

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

CHELSTON AND COCKINGTON WARD MANAGEMENT MEETING

Held at: Torquay Police Station – 22nd June 2004

Chairman: WPC 5095 Gael HAMMETT

Minutes: WPC 5095 Gael HAMMETT

Attended by: Insp. 506 Mel BROAD – NBM Inspector
PC 3536 Nick JONES – Cockington/Livermead NBM
Elizabeth LUXTON – Chelston Tenants and Residents Assoc.
Irene BRINDLEY – Chelston Tenants and Residents Assoc.
Christina SHORT – Chelston Tenants and Residents Assoc.
Shirley MALDINI – Chelston Tenants and Residents Assoc.
Derek STONE – NHW Co-ordinator – Grenville Avenue
Clive BROOKS – Old Mill Road Traders Assoc.
Andy KETTLE – Unit Manager, Stepping Stones Supported Housing
Cllr. Michael HYTCHE – Chelston with Cockington Ward Councillor

Apologies: Philip MEEK – Walnut Road Trader
Sue HADLEY – Old Mill Road Traders Association
Louise GRAHAM – Chelston Parks Friends Group
Phil SMITH – Chelston Parks Friends Group
Sandra SMITH – Chelston Parks Friends Group

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1	Introductions from all persons present.	
2	Matters arising – Elizabeth Luxton raised concerns that a particular vehicle owner was still parking outside Ocean Drive Restaurant and causing an obstruction to other vehicles at certain times of the day. At the last meeting Cllr. Cope had spoken with Philip Hamilton regarding this particular issue and was hoping to resolve the ongoing dispute. Insp. Broad – explained that street parking throughout Torbay will be decriminalised in April next year. Enforcement would come under Torbay Council who will be employing Traffic Wardens either directly or through a private contractor. That things would change in relation to enforcement. Revenue raised through parking fines would no longer return to central government but instead help the local Council budget. Therefore he predicted an increase in enforcement through fixed penalty tickets and possibly a greater number of Wardens.	MB

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3	Andy Kettle mentioned that there was a problem with speeding vehicles in Walnut Road, junction with Old Mill Road and in the Walnut Lane junction with Old Mill Road where he had often found glass on the road from an accident. Insp. Broad explained that excessive speed in urban areas was a nationwide problem but would look into the accident statistics for the area.	
4	WPC Hammett gave an update of the Victoria Park Project stating that the Youth Shelter had been installed for approx. 7 weeks, and as yet have had no incident logs relating to its use, or any problems reported. The next stage is for the Astroturf 5 a side pitch to be installed. The Council has now received the quote for £12000 and this money is being held in the Chelston Parks Friends' Group bank account. This will be paid to the Council upon receipt of the necessary paperwork. This only leaves the installation of the Special Needs Roundabout and the painting of the existing equipment and fence with the final £4500 being outstanding from the Living Spaces Fund.	
5	The Chelston Parks Friends Group held a Consultation/Fund Day at the Mallock Road Park on Saturday 5 th June 2004 to inform people of the plans for the site, and to request the opinions/suggestions of local residents while bringing the community together in a fun way. The day raised £245.84 for the Group to pay for the running, advertising and expenses of the Group. The Group are hoping to install a selection of play equipment for children with special needs to provide an opportunity for all to play together. The Group have also organised a questionnaire about the changes to Sherwell (Pretty) Park and the results of this will be given at the next meeting.	
6	The Lower Chelston Residents Assoc. had organised the purchase and collection of hanging baskets for the Old Mill Road and Sherwell Valley Road. This was to improve the look of the area, and so far only one basket has gone missing.	
7	The Big Smoke Debate South West was next on the agenda and members at the meeting were being encouraged to log on to the website www.bigsmokedebate.com/southwest to place their vote as to whether to ban smoking in enclosed public places. Paper copies are also available from GP surgeries, libraries and council offices for those without computer access to the internet.	
8	Old Mill Road Traders are currently looking into installing a private CCTV system to cover Old Mill Road and the entrance to Sherwell Park. Clive Brooks stated that they are in	

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9	<p>consultation with a company to get information and then a meeting will be held. WPC Hammett informed the meeting that Community Safety may have some funding to assist with this, however more details were required in order to apply for funding for this project.</p> <p>AOB – Cllr. Hytche – circulated to the meeting a letter that he had received from the Lower Chelston Residents Assoc. (chairman Barby Keegan) with concerns about the supported housing scheme, Stepping Stones at 27/29 Walnut Road. Cllr Hytche informed those present that a meeting is due to be held on 28/06/04 at the Town Hall, involving the lead agencies, including the Police and Torbay Social Services to discuss the Planning Consent for the premises and sorting out the anomalies in information being passed to the local residents.</p> <p>Andy Kettle – stated that the scheme supports adults with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health problems. Andy Kettle lives at the address to provide support and have previously evicted 3 tenants who have committed anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Andy Kettle also confirmed that they have got a complaint procedure where a member of the Lower Chelston Residents Assoc. acts as a liaison with him on any problems the residents are having. Andy Kettle then acts upon the reports to him to resolve problems as soon as possible. He then stated that a problem that was reported to him recently, he gave the client notice. The resident left the same day, this was then reported back to the Residents Assoc.</p> <p>The Supported People Team are the fund-holders for this scheme and a meeting is being held on 10 July 2004 and the policies will be open to the Residents Assoc. to view. Andy Kettle also stated that they had installed CCTV at the property to protect the residents who are vulnerable people and since it went in on 01/03/04 this has improved the incidents of trouble.</p> <p>Andy Kettle also stated that they liaise closely with PC Jones their local NBM. Representatives from Stepping Stones also have attended the Residents Assoc. meetings to inform the people of what they do as an organisation and to provide contact details.</p> <p>Cllr. Hytche – informed the meeting that he had declared an interest as he was on the planning committee and had voted to turn the application down.</p> <p>Shirley Maldini – stated that she believed that we need a place like this to help these people.</p>	

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	Insp. Broad - advised the group that together with PC Nick Jones he would be attending the multi-agency meeting next week at the Town Hall, it was his intention to ensure an unbiased and fair attitude for both the staff and residents of 'Stepping Stones' as well as local residents.	
10	Shirley Maldini – reported to the meeting that the previous problems in Davis Avenue had quietened down.	
11	Clive Brooks – enquired about the 'Chelston Massive' and a discussion ensued about the youths who sometimes congregate in the park. It was suggested that the Town Centre Alcostop ban could be extended to this part of the town including the park. Following discussion it was agreed that use of this particular legislation was not appropriate as members of the group felt this would simply move the transgressors onto one of the other play parks. That the powers currently available to the police to seize alcohol from young people were the effective means to deal with this anti social behaviour. Insp. Broad - explained that alcoholic drink can only be confiscated from under 18s by a police officer in uniform, and not by a member of the public. It was stated that there have been occasions where adults are purchasing alcohol on behalf of the under 18s which is a criminal offence. WPC Hammett informed the group that the "Pretty Park" and surrounding area were being monitored during the evenings and that the van of Special Constables visited and confiscated alcohol on a regular basis. Insp. Broad stated that he would be directing the Neighbourhood Support Team to patrol this area, in uniform and undercover in plain cloths to both detect and deter such offences as highlighted by the group.	MB
12	Derek Stone- passed on his thanks to WPC Hammett for her help in setting up the NHW scheme in Grenville Avenue and for the assistance during a recent '999' incident log. Insp. Broad informed Mr Stone about the purchase and introduction of 'two-way radios' for the NHW schemes in Torbay.	
13	Irene Brindley – raised her concerns over possible parking charges when parking is decriminalised and about the provision for disabled parking in the future. Insp. Broad reassured her that the 'blue badge scheme' would still take effect for disabled persons.	
14	Elizabeth Luxton – stated that there had been problems with	

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parking in Queensway on the double yellow lines. Insp. Broad stated he would inform the Traffic Warden Supervisor about the problem with a view to directing TW patrols to the Street.

- 15 Cllr. Hytche – queried about abandoned vehicles and how long it takes to get them recovered. It was explained that abandoned and untaxed vehicles can be recovered after the Council issues a 7-day notice. The problem has arisen in recent times because it costs the owner sums of money in excess of £50 to dispose of the vehicle. Scrap merchants now have to charge a fee for disposal due to EU environmental legislation.

- 16 Insp. Broad – raised the subject of future Ward Partnership meetings and mentioned the possibility of combining the meetings with The Willows, Shiphay and Torbay Hospital. Discussion took place and the members of this group agreed, that it was more desirable and more effective to remain as just Cockington with Chelston Ward Partnership as it is more personal to the members. It was also discussed as to which other persons should be invited to attend in order to reflect the themes of the Torbay LSP and Community Plan - such as someone from Health, Faith Groups, Education and the Environment to represent the ward. Membership needs to consist of those who could not only represent the community within the Ward but would be in a position to help resolve problems, rather than just raising problems or concerns at the meeting. The group were asked to forward suggestions / nominations to PC Hammett for invitation to the next Cockington with Chelston Ward Partnership meeting. The first job of the next meeting will be to elect a chair for that and future meetings. It was suggested that a representative from the Coast & Countryside Trust at Cockington Court and a representative of Sherwell Valley Road traders should be invited.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28th September 2004, to be held at Torquay Police Station at 7 p.m.