



**Great Hollands Neighbourhood Action  
Group**

**19 May 2009**

**11.10 am - 12.10 pm**

**Brackenhale Open Learning Centre**



Present: Rev M Bentley, Chair  
Graham Ellis, Bracknell Town Council  
Marilyn Morgan, Thames Valley Police  
NSO Michael Parker, Thames Valley Police  
Councillor Mrs Anne Shillcock, Bracknell Forest Council  
Mary Temperton, Bracknell Town Council  
Sergeant Charlie Winter, Thames Valley Police  
Mike Woolley, Resident

In attendance: Teresa Howlett, Bracknell Forest Council  
Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Heather Barber, Bracknell Town Council  
Mark Hickson, Bracknell Forest Homes  
Councillor Mrs Jennifer McCracken, Bracknell Forest Council

**Action Points**

Minute	Item
1	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 20 February 2009 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
2	<p><b>Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 29 April 2009</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' meeting held on 29 April 2009 were noted.</p>
3	<p><b>Priorities for 2009/10 and Actions to Date</b></p> <p>The three main areas of concern from the Neighbourhood Survey results for Great Hollands were parking, police visibility and litter. It was agreed that the NAG's priorities would be Speeding, Youth Facility Provision and Anti-Social Behaviour.</p> <p><u>Speeding</u></p>

Mary Temperton would organise a community group to undertake Speed Watch in the area and would liaise with Teresa Howlett regarding dates and training for this.

**(Action: Mary Temperton)**

#### Litter

It was reported that locations for three bins had been identified and one new bin had been installed at the footpath junction from Ringmead, Ardingly and Avebury.

Mary Temperton would speak to the Scout Master regarding the Scouts helping with a litter pick in Great Hollands woods.

**(Action: Mary Temperton)**

Fly tipping on the Easthampstead and Wildridings side of the Mill Lane footbridge would be reported to the Easthampstead and Wildridings NAG Chair and Councillors Beadsley and Mrs Beadsley.

**(Action: Anne Shillcock)**

The Borough Council and Bracknell Forest Homes had been targeting the worst streets for litter and the Neighbourhood Estate Action Team (NEAT) at Bracknell Forest Homes had been out regularly to help clear them up. The Chair would write to Bracknell Forest Homes regarding the positive feedback from this.

**(Action: Michael Bentley)**

#### Mill Lane Footbridge

The landscaping around the Mill Lane footbridge was completed towards the end of March but there had been vandalism on both sides of the bridge with many of the smaller plants ripped out. The Borough Council was aware of this and the situation was being monitored with a view to replanting the affected areas after a review at the end of the year. The Chair would write to the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities at the Borough Council to thank them for their efforts with the landscaping.

**(Action: Michael Bentley)**

It was reported that protective plastic sheeting used during maintenance of the bridge had been ripped off and thrown into the road and graffiti had been found on the bridge structure and would keep reappearing after being cleared up.

It was reported that a small fire was started next to the bridge but arrests had been made by the Police as there had been other fires in the Borough around the same time. It was reported that motor bikes had been using the bridge and footpaths in the woods. The Borough Council was aware of all these issues and people were asked to report any incidents to the Police as well.

It was reported that concern had been raised regarding the lack of staggered barriers on the Wildridings side of the bridge and that the sloping path on this side could be dangerous for young children crossing the bridge. Anne Shillcock would write to the Borough Council regarding this.

**(Action: Anne Shillcock)**

#### Illegal Use of Bus Lane

It was reported that there had been a substantial reduction in the illegal use of the bus lane but people had been walking in the bus lane after getting off buses and the possibility of a footpath going under Wordsworth Road was being investigated and would be put forward to Bracknell Town Council.

**(Action: Mary Temperton/Anne Shillcock)**

	<p><u>Jurassic Park</u></p> <p>It was reported that the nets and wires had been cut and the buddy swing repaired at Jurassic Park but it was felt that the play area was not safe for children. The Borough Council and the Police were aware of this and anti-climb paint had been used to deter further vandalism and arrests had been made by the Police.</p> <p>It was reported that Mill Pond had been vandalised and that the Police used a voluntary process called RAIN in a restorative way for offenders to help clear up or rebuild what they had vandalised and to share points of view with those who were responsible for the upkeep of areas like these.</p> <p><u>Youth Facility Provision</u></p> <p>It was reported that youth workers from the Borough Council provided drop ins at the Youth Club and there was a 'talk shop' on Thursday evenings but it was felt that there was not enough space at the Youth Club or proper facilities and equipment there for the young people in the area. However, concern was raised that a new facility would possibly attract young people from other areas in the Borough and this could cause further problems and intimidation for residents. It was reported that police cover could be routed through the area of the youth club on Thursday evenings from 6pm. More appropriate venues and locations for a youth club would be considered and Anne Shillcock would discuss this with Councillor Dr Gareth Barnard.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: Anne Shillcock)</b></p>
4	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>It was noted that the next meetings of the Great Hollands Neighbourhood Action Group would take place on:</p> <p>Thursday 30 July 2009 at 11.10am in Great Hollands Community Centre,  Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 11.10am in Brackenhale Open Learning Centre.</p>

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