

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Portswood PACT meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>08/09/25</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Highfield Church</b>

### Attendees:

24 x residents and members of HRA

### Staff:

Francesca Prior - SCC

Malkeat Singh – SCC

Cllr Finn

Adam O’Neil - DNO

Ollie Bull – PCSO

### Apologies:

Cllr Savage

Cllr Katherine

2 x HRA members

		Actions
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions.</b> Francesca welcomed everyone to the PACT, confidentiality was discussed</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Action from the last meeting - Police commented that the Echo has reduced the comments being made on stories on the website.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Police – update:</b> Approx 6% decrease on crime stats – top crime type is Violence, then ASB. The protests have taken up a lot of time of the policing team – other areas of neighbourhood policing have been neglected.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Community concerns:</b> MOP – PSPO - Updates of the PSPO process and what this will cover moving forward. POLICE – discussed the importance of reporting ASB. It was mentioned that the signage would be put up. Question about the areas it covered – FP suggested the maps are available on the city</p>	

	<p>council website on the PSPO pages.</p> <p>MOP – Does this affect retailers selling alcohol to known offenders?</p> <p>POLICE – There are implications which are investigated, and the licensing teams will be advising and help.</p> <p>MOP – What is the Police strategy for the protest – POLICE – Police response is decided by a team of high-ranking officers. There is a level of rowdiness to be expected at protests, but in the moment our role is to keep the risk level as low as possible and respond in the moment when it is appropriate. But there is evidence being gathered and other crimes are investigated outside of the demonstration. Trying not to elevate risk, there are evidence gathering teams and body worn cameras are all on for all police officers. Cllr Finn - Is there any discussion about moving the protest to somewhere else that will not intimidate people. POLICE - If people are feeling harassment, alarm or distress then this fits the description of ASB so it can be reported to the Police.</p> <p>MOP – Orange scooters – Scooters on the pavement – risk of people being hurt, if cyclists or scooters were to injure people then Police will enforce and will issue tickets if seen. Police- Can look at points on license, dangerous driving. ACTION – Malkeat to invite Southampton University to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>MOP - Late night parking in Portswood – Can I take photos and send them – is it legal.</p> <p>MOP – Cllr Frampton to be informed that someone died due to the community rooms being closed and means that people can't get together other than being outside. ACTION – Cllr Finn to take this to Cllr Frampton – opening the community rooms especially in Ventnor court.</p> <p>MOP – How much more protesting is there? POLICE – No end at this point.</p> <p>MOP – Could you put up some signage to say no scooting on the pavement in the high street? POLICE – It is a bit of common sense, and the policies that people have to accept when hiring a Voi scooter. MOP Suggested a schools Campagne?</p> <p>MOP – Highfield Lane is 20mph – but on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday night there is speeding. POLICE – Report ASB in relation to vehicles on the road. In response to this a community speed watch approach – but previously not had the people to come forward to initiate this idea.</p> <p>Cllr Finn - Raised an issue regarding drug dealing in a specific area, close to the school – POLICE – Aware and had some communication and will discuss further.</p> <p>MOP - Richmond Garden – Rough sleeping, drug use, entering the building – this has been reported but need some help. POLICE – We are aware but do keep reporting.</p> <p><b>Future Portswood PACT meetings:</b></p> <p>Malkeat informed the meeting that future Portswood PACT meetings will be shared with Highfield residents and St Deny's residents, allow both to be able to attend meetings in their locality.</p>	
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	<b>Date of the next meeting: TBC</b>	