



**Crown Wood & Forest Park Neighbourhood
Action Group**

24 November 2009

10.20 - 11.20 am

The Wayz Youth Centre



Present: Sgt Matt Gray, Thames Valley Police
PCSO Lisa Hennessy, Thames Valley Police
Roberta Kaye, Warfield Parish Council
NSO Terry McKean, Thames Valley Police
Councillor Robert Osborne, Bracknell Forest Council

In attendance: Ian Boswell, Bracknell Forest Council
Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Councillor Dr Gareth Barnard, Executive Member for Children & Young People
Brian Bell, Resident
Councillor Marc Brunel-Walker, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Colin Dudley, Bracknell Forest Council

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 21 July 2009 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>It was noted that on page 2 of the minutes it should read 'silted up' rather than 'salted up' in regard to the balancing pond.</p> <p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>It was reported that no one had been found to act as Chairman of the Group yet.</p> <p><u>Ward Councillor Projects</u></p> <p>It was reported that ongoing funding was needed for the Ward Councillor Projects.</p>
2	<p>Update on Priorities</p> <p><u>First Priority: Litter & Environment</u></p> <p>It was reported that data for October 2009 showed a downward trend regarding flytipping, with a 13.5% decrease (23.7% decrease excluding Bracknell Forest Homes figures). The recycling centre was re-opened during the period April –</p>

	<p>October 2009.</p> <p>Graffiti had been sighted at Worlds End Hill Park, near to the Forest Park shops. It was suggested that a camera could be placed in a discreet location overlooking this area to try to catch anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>NSO Terry McKean had contacted the Youth Offending Team and put in a bid for their time. Young people undertaking community service had achieved good results with a litter pick near to the primary school.</p> <p>It was reported that brown stains on the wooden swings at Savernake Park were making it look untidy at present.</p> <p>Leaves and debris had gathered under the bridge and the stream near to Savernake Hill was now static. Thames Water had been contacted regarding the safety hazard and this would be followed up. Some work had been carried out, but more needed to be done. The two balancing ponds which were silted up were a safety issue as they were thought to be approximately 10ft deep.</p> <p><u>Second Priority: Lighting</u></p> <p>The Chief Officer: Environment & Public Protection had been contacted regarding possible lighting at Savernake Park. It was reported that there may not be enough funding for this at present but trees could be cut back further to allow more light through. Funding would possibly be available next year for street lighting in this area.</p> <p>It was reported that a walkabout had taken place with Bracknell Forest Homes, regarding Opladen Way and the car park areas, who were reluctant to replace the panels in the fence in this area to make it secure as they believed that the vandalism would be repeated. Bracknell Forest Homes would be looking for new car park areas, and these issues would be followed up with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Ian Boswell)</p> <p>Photos from the EVA undertaken in September were used at the Neighbourhood Forum. It was suggested that EVA's could be held more regularly when volunteers were available and the next one would possibly take place in Spring 2010.</p>
3	<p>Neighbourhood Police Team Update</p> <p>It was reported that there was a new landlord at the Crown Wood pub, so it was hoped there would be more stability in future.</p> <p>There had been a number of arrests in Bracknell over the past four weeks and 4 warrants issued.</p> <p>Police now had an Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. A group of 7 young people were thought to be a particular problem in the Borough, but many offenders had been relocated out of the area.</p> <p>Police surgeries in Crown Wood and Forest Park continued with low attendance. They alternated between the Refresh Café in Crown Wood during the day and the Forest Park Community Centre in the evening every 2 months. It was suggested</p>

	that police could possibly hold surgeries at other locations, events, outside in good weather, or via a mobile police station.
4	Dates of Future Meetings The next meeting of the Group would likely take place in February 2010.

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