

PATCHAM LOCAL ACTION TEAM

Minutes of meeting to held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 at 19.00 at Patcham Community Centre, Ladies Mile Rd Patcham

Present: Tony Meadows (Vice Chairman), Gwen Biggs, Hilary Black, Sheila Davey, Srgt James Davidson, Trevor Fawbert, Angela Graeppi, PcsO Terri Hammond, Virginia Mourant, Peter Neish, Cllr. Brian Pidgeon, Yvonne Ray and Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald.

- 1. Apologies:** Bernard Copelin Barry L'Armie Jean Edmends, Barry Edmends and Pam Hubbard
- 2. Minutes of meeting** held on 17th November 2010 were taken a read.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Secretary read report from Barry L'Armie. In the bank £1,194.46. and petty cash totals £51.88. Barry would like information on Constitution in order to get bank signatories up dated.
- 4 Priorities.**

POLICE. Speed watch – Woodingdean - no speed watch available now. PcsO Terri Hammond's first priority is **parking** around locals schools. Second is **speeding** in worse roads to be targeted. (Mackie Ave. Vale Ave. And Braybon Ave. Third up to us to put forward. She will report back at next meeting.

Old London Rd. No consistent view to be one way as it would speed up traffic rather than make it safer. Hilary Black mentioned slip road being blocked up. This was part of consultation exercise. Two pedestrian crossings across the A23 being done at this stage. Parking on grass verges a problem – an endemic problem across the City. Uncertain whether police or council responsibility. Problem with cars parking at bus stops.

COUNCIL Pavement parking - pavements are for walking especially for disabled. Resident parking could be properly regulated but not popular. Grass at bottom of County Oak Ave. outside shops severely damaged by cars parking on it. Cars park on wide pavement outside shops in Ladies Mile Rd. Shops own part of pavement but police are aware. **Flooding** – junction Ladies Mile Rd/Mackie Ave. - gullies cleared in September 2009 and in last six weeks. Why can't we have a soak away as water rushes out of drain which is not sufficient. Can Council do something better? Extra attention is being done for Old London Rd. Leaves regularly cause hazardous pavements. Footpath opposite PO in Old London Rd has been cleared. Information on any problems should be emailed to Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald.

Roundabout on A23 at junction with A27 and Mill Road – due to volume of traffic yellow boxes required to enable cars to emerge across roundabout. Unfortunately stationary cars travelling south block the road. **A23 London Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme** – details were posted at Library. In future maybe information should be posted on lamp posts in the relevant areas so residents are informed more widely. Results have taken the two most popular options from residents at Consultation for the crossings. These results are on Council web site. **Yellow lines** on A23 north of Esso garage should be implemented as parked cars block view of drivers emerging onto A23 from Old London Rd. This can be solved when cycle lanes are implemented. Vale Ave coming down to Court Close cars parked on both sides all day. Yellow lines would push parking into Court Close itself.

5. Crime Report. Very low last month but car crime on the high. Two cars keyed quite badly. One attempted burglary. Criminal damage at baker's window. Two people bilking (driving off without paying) at petrol garage.

6. Publicity: Antony Meadows showed a poster he had designed which will be displayed in shops and hopefully school notice boards.

The secretary read out Barry L'Armie's report. For future arrangements, he would want at least three set future dates for **PLAT** meetings, and the venue place(s) to be advertised. This is if the **PLAT** wants a 3 month date and venue advertisement in the next available "**POST**" issue, but it will only be in one issue, and not 3 issues at any one time. A total of 4 advertisements over one year i.e. January, April, July and October. with 3 meetings and venue dates in each issue.

7. AOB: Trevor Fawbert mentioned the unacceptable amount of **rubbish** collecting by Old London Rd/ A23 and garage. Councillors will deal with.

Hilary Black asked if it would be possible to have grit bins for residents to use in snowy conditions. Cllrs. reported some residents want them and others don't. There is a waiting list of 400 areas. Police reported builders take the grit and youngsters throw the grit around. Thankfully we don't get snow too often but the Council would appreciate residents views so feed them by e-mail to Geoffrey Theobald. Plans next year will look to see if things can be planned better i.e. different vehicles as road humps and narrow roads hampered the exercise of gritting roads. Windmill View was not touched although other small roads had been gritted. **The Snipe public house** – planning permission has been granted for housing – high flats and retail on ground floor. Builders delivering in Barrhill Ave are **damaging the road**. The builders should be held responsible. Cllr. Brian Pidgeon reported Enforcement Officers were looking into the problem.

The Vice Chairman thanked the police, councillors and everyone who attended the meeting for their contributions.

Date of next meeting: Monday **22nd March 2010** at 7pm at Patcham Community Centre. The following meeting would be Thursday 22nd April 2010.