

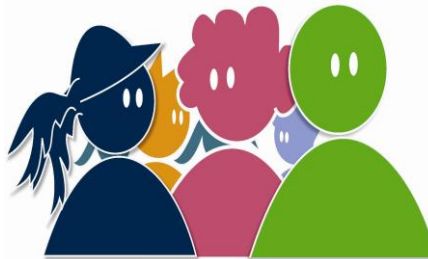
# Portchester Community Action Team Meeting (CAT)

Thursday 27 February 2014 Meeting

**Who is the Chairman of the Portchester CAT area?**



Councillor Nick Walker



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**Who is my local CAT officer?**



Richard Wright

## Who was there?

**Present:** Chairman - Cllr Nick Walker

**Also present:** Cllr Fazackarley, Cllr Bell, Cllr Price and Cllr Norris

**Residents: 40**

## What was talked about?

### Local Police update – Sgt Janine Sanger

- Anti-social behaviour down 28%
- Violent crime down 14%
- Acquisitive crime down 21%
- All crime down 32%
- Primarily tackling anti-social behaviour
- Safer school officer at Portchester and Cams schools – 2 days a week
- Police beat surgeries – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month 7pm-9pm at Portchester Community Centre

**Q:** I called 999 – they turned up 2 days later. Kids driving up and down streets on mopeds.

**A:** I'll look into that, but it sounds like anti-social behaviour not an emergency.

### Community Funding - Richard Wright – CAT Officer

Recent funding success –

- Fareham and Portchester Camera Club - £1,444 towards a new digital projector
- Portchester Community Short Mat Bowling - £3,440 towards new short bowling mats

### **Windmill Grove, Portchester - Mark Wyatt – Principal Planner (Development Management)**

Planning application on land at Windmill Grove, Portchester

Remains under officer consideration. We have to take into account the following:

- Raising land levels – character of the area
- Flooding – tidal
- Flooding – surface water
- Contamination
- Open space provision
- Capacity at local facilities/amenities
- Land ownership
- Design

Buildings will be raised 1.3 metres to counter flood risk. Fareham Borough Council are taking advice from Environment Agency and Coastal Partnership to see if their anti-flood measures are good enough.

Planning reference: P/14/0033/FP – view on our website [www.fareham.gov.uk](http://www.fareham.gov.uk)

**Q:** If Barretts are so concerned about the community why raise the land and not pay for coastal walk? Height of roof line is not in keeping with the local area.

**A:** That's something Barretts need to answer. I'm trying to seek revisions including height. Re: flood defences we are taking advice from the Environment Agency and the coastal partnership.

**Q1:** Cador Drive site – if the Council looked after it properly then it wouldn't have flooded.

**Q2:** I live a few doors to the side of the site. If the site raised the water it will run off onto my site. Why can't properties be raised?

**A:** Cador Drive – before my time. Working with the developers and we will work within provisions of development plan which we will also consult on. If the floor is raised up 200mill you would still have tall houses. We will take advice from environmental agency and coastal partnership.

**Q:** Is the site chosen as a preferred site in local plan?

**A:** I wouldn't know that.

**Q:** A lot of issues getting council to protect sea wall. If design is ok then there is not much objection on old site but we are worried about flood risk. Developer should help fund sea wall.

**A:** This issue has been raised and I'm taking advice from Solent Coastal Partnership. After tonight I will speak to the applicant, what have they explored and are they open to other solutions.

**Q:** Pumping station can't cope at the moment and residents got flooded and sea wall about to outside Cador Drive.

**Q:** Contractors are blocking the entrance and blocking the road up. Why can't they come in the main gate?

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**A:** That's an issue for highways or the police.

**Q:** Drainage – will waste and surface water be kept separate?

**A:** Yes. Technically there is capacity but I can go and have a look.

**Q:** Lost faith in Fareham. We've had lots of flooding where will the run-off water go?

**A:** Element of absorption, controlled discharge into main system.

**Q:** Ignored advice previously regarding land ownership – why am I advised that's a planning private matter. I have to take council to court because you are making people suffer.

**A:** I will look at all the evidence and make a recommendation based on that and consultations with experts say.

**Q:** If site goes over the authorised boundaries – what can you do? I've had a similar experience and Fareham didn't do anything?

**Q:** Land registry line - when was the open space made part of the land? Original factory site encompassed piece of land. Previous owners but toxic land. Old boundary. Using open space as part of the site, but if they don't own it they can't use it.

**A:** Tide washes up and reduces size.

**Q:** Does this qualify for community infrastructure levy?

**A:** Yes but developers are trying to argue that it doesn't.

**Q:** Agreeing with previous speakers, coastal erosion. Need to consider sea defences.

**A:** That's a question for the developer. But I'll take away your ideas.

**Q:** You're a FBC representative you should be representing us. You should throw it out. You know it's a flood risk; you should make them pay for a flood defence wall. How are trucks going to get down to Windmill Grove? You should say that plans are nonsense.

**A:** I don't disagree, but I have a requirement to take everything into account including your comments. After your comments I have a few more things to take to the developer.

**Q:** If the wall goes lots of houses will get flooded Fareham needs to invest in it before agreeing to new houses?

**A:** Cllr Walker: Mark has taken on board your comments. Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership is looking at coastal issues. I'd suggest this development, it is too small to pay for sea wall there but ESCP has bigger resources to look at it.

## **Richard Wright – Adverse weather – Winter 2014**

- Extensive media coverage of impact of flooding and damage to coastal areas
- Certain areas of UK especially hard hit (Somerset, Thames, Devon coast)
- Other implications such as power cuts

### **What happened in Fareham?**

- High winds, heavy rainfall
- Some areas of flooding (e.g. Titchfield)
- Main effect disruption to travel, some public services and damage to property

### **What services were affected?**

- Christmas shut down period
- Officers working throughout festive season where required (e.g. trees)
- Some cancelled leave to work on Christmas Eve and before New Year
- Christmas Eve market in Fareham Town Centre cancelled due to health & safety concerns
- Refuse and recycling collections as normal (only four streets inaccessible)

### **How did the Council respond?**

- Adverse Weather Group
- Chaired by Chief Executive
- Strategic response and interface with external agencies
- Used to redirect Council resources to areas of need

### **Damage to Council property**

- 124 incidents reported by Council tenants
- 82 roof leaks
- 10 damaged guttering/fascias
- 16 damaged fences
- 15 water penetration through windows and doors
- Approximately 50 repairs carried out in first two weeks of January
- Remainder of works completed by mid-February
- Estimated cost £15,000

### **Damage to other buildings**

- Reports made to Fareham & Gosport Building Control Partnership
- Dangerous structures
- Reports of unsafe roofs (tiles, slates), boundary treatment and shop fascias

### **Trees on Council owned land**

- Large number of trees on FBC land such as parks and open spaces
- Numerous felled branches and some trees
- Council's tree team attended to assess hazard, cordon off affected areas, liaise with public and work with tree surgeons
- Direct clear up cost approximately £30,000
- One incident of damage to private property – tree falling on car in Civic Way car park
- Several privately owned trees covered by preservation orders suffered damage

### **Flooding**

- Lead agencies Environment Agency & Hampshire County Council
- Affected areas included Titchfield & Wallington
- Very small resource of sandbags

### **Coastal Erosion**

- Dramatic erosion of coast at Solent Breezes Holiday Park, Warsash
- Response by Building Control Partnership (dangerous structures) and Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP)

### **Questions from the floor:**

**Q:** Cadour Drive flooding ESCP came to site on Tuesday and said wall needs repairs – do you think you can look at speeding it up?

**A:** I'm more than happy to speak to ESCP about that and see what funding is required for.

**A: Cllr Walker:** We've made lots of representations to English Heritage. We've called a meeting with them to discuss various issues.

**Q:** What is happening in the precinct it is going downhill?

**A:** Cllr Walker: Its market forces. Unfortunately lots of shops are turning into charity shops and the rent is high. It is outside of Councils control. We've kept parking free there for a number of years. Council resurfaced car park and that's very expensive.

### **Have Your Say - Consultations**

All consultations are available at [www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation)