

# Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway Area Committee

Wednesday 30 September 2009

## PRESENT:

Councillor Monahan, in the Chair.  
Councillor Browne, Vice Chair.  
Councillors Drean, Lowry, Purnell, Roberts and Thompson.

Co-opted Representatives: Mr A Dyer, Miss D Edwards and Ms V Small.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Berrow and Smith and Mr P Ebsworth (co-opted representative).

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.00 pm.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

## 17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

## 18. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

The Chair informed the Committee that minute 15 (1 July 2009), which stated that 'an open letter be sent to the Headteacher of Widewell School Educational Trust expressing concerns regarding the lack of progress or communication with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in respect of possible public access to the Widewell playing fields' was not actioned as he met with the Headteacher in person to discuss concerns.

## 19. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 20. CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES

Resolved that Mr Roy Sharman, a representative for Honicknowle Commnet, be appointed as Co-opted Representative for the remainder of the municipal year, subject to completion of the necessary paperwork.

## 21. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from Devon and Cornwall Police provided the Committee with an update on policing issues in the area.

The Committee was informed that –

- (i) Inspector Catherine Farrin had taken over from Inspector Garry Neeves to cover the north district of the city;
- (ii) the Police were working towards one target in order to improve public confidence and satisfaction;
- (iii) incidents of anti social behaviour were down by 27% in Ernesettle, down by 19% in

- Southway and up 33% in Honicknowle;
- (iv) an investigation was still ongoing in regards to hoax calls;
  - (v) Greg Rendall was the new Beat Manager in Honicknowle; so far he had stopped in excess of 50 people and had given out 2 cannabis warnings;
  - (vi) a new youth shelter was now in place in Honicknowle;
  - (vii) a shelter had been removed from Ernesettle due to incidences of children jumping from the top of the shelter onto buses;
  - (viii) the beat manager and PCSOs were patrolling the area on bikes;
  - (ix) a 'crack house' had been closed in Yelverton Close, Ernesettle; this was due to a multi-agency effort;
  - (x) issues in Southway had remained stable;
  - (xi) crime was down in Plymouth overall;
  - (xii) Operation Staysafe was currently in operation; it was an multi agency approach to manage problems with young people;
  - (xiii) Operation Sherwood was currently in operation; the focus was to ensure that children got home from school safely;
  - (xiv) minute 9 (1 July 2009) Policing Issues, should have referred to Ernesettle Community Centre and not Honicknowle Community Centre.

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (i) people were educating themselves with regards to the issues around the new traffic system at Shakespeare School;
- (ii) there were currently no problems in the disused schools, namely West Park and Chaucer Way;
- (iii) there were no major incidents to report in Whitleigh Green;
- (iv) there were currently not enough resources to deal with all issues reported to the Police;
- (v) Inspector Catherine Farrin would forward figures for Domestic Violence to Councillor Browne;
- (vi) the percentage of hoax calls received by the Police was still under investigation;
- (vii) the crime stoppers number could be used at any time to report a crime anonymously;
- (viii) the Chair would consider the problems caused by schools being made empty due to new build schools.

Resolved that both representatives from Devon and Cornwall Police be thanked for their attendance.

## 22. LOCALITY WORKING

The Operations Team Leader and the Private Sector Housing & Regeneration Manager provided the committee with proposals for locality working.

The Committee was informed that –

- (i) locality working would bring different services within the Council and other agencies together to provide a better service;
- (ii) Plymouth 2020, the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) created 'Localities' in order to deliver better services that are easy to access and respond to the needs of the community;
- (iii) six localities meetings would replace the eight area committees;
- (iv) the deadline for representation had been extended to 16 October 2009;
- (v) each locality would be led by a Locality Champion.

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (vi) the Police had readjusted their boundaries in order to accommodate working at a locality level;
- (vii) the idea for a locality coordinator would be investigated; a full time post might be provided by shifting original resources;
- (viii) locality working would provide members of the public access to several service providers in one forum;
- (ix) Councillors had been previously informed of locality working as a presentation took place in the Council Chamber three months ago;
- (x) the 43 neighbourhoods which make up the city of Plymouth did not fit precisely with the wards;
- (xi) localities working would deliver services to users in the best way for them;
- (xii) the basis for locality working stemmed from Children's Services, the current neighbourhood boundaries were already established.

23. **SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS AT NOTRE DAME RC SCHOOL AND SIR JOHN HUNT COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE; TRANSFER OF ENFORCEMENT FROM POLICE TO COUNCIL'S CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS - OBJECTIONS**

The Assistant Director of Development (Transport, Infrastructure and Engineering) submitted a report outlining proposals to transfer enforcement of School Keep Clear Markings from the Police to the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

Resolved that –

- (1) the objections and comments received during the advertisement period be noted;
- (2) recommendations be sent to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the proposed TROs as detailed in Appendix 2 be implemented;

24. **VEHICLE SPEEDS AT TAUNTON AVENUE - ACCIDENT STUDY AND SPEED VISOR**

The Committee was presented with a report upon vehicle speeds at Taunton Avenue regarding the accident study and speed visor.

Resolved that a report be submitted to the next meeting providing information on the speed data collected during the two week period from 10 September 2009.

25. **FUTURE OF THE HOUSING COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME BUDGET FROM OCTOBER 2009**

The Committee was provided with a report detailing the future of the Housing Community Environmental Programme budget from October 2009.

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (i) Councillor Drean would ask for a portion of money to be spent on preventing cars parking outside the doctor's surgery;
- (ii) Councillor Browne was currently dealing with the parking issue concerning Southway Lane and Southway Drive.

26. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

Resolved that the report be noted.

27. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a report detailing street naming off Whiteleigh Green.

Resolved that the report be noted.

28. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee did not identify any future agenda items, other than a report on the Taunton Avenue speed data information.

29. **QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee considered questions from members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) the possibility of the path leading up to Northampton Close being cleaned;
- (ii) assurance that official notification detailing the requirement for pedestrian access pathways to be implemented in the new development at Lulworth Drive be provided;
- (iii) an update on the situation regarding Widewell playing fields;
- (iv) the dedication of a Southway Footpath.

Members responded as follows –

- (a) regarding (i) above, it was confirmed that the matter had been raised however no progress had been made;
- (b) regarding (ii) above, Councillor Browne had been in contact with the Planning Officer and informed residents that a meeting would be arranged between the developer and residents in order to discuss any issues;
- (c) regarding (iii) above, the Chair informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place six weeks ago with the Assistant Director of Services of Children & Young People (Lifelong Learning), the headteacher of Widewell School Educational Trust, four Trustees and himself in order to discuss Widewell playing fields. It was highlighted that the fencing was due to be removed in early October and that the issue

of hiring the pitch was raised; fees charged were to cover costs;

- (d) regarding (iv) above, it was confirmed that the Public Rights of Way Officer had made progress on this.

30. **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved that the date, time and venue of the next meeting, i.e. 6.30pm on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 at Sir John Hunt Community Sports College, Woodview Learning Community Campus, be noted.

31. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.