



**Birch Hill & Hanworth Neighbourhood
Action Group**
23 July 2009
6.00 - 7.40 pm
Birch Hill Primary School



Present: Councillor Chas Baily, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Mrs Gill Birch, Bracknell Forest Council
Ron Clark, Resident
Alex Danek, Resident
NSO Michael Foot, Thames Valley Police
PCSO Hilary Hyslop, Thames Valley Police
Pat Kennewell, Birch Hill & Hanworth Community Liaison Group
Jo Legg, Chairman
Sergeant Charlie Parker, Thames Valley Police
Sue Sarginson, Birch Hill Primary School
Faye Theuma, Resident
Mrs Valentine, Head Teacher, St Margaret Clitherow Primary School
David Young, Resident

In attendance: Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council
Joanna Simpkins, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Ian Boswell, Bracknell Forest Council
Marilyn Morgan, Thames Valley Police
Richard Scrivener, Project Leader, South Hill Park Redevelopment

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	Notes of Previous Meeting The notes of the meeting held on 21 May 2009 were agreed as a correct record.
2	2009 Priority Issues Updates <u>Speeding</u> It was reported that Speed Watch exercises were not taking place every two weeks due to volunteers' scheduling conflicts, but a Speed Watch exercise on Ringmead at Frobisher had been done. It was reported that a speed enforcement van would be coming to the area next month and would look at the two stretches of Ringmead where problems tended to occur. There was a new protocol whereby a speeding incident needed to be reported within three weeks of the event as the driver who had caused the incident needed

to be contacted within this time. However it was noted that it could take three weeks for information regarding an incident to reach the Speed Watch co-ordinator at the police point in Sandhurst. This would be looked into.

(Action: Charlie Parker)

Problem areas for speeding included: the roundabout at Sainsburys and the Hilton up to Frobisher, the route from Sainsburys to the Hockey Club, Birch Hill Road and Hanworth Road. There needed to be enough straight road to see cars coming from a distance and to stop them in time.

The Chair had done a short recording for Radio Berkshire regarding Speed Watch to be aired during their news bulletin breaks.

A resident reported that she had a car accident on Quintilis, Ringmead and that she felt the speed limit was too high in this area and near to the school gates. It was perceived that buses could drive too fast along this stretch of road and that residents would benefit from chicanes being put in as a traffic calming measure. It was queried whether the speed limit could be lowered from 30mph to 20mph in this area and whether a crossing could be put in. It was thought that it would be useful to see what other schools were doing regarding speed limits and traffic calming measures, such as rising bollards, in other areas. It was suggested that the School Travel Plan could raise the issues of safety outside the school with the appropriate department at the Borough Council. A meeting would be arranged on site during term time.

(Action: Gill Birch)

Parking

The Head Teacher of St Margaret Clitherow Primary School reported that there were parking problems in Pembroke despite the increased parking area which had taken away some of the playground. Gill Birch would liaise with the Head Teacher regarding this.

(Action: Gill Birch)

It was reported that obstructive parking was an issue on 6 roads in particular in the area but there was no funding from the Borough Council this financial year to address the issue at present. It would be useful for police to know the specific roads and hot spot areas for parking issues. The ASB Team at the Borough Council was working with NEAT at Bracknell Forest Homes (BFH) to monitor the situation and BFH would possibly match funds to help resolve parking issues in the area.

The Chair would write to BFH regarding problem roads in the area.

(Action: Jo Legg)

It was reported that there was now a new law regarding untaxed vehicles and that untaxed vehicles should be reported to the police if seen.

Environmental Matters

David Young had spoken to Birch Hill School regarding the problem areas for litter and Pat Kennewell would speak to The Pines next term.

It was reported that 25 people attended the litter pick on 12 July 2009 and news of the event was covered in articles in the Bracknell Standard and the Bracknell News. There were 35 bags of rubbish collected on the day consisting of cigarette

	<p>butts and beer cans amongst other things. The community centre would be putting two cigarette butt trays outside their building. It was queried whether shops and the local pub could be proactive and have cigarette butt trays outside their premises also.</p> <p>There was a need to encourage people to stop dropping litter. The Chair had spoken to Stuart Ballantine regarding the litter pick and he had passed the information onto Environmental Services to address the issue. The Chair would ask if the Borough Council could write to Sainsburys about how to approach the problem of their litter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Jo Legg)</p> <p>Charlie Parker would speak to the Police's Licensing Officer regarding The Silver Birch pub as there had been more police callouts to the pub recently. It was noted that there was a temporary landlord at the pub and that those banned under the old system of the previous landlord may have thought they could test the boundaries and go back in.</p>
3	<p>CADIS Report (copies to be provided at meeting)</p> <p>The Group considered CADIS data relating to the Birch Hill and Hanworth area regarding Fly Tipping and Dumped Rubbish during April and May 2009. It was reported that figures showed an increase. Fly tipping and graffiti should be reported to Customer Services at the Borough Council. Black bags full of household rubbish had been found dumped in bins at South Hill Park. It was reported that these bags were inspected and if a person's details could be found from the rubbish they could be fined. Longshot Lane recycling centre was now open.</p>
4	<p>PCSO Community Issues Update</p> <p>Hilary Hyslop reported that CRB checks were being carried out for staff for the film club. Volunteers were needed for the club who had previous experience of working with children who have had problems with anti-social behaviour and volunteers also needed to have completed a first aid course. The club would take place in the main area in the foyer outside and the hall would be used for film evenings. The club would be opening in around 6 weeks time and would hopefully hold film showings on Friday evenings from 7pm-9pm.</p> <p>It was reported that a license was needed for films to be shown at the club and advice would be sought from Liz Hayes in the Youth Service. The Police would do a press release near to the opening night of the club. It was reported that children involved in the club would be given more responsibility and the opportunity to make decisions regarding the club themselves but this would be monitored. The club would be aimed at 14-17 year olds. The Group thanked Hilary Hyslop for all her hard work.</p> <p>It was reported that there was a scheme for four play areas for older children to be created in Bracknell Town, Crowthorne, Sandhurst and Winkfield. The consultation for the play areas scheme would be completed by the end of August 2009 and the</p>

	<p>play areas needed to be in place by the end of March 2010 or government funding would be lost.</p> <p>Play Rangers would be going to parks in Bracknell Forest during the summer. A flyer of activities taking place from Monday 27 July to Friday 28 August 2009 was available and further information could be found at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/playservices .</p> <p>Police beat surgeries were being held at the coffee shop in Sainsburys and announced over the tannoy when present in the shop. It was reported that 15 people attended the last one and the possibility of holding one in the afternoon at Aldi would be explored.</p>
5	<p>Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p><u>“Community Point” Information Noticeboard</u></p> <p>It was queried whether litter picks could be advertised on community point notice boards and whether there was possibly funding from the Police or the Borough Council for a notice board in the shop area. This would be looked into. (Action: Michael Foot)</p> <p>There would be a new police point based at the community centre with a mail box for letters and information for the police. It would be possible for PCSO's to log onto a computer at the police point and have their lunch there.</p> <p>There were three wooden notice boards in the area at South Hill Park and South Lake unused and with graffiti on but the Rangers would be contacted to see if they could be used on a temporary basis. (Action: Jo Legg)</p> <p><u>Redevelopment Project for South Hill Park Hill grounds</u></p> <p>The Chair had invited Richard Scrivener, Project Leader, to the meeting but he was unable to attend on this occasion. It was reported that as part of the development at South Hill Park the Italian gardens and maze would be re-created. The path to the park would be tidied up and would go from the Yew Tree Avenue across the road and into North Lake Park. Cobblestones would be used on the path where it crossed the road and there would be a stone gateway at the side of the road at each of the “pinch points”. The Chair would invite Richard Scrivener to the Neighbourhood Forum to help gather views from local people. (Action: Jo Legg)</p> <p><u>Planning Appeal for flats at Leppington</u></p> <p>It was reported that a planning appeal for the first option for three flats at Leppington had been resubmitted.</p> <p><u>Aldi Update</u></p> <p>The Aldi store was now open and there was reported to be a long queue on opening day as some of the first customers to the store were offered incentives such as a DVD player. The store would not sell cigarettes or newspapers so there</p>

	<p>was no customer service desk as such. CCTV was in place at the store and other shops in the community had reported a boost in trade after the store opened.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Public Forum in October 2009</p> <p>The Birch Hill and Hanworth Neighbourhood Forum would take place on Thursday 8 October 2009 at 7.30pm at Birch Hill Primary School.</p> <p>It was suggested that this year it would be a good idea to have boards up around the room displaying relevant information, maps, photos etc. of the South Hill Park redevelopment and any presentation on the evening to have less slides and more time for questions or a more interactive element. Residents would be invited to discuss issues they had in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Any ideas for the Forum should be forwarded to the Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: All)</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>South Hill Park Steering Committee</u></p> <p>There would be a meeting of the steering committee for the South Hill Park redevelopment in late August 2009 and a management committee meeting in mid/late September 2009.</p> <p><u>Armed Forces Day 2010</u></p> <p>Armed Forces Day would take place on 26 and 27 June 2010. Work had started for it and there would be a report on this at the Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p><u>PCSO</u></p> <p>It was hoped that there would be another PCSO for the Birch Hill and Hanworth area possibly by next term.</p> <p><u>Lion Cub</u></p> <p>Lion Cub would be taking place on evenings/ weekends and Marilyn Morgan, NAG Administrator for the Police, had recruitment drive leaflets for volunteer police officers.</p> <p><u>Cyclists on Unmarked Cycleways</u></p> <p>Alex Danek reported that he had not received the response to his enquiry about unmarked cycleways which had been resent. This would be followed up.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Gill Birch)</p>

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Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 3 December 2009, 6pm, Birch Hill Primary School.