



**Great Hollands Neighbourhood Action
Group**
01 December 2009
11.10 am - 12.15 pm
Brakenhale Open Learning Centre



Present: Heather Barber, Bracknell Town Council
Rev M Bentley, Chairman
Robert Clarke, Bracknell Forest Homes
Mrs Adrienne Jones, Bracknell Town Council
Councillor Mrs Jennifer McCracken, Bracknell Forest Council
Sergeant Charlie Parker, Thames Valley Police
Mike Pile, Bracknell Standard
Mary Temperton, Bracknell Town Council
PCSO Taylor Walmsley, Thames Valley Police
PCSO Andy West, Thames Valley Police
Mike Woolley, Resident

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

Apologies: NSO Dave Keenan, Thames Valley Police
Councillor Mrs Anne Shillcock, Bracknell Forest Council

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 30 July 2009 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jennifer McCracken had given her apologies and they were not noted in the minutes. <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A litter pick had been held on 4 July 2009 and another one was due to be held on 9 January 2010.The Group thanked and praised the NEAT team for their work helping to keep areas of the Borough tidy.Dog bins were needed near to the top of Wordsworth car park and near to East Lodge.Lane access regarding Wordsworth underpass and track access to buses was being carried out at present by Bracknell Town Council, so that people did not need to use the bus lane in future.It was thought that Easthampstead Park Conference Centre should forward maps to visitors to advise of the long drive and give clear directions, as some visitors to the centre would try to cut through Easthampstead Park School via the bus lane. Teresa Howlett would write to the Conference

	<p>Centre regarding this and copy Michael Bentley in. (Action: Teresa Howlett)</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Update on Priorities</p> <p><u>Speeding</u></p> <p>Speed Watch training was carried out on 5 November 2009 and Mary Temperton was now certified to undertake speed watch. The device used for Speed Watch named 'SID' was being trialled at Waverley Corner by the allotments and also at Trevelyan. 17 out of around 120 cars were caught speeding during the exercise and one was caught doing 43mph.</p> <p>There was an article in Great Hollands Matters regarding Speed Watch to help raise awareness. There were three 'SIDs' in the Bracknell Borough and each area of the Borough would have equal access to one. Great Hollands would have 'SID' for a month and then would pass onto Binfield to use. It was thought that three people were needed to undertake a Speed Watch exercise.</p> <p>PC Bob Wade had pulled some drivers over for having window tints. It was reported that people were still sighted using mobile phones whilst driving or not wearing seat belts.</p> <p><u>Youth Facility Provision</u></p> <p>It was reported that Dr Gareth Barnard was close to making an announcement regarding youth facility provision. Youth work was currently taking place on Wednesday evenings with about 66 children aged 10-14 years and 3 adults. Mary Temperton would meet with Bracknell Forest Council on Monday 7 December to discuss current youth work in the Great Hollands Community Centre.</p> <p>Volunteers were needed to work with children between 6.30pm-8pm at the Community Centre and anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mary Temperton on 426191. The Community Centre had air hockey, 2 pool tables, quizzes, board games, limbo, table tennis, football and the library would stay open for an extra hour on Wednesday evenings which provided access to PC's.</p> <p><u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>Jurassic Park would have a new area where children could jump, spin, zip and climb. Winscombe play area now had a climbing rocks apparatus for children. A trampoline would be put into the ground and a buddy swing for 20-30 children would also be erected. Bracknell Town Council had been given 4 sites as part of the £1.7million scheme to create and improve play areas in the Borough. Children had been asked what they would like in play areas via a questionnaire and the new or improved play areas were hoped to be in place by next summer.</p> <p>Ten arrests had been made in the Great Hollands, Easthampstead and Wildridings areas involving common assault by a group of young people, who were mainly school aged or had recently left school. Anti-Social Behaviour was being managed by the ASB Team at the Borough Council and the Police via family support or enforcement routes. The Group thanked the Police for their help with children in the Borough.</p>

	<p><u>Footbridge over Mill Lane/ Woods at Ardingly and Avebury</u></p> <p>The Borough Council would replace some trees and shrubs but the vandalism had continued during the school holidays. There was a 'hedgehog' wall on the Easthampstead side of the bridge and blocks had been pulled off and found on the cycle path or in the growth. The Borough Council had responded within 48 hours to resolve the problems but three days later the blocks had been pulled down again. The Borough Council would be contacted again regarding this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Mike Woolley)</p> <p>Flytipping was sighted on the footpath by the bin and the Borough Council had removed the 7-8 black bags of rubbish within 48 hours after being advised of this. The Easthampstead and Wildridings NAG would be informed of these issues as the Police shared cover of the bridge area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Andy West)</p> <p>It was thought that more bins were needed at Jennett's Park. Karen Pullinger, Bracknell Forest Homes, dealt with anti-social behaviour and adopted a multi-agency approach on individual cases and worked with residents.</p>
3	<p>Neighbourhood Police Team Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NSO Dave Keenan was doing well. • 15 houses had been searched in the Borough regarding drugs, burglaries and thefts relating to drugs. • The Group thanked PCSO's for their community support and group work with young people. • Operation Lion Cub was taking place Borough wide, and was helping to improve community links in Great Hollands. • There was a meeting in January of the Residents' Association in Jennett's Park and the Police had been invited to attend.
4	<p>Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 4 November 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAG Chairs had been invited to Aylesbury in January regarding the Community Payback Scheme. Offenders had been taking part in litter picks and cleaning graffiti as part of the scheme. • The query was raised of whether NAGs were open meetings. People attended NAG meetings by invitation at present but the Neighbourhood Forums were open public meetings. People could also attend police surgeries and residents' meetings to discuss neighbourhood issues.

5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People had been sighted parking on grass verges at Appledore and this would be investigated. <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Robert Clarke)</p> <p>It was reported that a lack of parking was the cause of some of the parking problems. Bracknell Forest Homes were working with the Borough Council to try to identify additional parking areas in the Borough. Parking problems could be reported to Bracknell Forest Homes via their switchboard number 01344 382800.</p>
6	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>The next meeting of the Group would likely take place in February 2010.</p>