

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>PACT meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27/02/24</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Portswood Church, Portswood</b>

<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p><b>Staff:</b>          Malkeat Singh - SCC          Francesca Prior - SCC          Adam O'Neill – Police          Councillor John Savage          Councillor Matthew Renyard          Councillor Anne Marie Finn          Councillor Mike Denness          7 residents          3 members – Highfield Residents Association</p>
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<p><b>Apologies:</b> Claire Jackson, Councillor Katherine Barbour, Paul Howlett – SCC</p>
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1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions.</b>            Francesca welcomed everyone to the first PACT meeting for some time and explained it is hoped to hold them bi-monthly as they are an opportunity to listen to the police priority's as well as concerns raised by the community.            All attendees introduced themselves</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b>            ACTION – FP to ask homelessness to ask if there is anything. Reference door knocks for new students when they move in. FP sent the email – no response            ACTION – HRA to discuss doing a neighbourly door knock to warn students. Cllr Barbour raised – it was felt it was more appropriate for the University to do this.            ACTION – F.P to email and see if there is anyone from the highways team can attend the next meeting. – FP Sent the</p>	

	<p>email – no response, chased again today.  <b>ACTION</b> – Everyone’s responsibility to report crime 101, Online or 999 if an emergency.  <b>ACTION</b> – Police to look at the community speed gun programme. Not planned an operation to enforce speed, but has someone from the roads policing unit to start this process – 13<sup>th</sup> march someone is doing blanket training.</p> <p>FP to ask about the timing of the meeting  Cllr Finn suggested staggering the times.  Public – suggested doing from 7pm  Public asked if cops and coffee does it happen – yes, advertise on Social media and Hampshire Alert – try to do this with different businesses.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Police</b></p> <p><b>Round up of Stats:</b>  Previous month Ending Dec  222 crimes in Portwood area 18% decrease from last year  Number 1 crime – is violent crime which includes low level  Public order offences – shouting and language  Vehicle related crime  Shoplifting</p> <p>The community speeding mentioned in the last meeting is what has prompted the blanket training for the neighbourhood’s team to enable them to do some enforcement. Signs fall to the council to fund and organise. The training is the 13/14<sup>th</sup> March and will be out straight away as the cars are all equipped with them.</p> <p>Cllr Renyard – This is the first time I have heard that the Neighbourhood Policing team getting this level of training.</p> <p>Public – Westwood Road – speeding is an issue in this area. Police – this is an issue everywhere.</p> <p>Public – Crossroads by Tesco’s – Lots of road rage, speeding – suggested a yellow box. Public – Lodge Road Tesco’s – when they are busy there are people parking on the road, due to the petrol station traffic – causing congestion, suggested a yellow box on the road.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Police to take away the speeding concerns and to look at doing a hardened approach to this. Highfield lane, Lodge Road</p> <p>Police – when there are serious collisions, they have to complete a road incident report – this can then help / prompts to look at the junction or speed review.  Neighbourhood team is very driven around traffic and drugs issues.</p> <p>Public – Raising issue around 2 wheeled vehicles in Portwood on the pavement – cycles and electric scooters. Concerned about the lack of enforcement – new force policy regarding the scooters, previously the</p>	

	<p>guidance was a little lax, privately owned scooters are illegal, but the Voi scooters are legal and road worthy. New policy to stop privately owned scooter being ridden on the road, a notice is given and told it is illegal, if they are committing road traffic offence then they are now seized, crushed and disposed of. Should start to see more of this.</p> <p>Cllr Denness – Parking on the streets – raised a lot – Police - If there is a danger with a vehicle blocking a drive, 2 wheels on the pavement or parking on double yellow lines – there are 3 offences that can be caused if people park on the pavement. This is usually the council who will do this. Cllr Renyard – Commented that they have written a letter of support for a change in the law for Southampton.</p> <p>Public – Can the police enforce on double yellow lines?, the drivers know that they can get away with this.</p> <p>Police – Can't enforce. Cllr Savage – SCC parking enforcement have been out and do dish out tickets and the enforcement team do hand a lot of tickets.</p> <p>Cllr Renyard – We have taken on additional Parking enforcement officers</p> <p>Action – FP to put Police into contact with the Parking enforcement team – to do a joint operation.</p> <p>Cllr Finn – Issues: Local resident stated that with the warmer weather drug dealing will increase – what should residents be doing to get ahead of this? Police – The team like to enforce the operations regarding drugs – summer months also doing knife awareness, Police try to patrol as much as possible. Would encourage reporting this no matter how minor, ASB helps to build a picture, and can focus the resources.</p> <p>Theft issues are Police using CCTV ie Ring doorbells? Circumstantial – we have an obligation to report crime, sometime there is some footage can't be used – for different reasons. Police – more than happy to discuss with you, if you have been told a case can't be pursued – Adam is happy to help to explain why this decision has been made.</p> <p>Which forms of reporting mechanisms should be used – CPI forms for Cllrs to be used, residents can email Adam or report online.</p> <p>Cllr Renyard - Police are aware that their website need to be improved – reporting you may not always hear back when reporting but it is used for building up a wider picture.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Community concerns</b></p> <p>Street drinkers and groups of people on the Portswood high street – Have the police and others got a plan and strategy – Police have a public space dispersal order in place, to allow alcohol to be removed from people in this area. This is being enforced. FP discussed the Community safety team and the collaborative working.</p> <p>Public – Foster road, between the Aldi carpark – railings and it is</p>	

covered with litter FP to suggest for Community payback to do this

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**Date of the next meeting: TBC**