



Emsworth Community Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2009 at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre

Present: Community Board Members

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| Rosemary Osborne | Chair/Resident |
| Chris Phippard | Resident |
| Keith Gittins | Resident |
| Brian Edwards-Picknett | Resident |
| Hilary Millen | Resident |
| Jackie Muller | Resident |
| Richard Taylor | Resident |
| Jean Tier | Emsworth Community Association |
| Peter Tier | Resident |
| Chris Walker | Resident |
| Donald Wells | Resident |
| Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith | HBC |

Present: Others

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| Helen Wood | Community Boards' Support Officer |
| Nick Horten | HBC |
| Greg Miles | Chichester Observer |
| PS Darren Osgood | Police |
| PCSO Diane Robbins | PCSO |
| 6 members of the public | |

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rosemary Osborne (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and all members introduced themselves. Apologies had been received from:

Tim Brooks Emsworth Business Association

2. Election of Officers

Officers had been elected prior to the meeting:

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| Chairman | Rosemary Osborne |
| Vice Chairman and Publicity Officer | Brian Edwards-Picknett |
| Havant LSP Board representative | Keith Gittins |

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

There had been no further information received regarding the South Street Centre. Helen Wood to contact Tony Lee for an update.

HW

4. Police Report

Sgt Osgood and PCSO Diane Robbins provided an update on community safety and distributed a chart providing crime comparisons for 2008/2009.

The effect of the recession was questioned as it had been anticipated that crime would increase. However this did not currently appear to be the situation.

There had however, been an increase in the theft of catalytic converters in the Havant area.

The majority of crime was caused by a minority of people. Police relied on information from the public to assist them in resolving crime. Any information was welcomed.

Information was circulated on 'No Cold Calling Zones', designed to prevent doorstep crime and distraction burglaries. This was a police and trading standards initiative and empowered householders to turn callers/tradesmen away.

Sgt Osgood and PCSO Diane Robbins were thanked for attending the meeting.

5. Environmental Ranger

Nick Horten provided an update on environmental issues:

- Travellers had arrived in the area. The average time for serving eviction papers had reduced from 2 weeks to approximately 3 days and the average time on site was now less than a week. Costs of clearing up had reduced from approximately £15,000 p.a. to approximately £500 p a
- There had been very little fly tipping or abandoned vehicles
- Following information road shows in Emsworth a policy of zero tolerance for dog fouling and litter now existed and Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) would be issued. There was no appeal against FPNs which cost £80 or £50 if paid within 10 days. There was a short discussion regarding dog fouling in the area especially along the harbour wall, Mill Pond and in Nore Barn. It was felt that dog fouling would reduce as tickets were issued
- Fly tipping on track from Washington Road to allotments had been resolved
- The burning of fences around a field at bottom of Seagull Lane was of concern. The owner was not known. It was confirmed that the police could act where there was anti-social behaviour. Nick Horten would speak to Rob Hill at HBC to try and resolve the issue.

NH

Nick Horten was thanked for attending the meeting.

6. News Round-up

Recreation and Community Sub-Group Excellent progress had been made with the youth project. The number of boys and girls attending free football coaching was increasing. It was hoped to have a Youth Football Team in Emsworth taking part in fixtures by September. The possibility of free coaching in other sports was being explored and Martyn Griffiths, Community Investment Manager of Guinness Hermitage and Havant and Waterlooville Football Club were thanked for their involvement. Funding had been attracted from both Emsworth Food Festival and the community. It was anticipated that a member of the Food Festival Team would join the sub-group as would Chris Phippard and Chris Walker, new members of ECB.

Following discussion regarding young people included:

- the need for a meeting place
- the possibility of facilities when Emsworth Baptist Church building was redesigned
- the need to involve young people in discussions
- scout groups in the area and Langstone Sail Training Association. Virginia Wilson-Smith to provide Jean Tier with contact details.

VWS

7. Public Forum

There was a general discussion regarding monies provided for County Councillors to spend on local community groups (£10,000) and the lack of information regarding where this money had been spent. Virginia Wilson-Smith confirmed that £2,000 had been given to the Friends of the Memorial Gardens, £3,000 to Havant Bench Theatre and it was believed that the Responders had also received money. Resident Jim Colbourne would pursue details of groups receiving monies from County Councillors.

JC

Jean Tier confirmed the availability of 'Grass Roots' funding for small projects in the community. The Memorial Gardens and the Hole in the Wall Pottery Group had both benefited from this funding.

The lack of shelter from the wind and rain at bus stops, particularly at Clovelly Road, Highland Road and Warblington Road, was of concern. It was understood that the cost of a bus shelter was £15,000. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda of the next meeting and that Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith would ascertain the correct contact for this matter.

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8. Cycle Lane on A259

It had been agreed at the pre-meeting that this item would not be discussed as the consultation period had ended on 27 April. However, any comments could be emailed to Steve Pearce who would submit them.

9. Any Other Business (for Community Board Members)

Peter Tier provided an update on Victoria Cottage Hospital:

- The hospital would be redundant once Oak Park Hospital was built and the site would be sold by the PCT
- Local doctors had first refusal for purchase of the site
- There was an enthusiasm and wish in the community for the hospital to be replaced with a health centre. It was hoped that this could be discussed with the community further at an open morning on 21 November
- Doctors had been invited to the AGM of the Friends of the Hospital to provide information on the current situation but had not attended
- Friends of the Hospital were involved in various steering groups.

Following discussion included:

- The possibility of another provider/competition for local doctors
- If not replaced by a health centre the site could be used for commercial or residential purposes
- It was suggested that the PCT and local doctors be invited to a future CB meeting, possibly in October, prior to the open morning.

Richard Taylor confirmed that the Hollybank Recreation Group had applied for funding from the Food Festival to improve the children's playground in Hollybank

Recreation Ground.

Donald Wells confirmed that the Walking to Health Group met at Hollybank Recreation Ground but no shelter was available. Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith confirmed that the Syrch Centre was available for renting in the mornings.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2009 at 7.30 pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre.