

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Portswood PACT meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>02/12/24</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:30 – 20.00</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Highfield Church, Highfield Lane</b>

<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Malkeat Singh - SCC          Adam O'Neil – Police          Halvey Morrison – Police          14 x residents including members of HRA          Cllr Anne Marie Finn          Cllr John Savage          Cllr Katherine Barbour</p>
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<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Francesca Prior – SCC          5 x residents including members of HRA</p>
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1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions.</b>            Adam chaired the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>Actions from the last meeting:            Adam went through each action from previous meeting and updated response, they actions were completed.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Community concerns:</b></p> <p>Are police just a presence in the community or do they act when people drive scooters on the pavement – Police do act, they remind that people should not ride on the pavement and confiscate scooters were necessary.</p> <p>There should be more notices and information about people driving scooters on pavements.</p> <p>When people raise issues at these meeting and the police or council take action – how do you feedback –the actions are recorded in the minutes and the council and police feedback at the next meeting, but in future we will take emails details and share the minutes with them.</p>	

	<p>The best way to report concerns is 101 or police social media.</p> <p>Food delivery vans, often driven by people whose English their second language, when unloading goods do not park legally, creating health and safety issues – the council should businesses and drivers to comply with safety regulations – <b>ACTION Malkeat will raise this with the council’s enforcement officers.</b></p> <p>Question regarding how much time the police and council’s enforcement team spend patrolling Portswood High Street – Police cannot give a precise answer, this could vary day to day, depending on what else the police priorities. <b>ACTION Malkeat will share this with the enforcement team feedback the response.</b></p> <p>Questions about the additional Home Office funding were asked and the meeting would like more information about what the programme entails, what the money is being used for and how it will benefit our area in terms of reduced crime levels etc. <b>ACTION Malkeat to raise this with Chris Brown.</b></p> <p>Police have been doing patrols in hot spots to deal with local issues. HRA asked if Adam could write a small paragraph explaining this operation. <b>ACTION Adam to write a small paragraph explain this operation for HRA’s newsletter.</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Police update:</b></p> <p>Month ending Oct 24 (latest available) approximately 159 reported crimes in the Portswood Ward. This is a nearly 5% decrease from the last meeting’s stats.</p> <p>For this year (2024) the crime statistics have remained relatively stable (no major increase, no major decrease).</p> <p>Top reported offences remain violence &amp; sexual offences, shoplifting, public order and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>Adam, didn’t get a chance to share this information at the meeting.</b></p>	
	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>Resent flooding have created issues locally and many roads were closed for hours.</p> <p>Old Cemetery Group have recently had a break in, where all their tools have been stolen, this has been reported to the police and they said they cannot assist – <b>ACTION Adam to follow up.</b></p> <p>Safe Places Project – encouraging local businesses to join up and provide a safe space for the community if they are worried about their personal safety.</p>	

	<b>Date of the next meeting:</b> <b>Monday 24 March</b> <b>6.30 – 8.00</b> <b>Highfield Church, Highfield Lane, SO17 1RL</b>	
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