had been informed as to the significance of Footpath 71.

Ian Donohue would raise concerns concerning the Inspector's decision to allocate the land for industrial purposes, with the Planning Policy and Urban Design Team at Havant Borough Council.

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- b. Demolition of 50 Bath Road and erection of block of six flats. Steve Pearce gave details of the Emsworth Community Board's objection to this planning application and of its deputation at Development Control Committee. There had also been a deputation from nearby neighbours. The grounds for refusal had been extended and planning permission refused.
- c. Report from Planning Sub-Group. Tim Brooks gave details as follows:
 - Service Centre on A27 – application withdrawn
 - Jingles Hotel (nursery) – application refused
 - 97 Havant Road (conversion into 9 flats) - issues relating to impact on a horse chestnut tree in the grounds of the Brookfield Hotel.

6. Community Street Audit

Steve Pearce gave details of the planned survey of main pedestrian and cycle routes in Emsworth. Volunteers would walk 30 selected routes and identify problems caused by traffic, road and path layout, obstructions or lack of maintenance. This would take approximately six months and would result in a comprehensive Community Street Audit for submission to transport groups at Hampshire County Council and Havant Borough Council, to assist in planning future road improvements for walking and cycling round Emsworth.

A number of people had already volunteered to help with the audit but more were requested. Also if anyone had any skills in computer mapping please could they contact Steve Pearce (steve.pearce@btinternet.com or 01243 431615).

7. Progress Reports from Sub-Groups

Maurice Clarke reported on the Environment Sub-Group as follows:
 Millpond Promenade – cleaning now supervised at weekends as well as during the week.
 Pigeon netting had been destroyed so pigeons were now getting back in under road bridge. (Virginia Wilson-Smith commented that the Environment Agency had confirmed that metal mesh would be installed).

Graffiti in underpass would be treated/removed within six months.

8. Emsworth Town Partnership

Item deferred to next meeting.

9. Public Forum

Details of the Emsworth Memorial Garden event were requested. Cllr Wilson-Smith gave details of the event on 27 October, to be held in The Square, Emsworth: 1940s theme, Glen Miller music, convoys of jeeps, re-enactment groups dressed as GIs (from Farnborough) jitterbugging in the streets.

Steve Pearce explained that the memorial sculpture had been an Emsworth Community Board Liveability Project and a lottery bid for £10,000 to develop a Memorial Garden surrounding it had been successful.

Cllr Gibb-Gray gave notice that at 4pm on Friday 14 September Chelsea Pensioners would be laying a wreath at the memorial.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 October 2007 at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre.