

COCKINGTON with CHELSTON WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall, Queensway

Date: Monday 18th July 2005

Attendees – see Appendix

1. **The meeting was opened by the chairman Ron Ashcroft** and all present were welcomed
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Proposed by The Rev A Macey and seconded by Miss L Smith these were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting on Monday 16th May 2005.
3. **Matters arising**
 - LCRA newsletter – reminder to keep police informed of events, however big or small
 - Fit Bay good follow up. Need to keep numbers up. At present 3 week waiting list
 - Walnut Road – house at the lower end being repaired query now for flats?
 - Bollards in Old mill Road will be the same as Walnut Road when they come to be replaced
 - Bids – 3 received decision not yet known
 - Grass Verge – only some on the estate is owned by Riviera Housing
 - Steps – to Gilbert and Howard Close very dangerous
 - Speeding- still bad in Queensway
 - Flashing Signal Light – had been promised in Queensway under the safety to school aspect - **WPC Sarah Briggs to follow up**
4. **No urgent matters brought forward by chairman**
5. **Report from Ward partnership workshop** Ron reported that in Audit Report Chelston faired very well. However problem of funding for running the ward partnership. £32,000 earmarked for overview officer. After debate agreed after proposed by A Macey and seconded by B Keegan that a letter be sent to the chief executive questioning this decision. Debate about problems of communication A Macey mentioned C-Views was available for all the community to use. E Luxton asked did members know that each area had an Area Highway Inspector? Contact Chris Gubby 01803 207671
Funding seminar on November 15 R Ashcroft hopes to attend. Carol Schneider of TVS has the knowledge and skills to help with funding bids.
6. **Education – library** Janet Proctor, Librarian, spoke on the life long learning aspect of the library services. Their services start in the life long cycle with babies and new mums. Music and Rhymes with babies. Story time at 11.15qm every Friday. Progresses up to the Book Quest scheme for children which is at 3 levels. Less visits from children when at school but Mums come for them! First choice – a scheme for 14 years and under and those for whom English is a second language and an adult literacy group. Users find the library a safe neutral place to come for help with forms etc. Besides books the library also has CDs, DVDs, papers, magazines, phone books, maps and old pictures and a local data base. Oasis is a scheme for children outside the school system ie illness and being bullied. A group called the Blind circle meet to discuss spoken stories and there are courses in computer learning skills. Work on the philosophy that books and computers

are for every one and therefore try to help every one to have access. So all staff are happy and willing to help in response to queries and finding books or info. The local mobile librarian, Ted, recently received an OBE for his services in this work. Janet's presentation finished with our thanks as she declared that no one was safe from the library services!

7. **Community Safety – substance misuse.** PC Sarah Briggs. The importance of Know the code. (Knowledge of alcohol and drug misuse) Poster campaign in shops and licensed premises the problem of difficulty in telling youngsters real age! Jean Cope mentioned a review of impact on smoking in the Bay of Smoke Free homes.
8. **Environment –Parks.** Catherine Gamble concern over the triangular piece of land behind Goshen Road which had become hideously overgrown. Mallock land had had trees in 1981 was grassed over then poorly tarmaced. Jean Cope to report back
9. **A.O.B.** a.) Suggested that Carol Arthur Torbay Council Reclying officer be asked to speak at next meeting. b.) The Chelston Parks Friends Group reported on their community Fun Day which was a good community day but a financial nightmare. c.) St Peter's hall still at planning stages! d.) Elizabeth Luxton mentioned the 'Rapid Response Team' 01803 201201 who will come quickly to deal with problems like tyres, dead seagulls etc. e.) Barby Keegan raised the concerns over 27 Walnut Road and the fact that the 106 agreement still not signed.
10. **Date of next meeting** Tuesdays September 20 and November 22. the September meeting to be held in St Peter's church hall and the November meeting at the Chelston Community Centre.

Apologies were received from:-

Insp. Mel Broad
Kim Flemming
Derek Stone
John Taylor – Wessex Trains
Martin Jackson
Christina Short
PC Nick Jones
Ian Hancock

Those who recorded their attendance were:-

Ron Ashcroft – Chairman
Pamela Macey
WPC Sarah Briggs
Phil and Sandra Smith
Barby Keegan
Ray Brewer
Catherine Gamble
Martin Hall – Riviera Housing
Cllr Loretta McHugh
Cllr Jean Cope
Cllr Michael Hytche
Elizabeth Luxton
Irene Brindley
Shirley Maldini
John Coad
Julian Carnell
The Rev Anthony Macey
Lyn Smith
Liz Bridgeman