

Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 20 July 2022 – Portchester Parish Hall

Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Mrs Walker, Cllr Walker, Cllr Nother and Cllr Bainbridge

Residents: approx. 30

What was talked about?

Local Police Issues PC Jones and PCSO Dedman

The main issue for local police in Portchester, are driving offences and violence. The police are aware of the issues and urge residents to continue reporting incidents as they enable the police to build a better picture of the issue.

Questions from the floor

Q Speeding is a problem on the A27, can we get more 30mph signs?

A Road signs are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council.

Q There are excessively noisy vehicles driving around at night.

A Usually, their cars are legal and an unavoidable issue. If it is a speeding issue, please report the problem and if you can, get a registration number.

Q Many people believe there is no point reporting an incident because nothing gets done.

A We always encourage the public to [report incidents](#) because it allows us to build up a case especially if there are repeat offences.

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Q There is a lot of anti-social behaviour and drug paraphernalia that tends to get left behind in our public spaces.

A We head to the areas we receive reports about.

Q Why don't we see Police Officers out and around as much?

A In recent years, our numbers have significantly dropped. Currently, we are doing a big recruitment drive, but this will take time.

One Community Presentation- Marilyn White, Volunteer and Community Development Coordinator

One Community is a charity working across Eastleigh and Fareham connecting volunteers with charitable organisations and groups. They also provide advice and guidance to charitable organisations on issues such as funding.

There are a wide variety volunteering opportunities in the local area, if you would like to volunteer, please contact [One Community](#).

Update on the developments in the Borough: Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Seán Woodward

Cllr Woodward gave a presentation on recent developments and Council initiatives across the Borough and outlined some of the exciting projects that are planned over the next few years. You can view the presentation [here](#).

Questions from the floor

Q Will Fareham in Bloom ever go back to in-person?

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A The competition became an online event due to the pandemic. While we have kept it as an online event, we are delighted to welcome back an in person judging panel. You can find out more [here](#).

Q Modifications are being made to a building near my home without planning permission. What can be done?

A You can carry out some works and alterations without planning permission. It is likely that they do not need planning permission for the work they are conducting on their property if they are not changing its use.

Q How were the COVID Grants administered?

A The Council provided a wide range of support to businesses and community groups. You can find out more about the Grants [here](#).

Q What is the strategy for new telecommunication masts?

A All 5G masts are private commercial assets. The masts are automatically granted permission unless the Council opposes them within a particular time frame.

Q Were the recent travellers charged for parking in Portchester car park bays?

A No, they weren't. Issuing a penalty charge notice (PCN) would have only further complicated the matter. We quickly and successfully moved them on.

Q How will the new Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) at Solent Airport make a return on the investment?

A The new investments at Daedalus will help retain current tenants and attract new businesses to the site.

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Q If you increased the occupancy in the shopping centre, could you eliminate parking charges in the town centre with the extra rent generated?

A The additional rent would not generate enough income. Parking charges are essential to provide a good level of parking enforcement, maintenance, and improvements to the parking infrastructure throughout the Borough as well as helping provide essential council services.

Q Will night flights take place at Solent Airport if the AGL is installed?

A Our planning permission allows for up to 10 per evening between sunset and midnight.

Q Since the parking charges were introduced at Portchester Castle the residents on Castle Street have been inconvenienced by on street parking and we would like some yellow lines installed.

A That is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. Please speak to your local county councillor for further support.

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