

PACT

Partners and Community Together

Held on Friday 29th January 2010, 12:00 at St Marks Church, Pysons Road, Ramsgate

Panel Attendance

PCSO Dan Mimran	PCSO Northwood
PCSO Anne Finch	PCSO Northwood
Craig Prentice	Fegans '160'
Kazim Mirza	TDC Housing
Bob Shepherd	TDC Warden
Jackie Leyland	Orbit South
Karen Campbell	Orbit South
Sue Bradford	Hyde Housing

Panel Apologies

Cllr Elizabeth Green	KCC Northwood Ward Councillor
Lindsey Wake	Hyde Housing Officer
Katy Lane	TDC Housing
John Bloomfield	TDC Warden
Jessica Bailey	Thanet Community Safety Partnership
Lindsay Wake	Hyde Plus

Panel Guests

Cllr Mark Nottingham	KCC Northwood Ward Councillor
Hannah Thorpe	TDC Communications
Deborah Flavel	Orbit South

Residents Attendance - 7

Whitehall's Priorities

- Upkeep and Regeneration of Coleman Park
- Anti-Social Behaviour caused by Young People Park
- Youth Engagement (Youth Activities)

Chaired by PCSO Dan Mimran

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **PACT process explained**
- **3 Priorities outlined**
- **Explain future PACT process alteration**

The three priorities scheme is changing to 1 achievable priority for next meeting, however the 3 current priorities will still remain as 'aims' for the ward to achieve.

- **Whitehall Rec. Project update**

Ground-works undertook a consultation and the deadline is 31-01-10. Approximately 150 consultation forms have been sent to TDC out of approximately 500. Fegans have also received about 12 forms and are awaiting for results to be collated.

The Whitehall Rec. Project is building momentum to get attention for the park. Fegans will hold a fun day on Whitehall Rec. in May 2010 and Ground-works will hold a further wider consultation.

- **Recent ASB**

The average level of calls for Northwood ranges between 30-40 calls per month, in August 2009 calls reached 56 and September 2009 was at 46. ASB calls spiked in October 2009 with 80 calls received to the Force Control Centre. By November 2009 calls lowered to 40 and December 2009 dipped to 16 calls.

This was due to local youth creating a gang called, 'NFS' or 'Northwood/Nixon Foot Soldiers' which were involved in ASB, criminal damage and thefts in the Northwood and surrounding areas.

In response to the Police worked with local housing officers initially by visiting the youths parents and informing them of their behaviour. A multi-agency meeting was held to counteract the rise on issues, through this several arrests were made and one youth was signed up to an ABA (acceptable behaviour agreement). Also the ward was prioritised for extra patrol during evening times to increase the Police presence at night time.

With all the actions taken the by early December 2009, the calls dropped and gang had been disbanded.

A resident asked if all the youths in the gang where from the estate; a small proportion were from off the estate but two of the five instigators where not from Northwood.

Resident; did any of the local youths get arrested. Told that there were approximately 8 arrests and some of those where of local Whitehall youths.

Police; The low ASB figures are not realistically going to stay so low but with the effective action taken against the offenders this should dissuade future offenders.

TDC housing; again realistically May summer time, ASB will rise and people are encouraged to continue to report incidents.

- **Youth engagement**

Fegans funded Connexions a youth work project design to help young persons who are no in either full time education or employment.

The new Fegans summer project leaflet is coming which will run activities between April-October 2010 offering young people to take part in after school activities at the Whitehall Rec. and also running a 'Girls Night' at Fegans '160' centre.

Fegans are still offering diversionary activities and one to one support.

- **Open floor for residents issues**

Resident; adults still riding push bikes on foot paths along Margate Rd.

Police; tickets still being issues and advise given to under 17's as not eligible. A town councillor organised cycle lane and islands on Maragte Rd from Hare & Hound pub upto Westwood Cross. We will consult with her to try ascertain if this can be done down towards the viaducts.

Resident; There is an issue with vehicle parking on the cycle lane and if cycle lanes can be added to footpath (and extended).

Resident; dog fouling is still an issue on Margate Rd too.

Police; We will increase presence to try catch offenders and request help of TDC dog warden with area checks.

Resident; Vehicle owners who park on cycle lane and double yellows along Margate Rd need to be ticketed to prevent accident as they cause a hazard.

TDC; Will speak to traffic department and request traffic wardens attend Margate Rd.

Resident; has written a letter to Ground-works expressing her concerns and gave a copy to local PCSO for their reference.

Resident; have an issue with a gap in the fencing at Jackie Baker leading to rear of properties at Cherry Tree Gardens and want to gap blocked up.

Police; Will make contact with Paul Verral – TDC open spaces manager to try and request the fence be blocked up.

- **Achievable priority for next April 2010 meeting**

Traffic wardens to attend Margate Rd and issues tickets to vehicle parked on double yellow lines. This should reduce hazardous parking and will deter drivers from leaving vehicle on double yellow lines along Margate Rd.

Meeting end at 12:45