

Minutes of Meeting held at Emsworth Community Centre on 11 January 2007 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Community Board Members
Ken Gilchrist (Chair) (KG)
Frances Jannaway (Vice Chair) (FJ)
Maurice Clarke (MC)
Brian Edwards-Picknett (BEP)
Stephen Pearce (SP)
Helen Barnard (HB)
John Tweddell (JT)
Virginia Wilson-Smith (VWS)
Rosemary Osborne (RO)

Helen Wood (HW) Community Boards' Support Officer

Residents/Members of Public/Police etc
Harold Groom
PC Lisa Jones
Liz Walker
Donald Wells
J Colbourne
B Clarke
David Lee
Mike Shibart
Pennie Bygraves

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Community Safety Officers introduced themselves and provided a short resume of their work.

Apologies had been received from: Linda McInnes; Martin Bonner; Richard Soloway; Jayne Emery; Brendan Gibb-Gray

2(a). Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

(b). Matters Arising

Frances Jannaway reported that the leaves had been swept from the underpass path and Helen Wood said that HBC were monitoring the situation on a daily basis. Graffiti had been removed from the wall painted blue at the southern entrance to the subway. Some more had appeared subsequently on the mural. Dave Oliver/Tony Cailles to check.

Action: DO/TC

Liz Walker from the Youth Service confirmed that interest had been expressed in attending Community Board meetings by some young people and it was anticipated that they would attend the next meeting as observers. It was felt that this would be good timing in view of the forthcoming AGM .

Liz Walker also confirmed that youth workers had spoken to young people about a youth shelter but the general feeling was that this was not wanted as it was felt that this might encourage people, other than those using the skate park, to congregate. Virginia Wilson-Smith confirmed that the money available (provided by the Police) could not necessarily be used elsewhere without Police approval and would probably need to be used for crime related issues e.g. CCTV or security lighting, possibly outside the SYRCH centre.
Action: VWS

3. Summary of Reports/Documents Circulated

Helen Wood summarised the documents circulated to members.

4. Police Report

WPC Lisa Jones provided an update relating to the area:

There had been a number of burglaries over the Christmas period especially sheds, garages and empty properties, and a considerable amount of criminal damage. An arrest had been made for a series of burglaries.

A field at the top of Spencer's Field had been rented out to a farmer, fencing was being put up and the land would be used for animal grazing. (The area had been used by mini motorbikes). Virginia Wilson-Smith understood that a number of residents were not happy with the loss of the land which had been used for dog walking.

A tractor had also been written off in this area.

5. Emsworth Environmental Enhancement Project

The official opening would take place on Saturday 17 February 2007 at International House. This would be for the works undertaken at the subway, path to car park, sign posts, mural, lighting etc. Lamp posts around the roundabout and each side of the A259 would be replaced with lower level lamp posts. SEB due to commence in January. Shields would be moved to alternative posts on the railings and the mirror would be replaced (damaged over New Year). Finger signs had been ordered and should be in place for the opening.

Frances Jannaway and Brian Edwards-Picknett had met Tony Cailles and Dave Oliver. A list had been drawn up of those people to be invited. Virginia Wilson-Smith suggested that the warden of Meadow Court at the back of the Baptist Church was also invited. Helen Wood was to send out the invitations.
Action: HW

The Mayor would open the 'event' and displays would be erected. The opening would commence at 9.30 a.m. with tea, coffee and biscuits. Havant Borough Council would be paying for refreshments which would be provided by Emsworth Community Board. Frances Jannaway would purchase fair trade tea, coffee etc from the local Co-

Op.

Action: FJ

Volunteers were requested to help. Maurice Clarke offered to help. Ken Gilchrist would welcome the Mayor at 10 a.m. There would be a tour of the area and the official unveiling of the plaque would be at 11 a.m. The News and local reporter had also been invited. Steve Pearce volunteered to man the exhibition while the official opening was underway.

There was a problem with litter in the area. It was suggested that the first 'Pride of Place' activity could be a litter pick the day before the event. Litter pickers could be obtained from Havant Borough Council. Frances Jannaway would contact Dave Oliver about coordination of this work. HBC would have to check the situation on the morning of the opening.

Action: FJ

Thanks were passed to Frances Jannaway and Brian Edwards-Picknett for the work undertaken.

6. Progress Reports from Planning Work Groups

Identifying what is important to the Community - Rosemary Osborne reported that this was a big project but due to illness and Christmas no progress had been made. Deferred to next meeting.

Funding Issues - Steve Pearce reported that the Community Board now had a bank account and various monies had been paid in. There was £256.83 for the Memorial Gardens. There were plans to apply for grants – Lottery Fund Awards for All etc. but autonomy from the Havant Community Partnership had to be clarified to enable application for funding. There was a possibility of funding for name plaques from a Co-operative Fund.

Understanding with HCP about status of ECB - Ken Gilchrist confirmed that there would be a problem applying for funding if the Community Board were part of a partnership. The Community Board was trying to find the best way forward. Steve Pearce had worked on the Terms of Reference etc. which would be taken to the next HCP meeting.

Engaging with the local community and involvement with other Emsworth organisations - Brian Edwards-Picknett felt that it was important to establish who the Community Board were and how it was perceived. Marketing and a website would provide clear information. Brian Edwards-Picknett to pursue this. There was a need to liaise with other groups – MTI and Residents Association etc. A clear concise statement was required about the Community Board with cross fertilisation of ideas.

Action: BEP

7. Memorial Garden Project

Virginia Wilson-Smith reported that there had been a meeting of the Task and Finish Group but no further progress could be made until it was possible to apply for funding. A meeting was to be held with Paul Hurst, Project Officer at Havant Borough Council. Members of the Task and Finish group had met with Freda Devonshire and Julie Boschi. Paul Hurst had supplied the long-awaited basic plan of the site and had also given his own ideas. Finance was an issue but it was emphasised that this project would be completed. There was a short discussion concerning the obtaining of quotations for the work required. The Task and Finish Group would arrange a meeting to finalise plans. A meeting would be arranged with Paul

Hurst, Project Officer at Havant Borough Council.

Ken Gilchrist confirmed that he had sent a letter to Sarah Sanderson thanking her for the support given by the Emsworth Horticultural Society.

Frances Jannaway confirmed that there was a project plan for the Task and Finish Group. The sculptor Michael Johnson had been contacted and had come up with a good idea for the name plaques. She promised to pursue this. Action: FJ

8. Ongoing Activities Progress Reports

Footpaths Project - John Tweddell circulated a report which looked at the different types of footpath in the area with examples of each. The Report explained that Hampshire County Council was responsible for footpaths and provided contact details. He outlined a footpath project which was being proposed together with HCC and Chichester Harbour Conservancy for a Heritage Trail.

John Tweddell had written to The Rights of Way Office concerning the footpath and gate accessed from Westbourne Road. There was a general discussion concerning this footpath and gate and funding required to repair it.

It was also confirmed that only Hampshire County Council had the right to undertake any works on footpaths but members of the public and voluntary groups could help with this work.

Litter Report - Maurice Clarke had not received any response from Havant Borough Council concerning the Litter Report. Helen Wood confirmed that she had spoken to Dawn Baxendale who had passed the report to Colin Rowland, Head of Environmental Services, to investigate. Helen Wood to pursue response.

Action: HW

Rosemary Osborne reported that signs at Hollybank Recreation Ground, Southleigh Road, had not been replaced although a letter had been sent to Steve Abraham. These were as follows:

'It is forbidden to play golf on the park' and 'No horseriding'

There had also been no response to a request for two dog bins. Helen Wood to pursue.

Action: HW

Cycleway Project - A meeting with Tracey Ford was to be arranged. Action: SP

9. Public Forum

A resident told the Community Board that he had emailed Chris Elphick about the proposed Interbridges East Development. Frances Jannaway confirmed that Outline Planning Permission had been agreed for 11 units. The ERA had objected to the development but this could not now be prevented. Public meetings had been held and there was a short discussion about the development and objections.

10. Any Other Business (Community Board Members)

Frances Jannaway told the Community Board that 26 New Brighton Road had been sold to Churchills Retirement Homes. A Planning Application had been put forward last year for 36 sheltered accommodation units. This went to appeal and was withdrawn. An exhibition was to be held on 17 January 2007, 5.30p.m. -7.30pm in the Community Centre. Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray had asked if a note could be made of any comments put forward at the exhibition to ensure that the consultation process was working.

There were two Havant Borough Council consultations. One was a public discussion forum – anyone interested in attending should contact Carole Samuda. The dates were: 15 January at 2pm and 22 January at 7pm. There would also be a Core Strategy Workshop regarding the new planning documents on 19 January 2007. Ken Gilchrist, Frances Jannaway and Steve Pearce would be attending.

Helen Wood confirmed that Nick Horten had replaced Steve Abraham and it was agreed that he should attend the next two meetings and then liaise with Community Safety Officers concerning attendance.

Helen Wood confirmed that she received weekly planning lists and could forward these to any member wishing to receive them.

11. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Thursday 8 February 2007 at Emsworth Community Centre
(7pm for Board members & 7.30pm for members of public)