

CANFORD HEATH & CREEKMOOR
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PUBLIC MEETING.

Minutes. 19th November 2008.

Panel members present:

Chris Owens (chair) – Service Unit Head, Borough of Poole Council.

PC Suzie Corsie

PC Tom Issacs

Cllr Sandra Moore

Cllr John Rampton

Donna Saunders–Teague - Poole Housing Partnership

Anthony Fielding - Children and Youth Services

Ian Cooke - ASBO Officer.

Apologies:

PS Andy Jenkins.

Paula Wade - Community Development Officer.

Julie Murphy - Locality Manager

Frank Wenzel – Environment Officer.

INTRODUCTION

Chris Owens opens meeting by introducing all the members of the panel. He explained the reasons for the meeting, and once again there would be a vote at the end of the meeting allowing the public to choose three main issues that they would like the Safer Neighbourhood team to address as priorities.

He also said how important it was for the police, council and residents to work together in tackling crime. It was also important for the public to see that the council, police and fire and rescue (where applicable) work together as a partnership.

CURRENT ISSUES

Key issues raised at the last meeting included:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Underage Drinking.
- Littering e.g. Adastral Square and Sopers Lane.

Other issues discussed included speeding around schools.

ASB / UNDER-AGE DRINKING:

A CCTV camera, known as a striker camera, has been put up in Culliford Crescent and targeted at Asda. where the most complaints are received.

It is also the aim to identify proxy offenders who repeatedly purchase alcohol and then sell it on to underage drinkers. Offenders have been dealt with already.

In Sherbourn Crescent, a shelter has been put up for the youths to meet in also it is there for police to have somewhere to move them on to when there are large groups gathering in residential areas, causing a disturbance.

Some problem areas raised in the meeting by the public were to the rear of Asda, there was no lighting so it was encouraging under age drinking and egg throwing. Also, there is no lighting in the Asda car park or the cut-through.

Cllr Moore responds by saying that Asda is a privately-owned site. As before, we will have to try to approach Asda management and the landlords (London & Cambridge Property Services) to try and rectify the problems, including the disused toilet block behind the store (owned by the Borough), which is still being vandalised.

The bus stop opposite the garage at Asda, is often full of broken bottles and litter, especially after the weekend, making it very hazardous for school children waiting there. Bins are provided, but not used.

LITTERING & DOG FOULING:

Briefly reviewed the known problem areas. Due to the last minute absence of the environment rep (due to an emergency) an update will be provided at the next meeting on specific actions taken :

- Adastral Square.
- Millfield.
- Chaldon Rd, park.
- Sopers Lane.

Broken glass was one of the main issues, which the council treat as urgent cases and try to get it cleaned up as soon as it's reported.

The council have put up a number of new 'dual' bins - half recycling, half for normal waste. They are being well used and hope they can encourage the public to continue doing so.

Speaker asks why there are no littering signs up anywhere, but there are plenty of dog fouling signs. Chris Owens says that he will discuss this with the panel.

Speaker asks if PCSO can patrol more around Verity Crescent. PC Tom Isaacs to speak to PCSO.

PC Suzie Corsie says that an idea has been put forward, as to a reward scheme to the youths, to encourage youths to do a litter pick up. In return, they would be rewarded, e.g. having goal posts put up on Millfield.

OTHER ISSUES

There were some concerns over the safety of children and adults leaving the scout hut of an evening due to the youth shelter.

PC Tom Issacs responded by saying that if there were any incidents, then names and addresses would be taken of the offenders, and their parents spoken to. If major problems arise, a long term solution, such as a camera, would be considered.

Large groups of youths dressed in black, walking in road, late at night. Causing traffic to take avoiding action. PC Suzie Corsie to speak to schools.

A complaint of unsecure fencing around Ashdown School, Haymoor School and playing fields. The concerns raised because of this are littering, abduction and truancy as this is a

direct route from the schools. Cllr Moore has asked the speaker to set up a petition and send it directly to her.

Lighting along Longfleet Ave, very dark, due to large trees growing in front of street lights.

30 mph speed limit sign thought to be at wrong end of Culliford Crescent.

Cllr Moore says that a pedestrian refuge in the middle of Culliford Crescent, opposite of the footpath to the shops, is under discussion and a final decision should be made very soon.

VOTES ON PRIORITIES

PC Suzie Corsie outlined the topics raised to date by public consultations. Additional votes obtained on the night were:

ASB =10 LITTERING =22 UNDERAGE DRINKING =12 CCTV = 7
LIGHTING = 12 BINS = 7 POLICE PATROLS = 15
NUISANCE MOTORBIKES = 1 THEFT = 0 YOUTH EVENTS = 0

Taking the pre-meeting votes into consideration too, the three main priorities agreed for the next two months were:

- Littering
- Lighting
- Under Age Drinking

A desire for more night-time Police patrols was originally identified as the third priority. However, PC Corsie clarified that as Policing levels are a nation-wide concern, and SNT cannot do anything about that, we should take the next highest issue. All at meeting agreed this should be under-age drinking.

The panel will meet on Friday 21st November to plan actions to address these issues

COMMUNICATIONS

Agreed that meetings should be booked further in advance to enable better publicity. Drinks / refreshments will also be arranged,

Chris Owens will discuss communication of meetings and actions taken with the new Police communications officer to ensure wider awareness & better use of public websites.

NEXT MEETING:

Will be on the 21st January 2009 at 18.30hrs at the Elderly Persons Unit, Millfield, Creekmoor and will be widely publicised.

Chris Owens thanks the attendees for their input & closes the meeting.