

MINUTES

Meeting Title:	PACT meeting
Date:	02/7/26
Time:	18:30 – 20:00
Location:	Highfield Church, Portswood

Attendees:

10 x residents

1 x HRA

Staff:

Francesca Prior – SCC

Malkeat Singh – SCC

PC Adam O'Neil – Police

PC – Connor Jones – Police

PC – Chloe Borr

Ward Councillors

Cllr Barbour – SCC

Cllr Foster - SCC

Apologies:

6 x members of HRA

		Actions
	Introductions: Francesca chaired the meeting, introductions and confidently was discussed. Updates from previous meeting: Public Space Protection Orders update. PSPO details can be found here: PSPO Portswood Fixed penalty notice books have now been delivered.	
	Police PACT meeting in Jan was a whirlwind, so stats are from ending Jan 2026 138 recorded crimes, the latest dataset ends April 2026 151 recorded crimes. This is a 9.4% increase in recorded crimes.	

	In July 2025 there was 148 recorded crimes, so we are at the right baseline. Usually, a slight increase in crime in the warmer months, relating to ASB. But this is nothing to worry about. The protest activity and the disorder also contribute to the Police statistics. ASB is the main crime type and Public Order offences. MOP – What is a public order offence? POLICE – Simply put Any words that created harm or distress MOP – Shoplifting what are the current statistics? POLICE – Don't have the data currently but will bring these next time. However, from the looks of it, according to the Specialist officer there are less recorded shoplifting crimes being reported. Earlier in the year there was a 60% success rate, and this is a lot higher than the usual detection rate across the country. ACTION – Adam O'Neil to bring shoplifting stats to the next meeting.	
3.	Community concerns MOP – Gordon Ave at the top Company servicing vehicles, loud parties and double parking – this is a residential area and is causing stress. Didn't know if calling 101 was suitable? Alcohol is also being drunk on the street? Would Police respond? POLICE – This comes under Central patch, this could have a response possibly a grade 2 or 3, subject to the demand of the police on the night. This is ASB and is detrimental to your everyday life. FRANCESCA – Advised regarding Environmental health, ASB case reviews and will send some other information over to help. MOP – Noise from the Hobbit and Jesters sound travels to Ascupart House FRANCESCA – This is with licensing, but you can report through the Southampton City Council website to raise any issues. CLLR Barbour – Discussed the licensing process for businesses POLICE – Everyone needs to address the licensing objectives. MOP – Lives close to the Highfield hotel – is there going to be a protest tomorrow? POLICE – Nothing confirmed but there will be a Police presence in case. MOP – Portswood broadway – Scooters and bikes, has anyone been charged or convicted as they shouldn't be on the pavement? POLICE – We are not good at publicising our conviction rates for this, it is usually traffic regulations used to address this. MOP – Can there be some signs put up on the? ACTION – Francesca to discuss signs for no bikes and scooters on the pavement on Portswood. Also, with Coms to get some messaging out, POLICE – Will challenge it when it is possible. MOP – SCC and Police are the legislations going to change to catch	

	up? POLICE – The Voi scooters are legal, and the others are not legal, as they are not road legal. Education is a point that is not being addressed enough regarding where private scooters can be used. CLLR – Has reported a Voi scooter and Voi came back quickly and were really useful. MOP – What has been happening outside the Highfield house – this was noise – it stopped and then has started up again. Can the noise issue be dealt with? POLICE – When organising a procession then a notification to the Police must be made due to the impact on the community and traffic. Everyone has a right to protest, freedom of speech these are protected. Local Authority and Police have explored options to help prevent the noise and preventing regular protests. MOP – I have felt safe walking through the protests, due to the Police response and reassurance. So, thank you. MOP – What is the legal line on parking on the pavement? Particularly when the dropped curbs are blocked. POLICE – This is a parking issue, and they would deal with this, can fall into a Police issue then it can be classed as a dangerous incident. MOP – How do we get in touch with someone when it happening as usually about 6pm at night? POLICE – Depending on the situation, this could be a Police matter if it is dangerously obstructing vehicles reporting to 101 – Southampton city council can take reports of parking issues and will follow this up. If in doubt direct to the Police. Cllr – Any issues on Portswood Broadway MOP – This has been reported several times, and it continues. Can Police pour it away. POLICE – We now have fixed penalty notice books, we do try to advise other colleagues to enforce the PSPO when out and about. ACTIONS ACTION – Adam O’Neil to bring shoplifting stats to the next meeting. ACTION – Francesca to discuss signs for no bikes and scooters on the pavement on Portswood. Also, with Coms to get some messaging out.	
	Date of the next meeting: St Denys Community centre	