

Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 13 July 2017 – Victory Hall Warsash

Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Ford, Cllr Evans, Cllr Bayford.

Residents: approx. 85

What was talked about?

Cllr Ford, the Chairman of the meeting, gave a brief introduction and introduced the speakers.

1. Sgt Nick Morgan gave an update from the local Police.

Questions from the floor to Sgt Nick Morgan

Q Why isn't something done about unsolicited phone calls? They are a nuisance. It is harassment.

A It is a difficult problem but I will do my best.

Q What about parking in Locks Road?

A It's a very difficult issue. It's a modern day problem really, as the housing design doesn't allow for more than 1 and a half cars.

Q What about having yellow lines?

A You can request yellow lines through the council but it doesn't happen overnight. By all means start the process of gathering evidence. You can either send an email or start a petition and that would be a good place to start. If cars are parked dangerously or causing an obstruction then we can ticket the car.

Q Fleet End road, large lorries and vans parked on the main rd. They block your view when you come to fleet end road. Can you keep a check on it?

A I can to a degree. What I can do is get someone to pop into the businesses to address it with their customers asking them to park more considerably. We can certainly speak to them.

Q Do you have any powers regarding traffic infringements on private roads?

A No I don't think we do, I would have to double check that. I will liaise with traffic tomorrow and get back to you if you give me your email address.

Q Going back to phone calls, you can buy a telephone from BT with Call Guardian on it. It's

the best money I've spent as we don't get any calls now.

A Sounds like a good idea

Q Re speeding, it is ridiculous in this area. Can anything be done about it police wise?

A I have just trained some specials with a speed gun and I will be asking them to target specific roads.

Q Also do you have a third party hate crime reporting centre?

A Not a third party one but we have Hampshire constabulary 101.

Q Further to that question about hate crime. I have a question about how we tackle harassment. How can you protect the vulnerable members of community?

A Proactively and reactively. We try and educate young schoolchildren to be considerate to other races and genders.

Q I think that's a very good strategy to make sure newer generations don't repeat crimes of older generations thank you.

2. Hayley from One Community talked about Volunteering opportunities and support available in the Borough.

Q I understand there is quite a demand for counselling for children who self-harm?

A Yes locally we have the moving on project

Q We can't get in there as there are so many people on the waiting list.

A There are some others, so if you give me your details I can write down some more organisations who may be able to help.

3. Cllr Woodward gave a presentation about developments in the borough over the past year and a look at what is happening now. You can view the presentation here.

Questions from the floor to Councillor Woodward

Q Re Brook Lane, I understand that Taylor Wimpy have resubmitted their original planning application exactly as it was before but that we will have to make our comments again. Why is the council allowing a repeat application?

A The Council has no control over what planning applications are submitted. It is a tactic though that I can comment on. The original planning application was refused and has gone to appeal. They have put in a duplicate so they can continue to talk to council about the plans. A number of developers do use this tactic.

Q You seemed pleased with the amount of housing Dec you are introducing to the area. But my question is when is enough? I expect most people here have had enough.

A I had a similar view when I was first elected 31 years ago. But the fact is we need more

housing, I'm not talking about immigration Firstly we are living a lot longer. Fareham has a highest proportion of over 85 year olds; three generations of people now need housing that is children, parents and grandparents. Secondly families sadly split and then they need two houses. What we have to do is fulfil the objectively assessed housing need which is a statutory requirement. Thirdly we need a five year supply of housing at all times. We have to prove this and if we don't then the developer can win his appeal. That's why we have a local plan. If you go to Eastleigh, take a look at building sites over there. It's a developer free for all as their local plan was thrown out. It might not be what you want to hear but we do have to provide housing.

Q The demographics in Park gate have altered hugely. Along with development we now have social problems. The police have moved out and we are left with street drinking outside The Coop, takeaways and garage and younger children are sitting around late at night. This is causing worry to older residents who feel they can't go to the shops after 7pm. There are also one or two rough sleepers; one who I know is homeless. It is very off-putting and they are starting to mingle with the teenagers.

A We will try and do something about that. Neighbourhood teams who are moving out of Fareham Police Station are possibly looking at moving back to the nice police station at Park Gate. There is a Public spaces protection order (PSPO) in Fareham town centre to deal with begging etc. We would look at extending that by working with the police if required. No one needs to be homeless in the borough of Fareham. We use Two Saints who run a hostel at 101 Gosport Road. But we can help, we do our best but some people don't want to be helped

Q I drive into Fareham once a week; it bothers me with all the work going along the road. Why don't they just do a bit at a time? And also when I drive by they never seem to be working?

A They have a contract price and a deadline to meet and there are some complex elements which is why sometimes you will see only one man with a machine. There are a lot of utilities to be moved so sometimes they have to wait for the utilities to turn up, it is coordinated I promise you.

Q How can we get a defibrillator for the hall? We have 1500 over the doorstep each week

A Charities like British Heart Foundation (BHF) provide funding and we have also given grants as a council too. Talk to BHF first of all.

Q Re the substation at Chilling. Will it be made any bigger?

A No it's a very small connector building to house the kit. Have a look at the plans which are on our website, it is a similar size to the building that is there already.

Q Firstly, why are we going ahead with this scheme when French nuclear scheme is running into problems?

A We don't have power to revoke consent. Commercial decisions are for National Grid not for FBC.

Q Secondly, other than Segensworth improvements we have had virtually no road improvements in the last 50 years. Why aren't we building at least 2 roads westwards from Segensworth? Why don't you stop wasting money on improvements to Welborne Junction and

the smart Motorway which are very dangerous and put the money into a new east and west route?

A Highways England is going ahead with the smart motorway and it will increase capacity by a third. They seem to work extremely well.

Q How are you going to get the extra water supply?

Portsmouth water is a key consultee for planning applications. If they say it can't be done then we would have to refuse the planning application.

Q Re Council's policy of buying property, would it stand the test if interest rates were ten percent?

A It's done via something known as public works funding and in these cases interest rates remain low. If we suddenly decide we need the money we would sell some of the investments.

Q We live on Swanick lane where there is now a road calming system in place which has made it worse. Can the speed be monitored?

A The scheme isn't finished yet but when it is there will be speed checks done. Even when it is complete it will still be incomplete as we wanted to put speed cushions in but Hampshire road maintenance said no you can't put them in as snow plough's will damage them. We do hope to add the cushions after we have had snow and prove that the Yew Tree Drive cushions haven't been damaged.

Q I have a bollard outside my house and I live on a bend. I've been narrowly missed.

A Please put this in writing to me and I will make sure I go with engineers and look at the safety aspect.

Q You have missed the point about local infrastructure that it can't cope with any new houses. Can't we just have more like Whiteley and Welborne instead of backfilling which is causing the major concerns?

A I agree with you. Little Greenfield developments with no infrastructure are wrong and it isn't the way I would like to see things progress. Every three years we have to do a call for sites. We need 2000 we got back 10,700. We have been offered over 2000 in Warsash. We will try and avoid those.

Q Will there be a rail station in Welborne?

A We will reserve the land for one it's called a rail halt. Network rail are doing a feasibility study for it, but it is actually at Knowle, not Welborne.

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