

MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

June 2007



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NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 7.00 pm
Meon Road School, Meon Road

AGENDA

Southern Water Flood Prevention Proposals at Bransbury Park
The Future of Neighbourhood Policing
Update on Residents' Parking Scheme

Local Issues

Many thanks to all the residents who completed survey forms at the last Forum which told the Council that there is high level of support for

- The present forum boundaries
- The leaflets we send to you
- The chance to have your say
- Four local Forums a year
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Some suggestions for improvements were made

- 7.0 pm is too early for workers to attend
- Councillors should stay for the whole meeting
- City Wardens should attend regularly to answer questions.

Other comments reflected opposing views

- more time for questions/ less time for questions.
- Meetings too short/ meetings too long

The topics most important to the people answering the poll were

- Parking
- Traffic calming and rat runs
- Excessive building development
- Activities for young people
- Better policing after 10pm
- Rubbish and street cleaning
- Transport planning
- Regeneration of Milton Village Hall

With interest also in keeping local shops, community room for Moorings Way area; lack of dog bins in Locksway Road; state of Milton common footpaths; usage of Shelford Road one-way system. We will continue looking at your suggestions, but if you didn't come to the meeting, we don't have your views! Come along on 27 June or write to the address on the back. We are YOUR FORUM.

Chair

FORUM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

28 February 2007

RESIDENTS' PARKING IN MILTON

Michael Robinson, Deputy Parking Manager for Portsmouth City Council, confirmed that residents' parking schemes across Milton would be finalised and implemented shortly, probably during June 2007. He stated that the scope of the scheme(s) would be based upon information submitted by residents, who have been asked whether or not they wish for a scheme in their area.

Michael explained that information received from residents indicates that those in the western side of Milton were in favour of a residents' parking scheme, whereas those in the eastern side were not.

Questions from the floor included whether every household in the area has been contacted to submit comments, and whether the final scheme will be based upon imperfect information if only a percentage of residents respond. He stated that if 30% of residents respond, and if the majority of that 30% are in favour of a scheme, then the City Council will implement one. A show of hands indicated that some residents present wanted a scheme, and others did not. Michael stated any scheme implemented would be monitored and, if necessary could be modified.

(See page 6 for update on Residents' Parking)

Simon Moon spoke about traffic calming initiatives in the area. As the humps have reduced the speed of traffic and have done what they set out to do, they will remain. He confirmed that speed humps are of a standard height. As some of them are wearing and showing metal through the covering, they will be repaired by Colas.

Residents asked why Catisfield Road was excluded from the one-way scheme, as it is felt that it now takes more than its fair share of traffic. Councillor Alex Bentley confirmed that a survey could be undertaken in the next six months and the statistics on local traffic

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flows communicated to residents. Simon confirmed that the 20mph speed limit will stay in the area and that pollution levels were measured before restrictions were put in place and these could also be compared with current levels if necessary.

In response to a specific question, Simon agreed to investigate the poor signing at Shelford Road, where the "no entry" sign is not readily visible until vehicles have entered the road which could result in accidents.

YOUTH ACTION UPDATE

Julian Wadsworth, Project Leader working at Milton Village Hall, gave an update on what is happening in the area for young people, focusing on a project operating in Milton and Eastney, based at Bransbury Park. The scheme is backed by the Football Foundation and organized through Portsmouth Football Club, together with a range of local professional youth workers. *(see latest news on Page 8)*

The scheme is a **social inclusion project**, encompassing 2,500 young people from the area and with participation being linked to school attendance and behaviour. It covers youngsters aged between 10 and 19 years of age; is free but they must live in the area bounded by Henderson Road, Highland Road, St. Augustine Rd., Goldsmith Ave., Rodney Rd, Velder Ave., Moorings Way, shoreline, to Ferry Rd. as shown on the map provided to the meeting.

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

Tim Gates, from Southsea Fire Station, spoke about a free home fire safety scheme operated by the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. Fire Officers will visit residents in their own homes (by invitation) to advise on safety issues, formulate escape plans in the event of a fire and supply **free smoke detectors**. Advice can also be provided on methods to prevent or reduce the risk of arson opportunities. Contact **02380 626809**, community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk

Forum Committee Support

A big 'Thank You' to Liz Head Rapson and Lyn Timms for their help and support to the Forum Committee. Co-opted to forge links with Miltoncross School where they are Governors, Lyn and Liz organised pupils to help at our Picnics on the Green, introduced the school orchestra to play there, ran stalls, brought us information about school activities and strengthened interest at school in community matters. Sadly, their duties as Governors have to take more of their time, so they will be leaving us.

Welcome to new committee members **Irene Livingstone**, **Jim Scarrott** and **Linda Smith** from the Old House at Home.

RESIDENTS' PARKING UPDATE

As a result of the discussion at the 28 February Forum, local Councillors have discussed the introduction of a local scheme and agreed to re-survey streets in our area to gauge support for residents' parking on Portsmouth FC match days only or 7 days per week. So look out for the letters when they come to you – don't throw them out with the 'junk mail'. MAKE SURE YOU REPLY WITH YOUR VIEWS.



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Southern Water

Proposals for Preventing Sewer Flooding

The company have prepared a scheme to enlarge the capacity of the pumping station at Eastney. They will be applying for planning permission to build a new £10m pumping station to manage storm water flows and to support the present station during storms.

Portsmouth's Victorian sewers carry rainwater as well as sewers. As storms are becoming more frequent this has put a strain on the existing system. Two-thirds of Portsmouth lies below high-tide level so the rainwater and wastewater have to be pumped away rather than flowing away by gravity. The new pumping station will be built alongside the existing station but under Bransbury Park. It will be grassed-over with only the 9 manhole covers surrounded by grasscrete blocks.

There will also be new buildings at the Pumping Station to house , electric booster pumps, a generator and screening equipment to remove debris. These will be housed at the north and north-east part of the existing site where the sewers lie now.

During construction, the site office and materials compound will go on the Fort Cumberland Road car park to ensure Bransbury Park and sports pitches are not affected. A working area including Henderson road car park and some grassland at Bransbury will be needed during construction. The footpath to Wake Lawn will be diverted during this period. Construction work is planned for Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm but pumping away ground water may have to run 24 hours..

We have invited Southern Water to the next Forum on 27 June to outline their scheme and listen to residents' comments.

FIRST LOCAL SPORTS LEADERS GAIN AWARDS



Congratulations to Liam Brown, Harry Taylor, Johnny Parr, Matt Richardson, Will Ingram, Charlotte Sackett, Shelly Pugh, Lee Davies, Hannah Ingram, Rebecca Burridge and Gabby Basketer who have gained Sports Leader Level 1 Awards during the Easter break. The students all attended a 4 day course and undertook 2 hours voluntary work which was organised through the UpFront scheme operating in Milton. Congratulations too to Jai Singh and Mark Daye who completed Level 1 Substance Misuse Awareness, and Dexy Barter, Lee Davies and Jai Singh for completing ABA Boxing Tutor Course.

The UpFront and Positive Futures Schemes we reported in the last Milton Matters have now been running for 4 months in the Milton/Eastney area with over 480 local 10-19 year-olds regardless of ability or background, taking part. The Project, managed by Pompey in the Community delivers sporting and leisure activities with an emphasis on health information, enjoyment of learning, with accreditation opportunities and community awareness.

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tombola
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Activities which have had an impact in the area include Dance, Youth Forums, Boxercise, High Board Diving, Gym, Fitness, Coaching leadership awards, Tennis, Football, Fencing and Golf.

Julian Wadsworth, Project Manager says "We are really aware that the whole area needs a truly holistic approach to working with young people and residents in our wards. We are working hard to support local schools with young people who are disengaged in some way from mainstream education and have had some level of success already at Miltoncross School in the past 4 months".

Positive Futures staff are now seeing the hard work they put in last



year, paying dividends with development of new sports facilities at Bransbury Park where they have enlarged our Skateboard area. Future expansion of Eastney Community Centre will also help them deliver a wide

range of new structured activities.

The scheme has funding for 3years but with the support of its partners - the Police, University, Royal Navy, Portsmouth Council and Connexions, hopes to extend this and introduce new face-to-face workers into the area to improve participation opportunities.

For information ring Julian Wadsworth 07824415169 or Joanne 07824 415170, Jamie 07824 415171

POLICE NEWS

Operation **COBRA** Locksway Road

We have been alerted by the local Police of vulnerable cars in Locksway Road area. Project **COBRA** is aimed at reducing car crime so

- Always lock your car and put your windows up even if just getting petrol or posting a letter
- If you are stationary in traffic, keep doors locked and windows not too far down to stop 'bag grab'
- Don't even leave low value items in the car as thieves will smash and grab looking later to see if things are valuable
- Don't hide items under the seat or in glove box as someone may have watched you - use the boot before leaving home
- Nearly half of incidents where items are stolen from cars happen when they are parked overnight close to home
- Chose a stereo that can be removed and make sure you take it

Neighbourhood Policing

Come along to the next Neighbourhood Forum on 27 June at Meon Road School to hear how the Neighbourhood Policing Pilot Project in Portsmouth has worked. It was introduced in April last year and has now been refined and extended to the whole of the Hampshire Force.

A key feature of Neighbourhood Policing is community liaison and this is why there Local Surgeries run by the Police Community Support Officers. Here in Milton they are run at the local Co-op in Eastney Road at various times of the day to enable all sections of the community, pensioners, school children, workers to contact the PCSOs inside the store to discuss any areas of concern or to get information. Look out for their **SANDWICH BOARD** outside the Co-op when they are on duty. Their Community Bus is always available in Palmerston Road on Thursday afternoons and at other times around the city. Lots of leaflets and bike marking kits are available, so use these services!.

On Page 11 there is a form for you to complete with your queries for the Neighbourhood Policing team to answer at the next Forum. Please try to get them in a few days before the meeting so they can give you their reply

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING COMMENTS SHEET
Post your sheet to the FREEPOST address on Page 12
Or leave it in the Police Box in Eastney Road Co-op
Old House at Home pub in Locksway Road

LOCAL PRIORITIES

What would you say are the 3 most important issues in your neighbourhood area?

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