

Minutes Patcham Local Action Team 22nd April 2010

1. Apologies:

Cllr C. Theobald, A. Graeppi, V. Mourant

2. Minutes of last meeting:

Bernard Copelin read out the minutes for the meeting held on the 22nd March 2010 as several members had not received a copy. They were accepted by the committee and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising:

- Meetings should be every third Thursday and not fourth.
- Councillor Theobald reported that the walls were inspected by the council and none were found to be defective also some were on private property. They will be inspected again but the council would like a photo taken. Bernard Copelin said it was the church boundary wall. Cllr Theobald has letter.
- Yellow boxes not the responsibility of the council but the Highways Commission. BB/MM (contractors) drawing up plans to ease congestion. Cllr Theobald has letter.
- Flooding & Drainage – all gullies and drains have been cleansed which was necessary after the snow and the excessive amount of grit deposited on the roads. Patcham particularly bad.
- Gullies in Patcham due to be cleansed by City Clean in May/June. Cllr Theobald has letter.

4. Treasurer's Report: Bank account £1,194.46 - Petty Cash account £51.88

5. Crime Report:

Sgt. Davidson, Sgt Cole and PCSO. Terri Hammond were present. Main concern in Patcham is 'distraction burglaries'. Neil Milmine said he had highlighted this in his newsletter. PCSO Hammond said we should make all our neighbours aware of this.

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6. Council:

- Tony Baker a representative of the Environment Improvement Team was present and explained what their objective was. Mainly to try to reduce crime by making public places more environmentally friendly. They made use of Community Payback whereby people who had committed crimes have to do work for elderly people. They are responsible for putting large paintings in empty shop windows to deter troublemakers. They also carry out gating orders.
- There are now 36/37 LAT groups across the city, and LAT chairs meet from time to time.
- Tony Meadows made the comment suggesting that the LAT and the Neighbourhood Watch, should be joined together as one community body, as both deal with crime and community safety. He also I said it would better and stronger in numbers, and that we could then produce a newsletter together for both groups, because, he said, I've been in Patcham for ten years, and I've never received a leaflet from the LAT or the Neighbourhood Watch. This is what both groups should be doing and reaching out to residents and giving them information. It would also mean, the police and councillors would only have to come to one meeting.
- Yvonne Ray also said she thought there should be a formal link between LAT and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Sgt Davidson said he didn't think a link was necessary as their aims were entirely different.

Police:

- Parking around schools- PCSO Hammond had looked into this and is trying to get it sorted.
- A new lollipop man, Mr Cole, has been appointed to patrol in Ladies Mile Road.
- Speeding in Mackie and Vale Avenues – possibility of a speed gun as a deterrent .
- Parking in Sunnydale Avenue – PCSO Hammond has posted letters in every house, situation improved slightly for a few weeks but is as bad ever.
- Most important that crimes are reported immediately.

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7. Publicity:

- Argus does a Community Page contact Joe Wandsworth.
- An advert/article will be published in Patcham's edition 'THE **POST**', due in the May 2010 edition.
- Barry L'Armie would like to print some flyers to hand out at the Horticultural plant sale to be done at Fox & sons.
- Tony Meadows said his mobile number could be put on the flyers.
- Minutes of the LAT Chairmen's meeting published on 'Safe in the City' website.
- Barry Edmonds said an advert could be put in the Community Centre's 'What's On' booklet.

8. Ranger:

The new ranger for the Ladies Mile reserve is Will Furze. He works with the police and has posted various notices on the site. Said there are plans for consultation re having sheep on the reserve. He said the public will be consulted. Cllr Pigeon knows of several people who are concerned about having sheep on the site.

9. AOB:

- LAT having a stall at the Patcham Horticultural Society's Annual Show.
- Chair Neighbourhood Watch for Windmill View showed photos of sign, erected by builders in front of the Windmill View development which has deteriorated. Cllr Pigeon said he had been told it was nothing to do with the council. Cllr Theobald said he would try and find out who was responsible for it.
- Travellers in Ditchling Road – Cllr Theobald had an e-mail from the council to say that the bailiffs were being called in.
- Bernard Copelin had e-mailed Aaron Robins (re Veterans Day), but as yet has had no reply.
- Barry L'Armie asked when the AGM would be. Bernard Copelin said it would have to be decided.

10. Date of next Meeting: 20th May 2010 at 19:00hrs (7pm)