



**Birch Hill & Hanworth Neighbourhood
Action Group**
21 May 2009
6.00 - 7.30 pm
Birch Hill Primary School



Present: Jo Legg, Chair
Councillor Chas Baily, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Mrs Gill Birch, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Alan Browne, Bracknell Forest Council
NSO Michael Foot, Thames Valley Police
Pat Kennewell, Birch Hill & Hanworth Community Liaison Group
David Young, Resident

Also Present: John Cairns, CID, Thames Valley Police

In attendance: Fiona Heston, Bracknell Forest Council
Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council
Katharine Simpson, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Sue Sarginson, Birch Hill Primary School
Peter Worsnip, Resident

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	Election of Chair Resolved that: Jo Legg be elected Chair.
2	Notes of Previous Meeting The notes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009 were agreed as a correct record.
3	2009 Priority Issues Updates The three main areas of concern for Birch Hill and Hanworth from the Neighbourhood Survey were parking, litter and police visibility. It was agreed that the NAG's priorities would be Speeding, Parking and Environmental Matters. <u>Speeding</u>

The Police Enforcement van had proven to be successful in other areas and Speed Watch would focus on problem areas such as South Hill Park, Hanworth Road and Birch Hill Road.

It was reported that there would be a Speed Watch session every couple of weeks and there would be a session during the first week of June around 5-6pm one the evening focusing on Birch Hill Road.

(Action: Jo Legg)

Parking

It was reported that there had been almost nil complaints regarding obstructive parking. The Neighbourhood Survey had identified problem areas but not specific roads.

It was reported that there were plans to target Ollerton, Pendlebury, Prescott, Oakengates and Claverdon to demark some of the white lines on the roads and target some of the grassed areas for parking.

Residents needed to park outside their garages sometimes as the garages were in need of repair and the doors would not open properly but Bracknell Forest Homes were reported to be looking into this.

Environmental Matters

There would be a litter pick on Sunday 12 July 9.30am-11.30am involving the Cubs and Scouts and the Birch Hill and Hanworth Liaison Group. More bags would be sought from the Borough Council and any litter collected would be put in the Community Centre bins on the day.

(Action: Jo Legg/Pat Kennewell)

It was reported that there had been a noticeable improvement in the level of litter in the area and the Group thanked Pat Kennewell and the Liaison Group for their hard work with the litter pick.

The Pines and the route from the shops were still problem areas for litter and this would be raised with the schools for them to arrange another campaign to raise awareness amongst the children.

(Action: David Young/Pat Kennewell)

It was reported the bus stop would be moved slightly and a new bus shelter created when for when the new Aldi store opened. The Group were thankful to PCSO Hilary Hyslop for her work on this.

It was reported that schools had been contacted by the Police regarding graffiti on the bridge from Wildridings to Great Hollands and art teachers were monitoring children's artwork for children who may have been involved in this. Areas where graffiti was found included the trail from the bridge to South Lake, the Market Garden Wall and the Rangers sign, the underpass under Birch Hill Road and Donnybrook to Lochinver. People were asked to report any further incidents to Customer Services at the Borough Council.

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CADIS Reports

The Group considered CADIS data relating to the Birch Hill and Hanworth area regarding to Dangerous Driving, Dumped Rubbish & Fly Tipping, Harassment, Noise including Domestic, Road Hazard, and Vandalism.

	No. of Reported Incidents	
	April – March 2007 – 2008	April – March 2008 – 2009
Dangerous Driving	143	101
Dumped Rubbish & Fly Tipping	152	123
Harassment	91	101
Noise	157	113
Road Hazard	30	45
Vandalism	66	49

It was reported that there was improvement in the numbers of reported incidents in some areas and that these numbers could be affected by incidents being reported more often. The rubbish tip in Bracknell was due to re-open in June and so should help with the numbers of dumped rubbish and fly tipping.

The Group also considered data relating to the two most frequently reported types of anti-social behaviour: harassment and road hazard during the period January to April 2009.

Harassment and Road Hazard

During the reported period there were 101 reported harassment incidents and 45 reported road hazard incidents in the Birch Hill and Hanworth area. The most frequently recorded type of incident was youth nuisance/disorder and the most frequently recorded locations were the shopping areas.

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Neighbourhood IssuesPlanning Issues

The Group thanked the three Ward Councillors for their help with the refusal of planning permission for seven flats in Leppington, although it was noted that this might go to appeal.

Kebab Van

It was noted that assurances had been given from Alan Browne that the issue of litter at the Kebab van site was being monitored at the Licensing and Safety Committee.

Aldi

It was reported that the Mayor of Bracknell Town Council and the Mayor of

	<p>Bracknell Forest Council would be present at the opening of Aldi. It was reported that 24,000 leaflets would be delivered to advertise the opening of the store.</p> <p>The Group discussed the issue of a temporary sign for the store and it was agreed that a sign displaying all of the shops in this area of Birch Hill would be most appropriate.</p>
6	<p>Online Forum: Feedback and activity</p> <p>The Online Forum was piloted in three areas and would be reviewed at the end of June by Corporate Services and the Executive at the Borough Council. Since 22 April 2009 there had been 1,682 viewings of the seven topics on the Forum.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Cyclists on Pavements</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Borough Council's response to Alex Danek's enquiry about unmarked cycleways had been resent and Jo Legg would contact Alex regarding recording incidents on CADIS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Jo Legg)</p> <p><u>EVA</u></p> <p>It was reported that PCSO Hilary Hyslop had arranged an Environmental Visual Audit with the Cubs and Scouts and that there would be a litter pick on 12 July 2009.</p> <p><u>Police Points and Surgeries</u></p> <p>The request for a Police Point at Sainsburys had been passed to Head Quarters at Thames Valley Police and bids for Police Points were being assessed individually, however there was now a Police Point at South Hill Park.</p> <p>It was reported that a police surgery had been trialled at Starbucks and that this was a good location as the shop would make an announcement to advertise the police surgery. Another police surgery was scheduled for June and there would be a police stall and gazebo at the Big Day Out Festival at South Hill Park on 27 June 2009. Information on dates and areas for police surgeries could be found on the Thames Valley Police website.</p> <p>It was reported that PCSO Hilary Hyslop would be starting a Youth Film Club and that young people in the area had shown interest in attending the club. The Silver Bus, an activity bus for young people, had worked well in the past but it was reported as being not repairable and plans to replace it were being looked into.</p> <p><u>Armed Forces Parade</u></p> <p>The Armed Forces Parade would be taking place on 27 June 2009.</p>

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Dates of Future Meetings

It was noted that future meetings of the Birch Hill and Hanworth Neighbourhood Action Group would take place on:

Thursday 23 July 2009 at 6pm in Birch Hill Primary School,
Thursday 3 December 2009 at 6pm in Birch Hill Primary School.

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