

PATCHAM LOCAL ACTION TEAM

Minutes of meeting held at 7pm Monday 22nd March 2010 at Community Centre Patcham.

Present Bernard Copelin (Chairman), Gwen Biggs, Sheila Davey, Barry & Jean Edmends, Angela Graeppi (Secretary), Derek Kail, Barry L'Armie (Treasurer) Cllr. Anne and Tony Meadows, PcsO Kate Mitchell, PcsO Chris Murphy, V. Mount, Peter Neish, Cllr Brian Pidgeon, Cllrs Carol and Geoffrey Theobald,

1. **Apologies for absence** Trevor Fawbert, Pamela Hubbard, Canon Milmine and Yvonne Ray.
2. **Minutes of meeting** held on 9th February 2010. Signed and agreed.

Matters arising: flooding – junction of Mackie Ave and Barrhill Ave is another flooding spot. Grills at 17 Warmdene Road not been cleaned. Bottom of Sunnydale Ave/Carden Ave opposite this entrance manhole is over flowing. Outside 1 Mackie Ave floods frequently. Slip road opposite Ridgeside Ave is not part of consultation plan anymore. Roundabout A23/27 need yellow boxes as cars block unnecessarily. Council have to notify the Highways Agency. The Snipe pub – permission has been granted to build flats to the same height as present building. Work not yet started.

3. **Treasurer's report.** Bank forms to be completed by new elected officers. £1,194.46 in bank and £51.88 petty cash.

4. **Priorities Police:** PcsO Mitchell and Murphy apologised for the absence of Srgt Davidson who was unable to attend at the last minute. Speed Watch – would like more information as to why this is no longer available. Brian Pidgeon reported a dangerous dog had killed another dog and unfortunately the owner will not keep his dog muzzled. The matter has been reported to Srgt Davidson and Environmental Health Dept. Secretary was asked to supply e-mail addresses to Terri Hammond as not everyone received her E Watch reports. The Chairman thanked PcsO Mitchell and Murray for attending but pointed out it would have been very helpful if Srgt Davidson could have given a written report.

Council: A23 Consultation re crossings – 4 were illustrated and the majority vote was taken. Concern was voiced for disabled people. Lights on traffic lights can be altered taking into consideration traffic speed etc. Why are there so many cycle lanes which are not used? It is a chicken and egg situation and hopefully more cyclists will use them in the future. The idea of taxing cyclist as in Belgium was mentioned.

5. **Crime Report.**

Terri Hammond will send out report. There will be a Seminar on knife crime - information will be sent to community groups.

6. **Publicity** - We need three dates to advertise our meetings in the Post. Tony Meadows has designed a poster for circularising around the area. He will pass copy to Barry L'Armie. All Saints Church is re-launching their magazine so this can be used. Voted and agreed to keep to regular meetings on the same week/day of the month. Next meetings **Thursday 22nd April, Thursday 20th May and every 4th Thursday thereafter**. There will be no meetings in August. Cost to print in Post £40 approx. We will be mentioned on the back page of The Post at no cost.

On Saturday 24th April the Patcham **Horticulture Show** will be held 1-4.30pm. The Chairman will book the table and Barry L'Armie and Tony Meadows will attend to hand out information.

Anne Meadows showed a Moulsecomb LAT newsletter. The printing and delivery was paid for by advertisers. It maybe something we could strive towards and produce together with other community groups. We could perhaps join up with Hollingbury and share the costs. We should invite Chairman and officers to come to our meeting.

7. **AOB** Bernard: can the council look at flint walls in Highbury Ave North and Vale Ave the mortar is cracking up and looking dangerous? Councillors will report back at next meeting. Disabled bay in Ladies Mile and Old London Rd widely misused. Police Community Support Officer to keep an eye on it.

A catering van parked in Crowhurst Rd near entrance to Asda. It is parked on double yellow lines opposite a bus stop and near a traffic island thus causing traffic congestion. Srgt Davidson to investigate. Travellers on Ditchling Rd - what is B & H City Council doing to stop them. They have to ask the police to use their powers. Section 62 A or apply to Magistrates Court for a warrant. Officers have to check there are no health grounds. Police can only do it when they think it is appropriate. Police can move them straight away. But don't always do it. It was felt police were not doing enough. Carol Theobald reported Horsedean site is about to open again and should be vandal proof.

Tony Meadows would like information on Patcham Neighbourhood Watch. It was suggested he attend their next meeting on Tuesday 6th April.

Derek Kail. Patchdean Council refurbished garages in 2008 but hardly any garages are let maybe 10-15%. Many cars park in front of them where they don't have to pay. How many garages are let? Brian Pidgeon will report back. Traffic island opposite Tack shop in Carden Ave – vehicles regularly park on it. Srgt Davidson to investigate.

Dates of next meetings: Thursday 22nd April, Thursday 20th May, Thursday 24th June and 22nd July 2010. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.