



Great Hollands Neighbourhood Action Group
30 July 2009
11.10 am - 12.20 pm
Great Hollands Community Centre



Present: Mike Adams, Great Hollands Community Association
Rev Michael Bentley, Chairman
Adrienne Jones, Bracknell Town Council
Councillor Mrs Anne Shillcock, Bracknell Forest Council
Mary Temperton, Bracknell Town Council
PCSO Andy West, Thames Valley Police
Mike Woolley, Resident

In attendance: Councillor Dr Gareth Barnard, Bracknell Forest Council
Fiona Heston, Bracknell Forest Council
Katharine Simpson, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Jan Angell, Bracknell Forest Council
Lesley Doyle, Community Worker Jennets Park
Councillor Mrs Jennifer McCracken, Bracknell Forest Council
NSO Michael Parker, Thames Valley Police

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 19 May 2009 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adrienne Jones had given her apologies for being absent but these had not been recorded• A litter pick had been held on 4 July 2009• Bracknell Town Council had allocated a budget to help pay for the installation of a link from the footpath under Wordsworth Road directly to the bus stops on the bus lane. A site visit had been carried out by the Town Council and updates would be given at future meetings as the proposals progressed• The police were monitoring the Bus Lane but to-date no-one had been recently caught using it illegally.• A request for staggered barriers on the Wildridings side of the Mill Lane footbridge had been turned down by the Borough Council on the grounds that they were deemed unnecessary

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Update on Priorities

Speeding

Following the publication of an article about Community SpeedWatch in Great Hollands Matters a number of people had identified roads where speeding was perceived to be a problem.

A date would be arranged for SpeedWatch training which would be attended by Michael Bentley, Mary Temperton, Adrienne Jones and Graham Ellis. Once the training had been completed SpeedWatch would initially focus on the spine roads in Great Hollands.

(Action: Fiona Heston/Teresa Howlett)

There were reports of three Mini cars being raced around the area at various times of the day and night. For any prosecution of the drivers to take place the Police or PCSOs would have to witness one of the races as it was taking place. However, if the number plates of the cars were identified then the Police would be able to visit the owners and issue warnings.

Youth Facility Provision

Councillor Dr Barnard reported that following the Borough Council's housing stock transfer to Bracknell Forest Homes, the Borough Council had £1million to pay for improved youth service provision in South Bracknell. While this money would be spread over several areas the bulk of it would be spent in Great Hollands.

Discussions with the young people of Great Hollands about the facilities that they wanted had revealed that any provision needed to be located in, or around, Great Hollands Square because this was the area that young people naturally gravitated towards.

A number of factors were being worked through including issues relating to the ownership and occupancy of a number of units in Great Hollands Square and short term measures to improve the Square. Consultation about the proposals would take place with local residents during September. A Planning Application would be submitted at the end of September with a view to having a full scale youth provision up and running in time for the 2010 summer school holiday period. It was confirmed that some of the funding would be set aside to pay for the youth workers necessary to run the facilities and activities on offer.

Activities would be a combination of universal youth provision and activities targeted at particular groups and individuals. The service would be available for those aged 14 years and upwards. The possibility of using the facilities to cover intergenerational work when youth work was not taking place was being explored. The development of a 'virtual' youth centre was also being explored. This would see young people booking activities through the Xpressions website and then being collected from a central location and transported to and from other facilities for example the Oakwood Youth Centre.

It was expected that the youth provision would include the current youth work taking place in the Community Centre and Talk Shop.

	<p><u>Anti-social Behaviour</u></p> <p>Following reports that the swings in Jurassic Park were being wound around the frames preventing their use the Police had recommended that the Council cover the swing chains with thick tubing to prevent this from happening whilst still ensuring that they were usable.</p> <p>The Town Council were running consultations with 13 – 18 year olds to find out which open spaces and play areas they use and what improvements they would like to see made to these areas. The Youth Club at Great Hollands Community Centre had already completed twenty questionnaires and these showed that Jurassic Park was very heavily used by local children.</p> <p>The high visibility of the local PCSOs was having a positive impact on levels of anti-social behaviour in the area.</p> <p>The Police had carried out a significant amount of work with ‘core’ offenders, including making high visibility visits to parents, and incidents of anti-social behaviour by young people were falling. It had been found that the parents who had been visited by the Police were generally supportive of the Police. In addition, the visits were also found to be serving as a warning to other young people not to become involved in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>There had been a number of complaints about the use of mini-motorbikes in Abbotsbury and Avebury. The Police were trying to address the problem however the procedures that they were required to follow meant that it took longer than they liked.</p>
3	<p>Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 2 July 2009</p> <p>The Group noted the feedback from the Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' meeting.</p>
4	<p>Neighbourhood Police Team Update</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Police Team's updates were recorded under the item Updates on Priorities.</p>
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Survey</u></p> <p>It was reported that the 2009 Neighbourhood Survey had been revamped following concerns about the robustness of the survey carried out in 2008.</p> <p>The survey would be delivered the week commencing 24 August 2009 by the Borough council's Electoral Services Canvassing Team. Completed</p>

	<p>questionnaires would be returned, via a Freepost address, directly to the consultants analysing the surveys. The questionnaire would also be available on line and paper copies would be distributed to schools, libraries and other community facilities by PCSOs.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Forum</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Neighbourhood Forum would take place on Saturday 19 September 2009 at 10am in the Great Hollands Talk Shop.</p> <p>Flyers and posters advertising the forum would be distributed a couple of weeks before the forum.</p> <p>A briefing for NAG Chairs would take place in early September to help them prepare for any questions that might be asked at the forums</p> <p>There would be a session at each forum dedicated to providing feedback on the work done in each area over the past year and it was requested that people forward any good news stories to Mike Bentley and Fiona Heston for inclusion. (Action: All)</p> <p><u>Jennets Park Community Centre</u></p> <p>The temporary Jennets Park Community Centre was now up and running. A range of activities would be taking place at the Centre over the summer and details would be circulated to the Group. (Action: Michael Bentley/Fiona Heston)</p> <p>Glass recycling facilities were now available at the centre. It was hoped that a bike shelter would be built in the near future.</p> <p><u>Litter</u></p> <p>The Police had received a number of complaints from the residents of Jennets Park about the lack of litter bins in the park and the problems that this was causing. It was agreed that the matter would be followed up with the Borough Council. (Action: Anne Shillcock)</p> <p><u>Bracknell Forest Homes Representation</u></p> <p>It was suggested that the local Housing Officer be invited to join the Group. It was agreed that Bracknell Forest Homes would be approached with this suggestion. (Action: Anne Shillcock)</p>
6	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Great Hollands Neighbourhood Action Group would take place on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 11.10am at Brakenhale Open Learning Centre.</p>