

MILTON MATTERS

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MILTON PARK

NEXT FORUM

4th November 1999 at 7.00 pm - Milton Campus Lecture Hall

***** AGENDA *****

- * **Fratton Industrial Estate - Planning Proposal**
- * **Changes To Electoral Ward Boundaries**
How will this affect your representation rights
- * **Portsmouth University and the Community**
An update on QEQM and the Langstone Lunch Club
- * **Election of Secretary and Forum Reps.**

Help A Child To Read Success Story!

In our January edition we ran an advert from the Portsmouth Branch of Volunteer Reading Help, a national charity which links school children between the ages of 6 and 11 with local volunteers from the local community to help with their reading. Remember it? **Help A Child To Read.**

The scheme has been running in Portsmouth for a year now and we have asked by Hayley Bell (Branch Organiser) to give an update on their progress.

The charity was set up in 1973 to help primary school children with their reading. The Portsmouth Branch is one of the newest among the 41 branches nationwide and is pleased to report is operating with great success thanks to the support from the community. One hundred children in Portsmouth are now receiving a volunteer's special help and encouragement with their reading on an individual basis for one hour a week.

The Volunteers are a special group of people who come from all walks of life and with the only proviso that they be over 18.

They are making a difference in eleven primary schools in our area.

If you have time to spare, like children, enjoy reading and have plenty of patience - the group would like to hear from you.

Come and make a Difference

For further details, please contact:-

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Changes To The Constitution

In Previous years the Forum has been able to fund the printing of MILTON MATTERS through successful applications to the Community Initiatives Scheme run by PCC. As a result of changes to this scheme we are in a situation where we need to be able to generate our own funds - to this effect we have to seek approval from the Forum to amend our constitution. The following section is therefore proposed for inclusion .

"The Forum shall have the power to raise funds on behalf of the Neighbourhood Forum for the purpose of funding Milton Matters and other projects agreed by the Forum.

An account shall be opened in the name of the Forum with a reputable "High Street" institution and the Forum shall authorise the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or designated Committee Members to sign cheques on behalf of the Forum.

All cheques shall be signed by not less than 2 authorised signatories.

At the annual general meeting the Secretary shall produce in writing a full account of all financial transactions in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act."

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## **Election of Secretary & Forum Reps**

Hilary Collins' term of Office as Secretary to the Forum is due to expire at this Forum Meeting and as such we are required to advertise the post.

If you are interested or wish to find out more about the role, or even if you only wish to help on the committee as a Forum Representative - its only one evening a month then please contact one of the Reps - see the back page for contact details.

The Planning Department can decide the merit of tree protection in conservation areas to maintain the character of that area.

The Planning Department prefers early involvement in site re-developments to select the best trees to be maintained and ensure the design of the development takes these trees into consideration including protection during the build. A land survey grades trees into categories:-

Green for most desirable, blue for groups, brown for minimal lopping and red for removal.

If a TPO is breached in any way the penalties are high. Members of the forum called for more voluntary tree wardens and a plan of TPO's to be held in Milton Library.

### **MILLENNIUM EVENTS IN MILTON PARK**

The Chair introduced Colin Read PCC Parks Services Manager.

The 75th Anniversary in Milton Park was a huge success but members views of this years funfair were less favourable.

Mr. Read explained plans for a Millennium Parks Road Show to be staged in six parks at two week intervals.

He asked for commitment and ideas to support a one day event.

Ideas already put forward:-

- \* A stage for local bands
- \* Marquees for community organisations.
- \* Sports development for children
- \* Funfair for small children
- \* Catering by a funfair provider who will provide some funding.
- \* Portsmouth Players to open the Barn
- \* Local Pubs already interested.

The cost was explained and the idea of a one day event to maximise the impact with a full and interested programme was supported by the Forum with an offer of help in arranging the event.

The Chair thanked Mr. Read and explained a funding bid had been submitted to the Community Initiative Fund.

## **MOBILITY POLICY - PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

The Chair welcomed Patrick Finch the Director of Estates and resources for Portsmouth University for coming to discuss the Enforcement of Parking Restrictions at Langstone Campus, Furze Lane which in the opinion of local residents was clearly not working. Mr. Finch explained the background to the 1993 Mobility Policy aimed at reducing the impact of the University on the City.

### **Specific Issues**

- Restrict movement of cars between sites
- Minibus service provided
- network of cycle provisions, working with the City
- Managing the University car parks effectively, 1500 spaces available.
- Expansion of the I.T. network facilities to all sites to cut out journeys eg Library.

### **New Introductions**

- University car parks have a stricter regime using permits
- A charge for students and staff which has produced, £35,000 this year and should be £55.000 next year.
- Discouraging the use of cars, by indicating alternative transport services.
- Fewer parking permits in the University parking areas.
- 1000 cycle racks installed around the City some belonging to the University.
- Free Minibus transport between sites
- Discussions with 'First Bus' to improve late night service for students.
- Student Union Representatives educating the Students.



With regard to the Langstone Campus, the no student parking policy was not working and could not be enforced. Residents were invited to telephone 834418 with specific complaints e.g. parking in disabled spaces.

The Forum considers the Mobility Policy ineffective and lacks confidence in actions being taken. Mr Finch was asked to re-examine the problems and consider alternative proposals.

Other issues raised:-

- ♦ Why are University Car Parks not fully utilised? It is part of policy to discourage car usage by restricting parking permits. It was suggested filling available spaces would relieve pressure in the city.
- ♦ Enlarged Sports facilities at Langstone will be met by more buses to transport players but more on road parking cannot be ruled out.
- ♦ Wheel clamping - if circumstances dictate.
- ♦ Local resident to be allowed to park on Campus - this idea could be looked at.
- ♦ Residents only parking scheme. The Forum did not support this idea at present.

The Chair thanked Mr Finch but confirmed the Forums view that the policy is not working or enforceable and looked forward to any new proposals from the University.

Mr Finch agreed and would discuss the issues again and try to improve the situation.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Play Areas at Milton - St James Housing Area - PCC awaiting handover of site.

Play Area - Milton Common - Proposals in early stages. The Forum voted 17 for none against.

#### **AT THE NEXT FORUM**

Amendment to Forum Constitution to include holding a bank account.  
Post of Secretary for next two years.

The Chair thanked all of the speakers.

## PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY SYNTHETIC TURF PITCH LANGSTONE CAMPUS

Forum representatives were invited to the official opening of this facility on the University Playing Field at Furze Lane on 5 October. An impressive University of Portsmouth Hockey XI were pitched against an Olympic All-Stars and Guests XI which included GB Gold Medallists David Faulkner, Sean Kerly, & Steve Batchelor.

The pitch which remains floodlit on weekdays until 10 pm each night is open 9 am - 10 pm weekdays, 9am to 5pm at weekends. It can be reserved by local clubs and groups for football, lacrosse or hockey by phoning **843520**. The pitch offers car parking on the Campus, not local roads please, and changing facilities.

| Charges          | Full Pitch |          | Half Pitch |          |
|------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
|                  | Peak       | Off Peak | Peak       | Off Peak |
| Schools          | £35.25     | £23.50   | £20.00     | £16.50   |
| Community clubs  | £35.25     | £26.00   | £20.00     | £16.50   |
| Community casual | £37.00     | £27.00   | £22.50     | £16.50   |
| Student/staff    | £30.00     | £21.50   | £17.50     | £15.00   |

Peak times - all weekend and after 5pm weekdays  
All prices include vat and are for 1 hour use

## PORTSMOUTH'S ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Local Government Commission is currently examining the electoral structure (No of Wards, Ward boundaries, interests, population changes, mix between housing and industry etc.

We have a speaker from PCC coming to explain how the process is being undertaken, its timetable and how you can have your say,

Useful Numbers:

834055/834123 - If you have questions you would like to ask PCC

0171 430 8400 - Local Government Commission  
e-mail - lgce2@dircon.co.uk

# LANGSTONE LUNCH CLUB



**A lunchtime meal  
for the over 60's of Milton**

**Only £1.60**

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Free raffle every 4th week!**

Starting Thursday 14 October  
And every following Thursday  
12 til 1pm

In University Refectory at Langstone - Run by  
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## Wordsearch - Out And About in Milton

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1. Three Pubs around Milton Park (9,5. 5,5. 6,4.)
2. Two Lanes ( 5 and 6)
3. Residence of Learning ( 9 and 6)
4. Winter Visitors ---- ( 5and 5)
5. ---- and Where You May Spot Some ( 7 and 4)
6. A Sweeper (5), a Seabird (8), an Old Coin (9) ---- all Nearby?
7. St James Gardeners (12)
8. Do Not Stamp On The Grass Here ( 9 and 4) ---- or Sleep On It There! ( 4 and 4)

**Answers Can Be Found in Straight Lines in Any Direction**

## **Broom Square Residents & Portsmouth University**

During the last Milton Neighbourhood Forum, Mark Clarke (the Campus Manager at Langstone) and Maria Wells (Community Mediator) agreed to meet with a contingency from the Broom Square Area Residents' Association.

This meeting took place on 15 September, when a number of issues were addressed, including:

Students parking within Broom Square.

Sports field users parking on the lay-by on Furze Lane.

Children playing on Langstone site and the hazardous consequences.

Langstone Lunch Club

The all-weather pitch.

It was agreed to try and resolve as many of the residents' concerns as possible, and to look into ways that may assist with other difficulties that are being currently experienced. The meeting was very useful to both parties and it was agreed to keep in contact and to review the situation on a regular basis.

If you would like further information on any of these issues then please contact Dave Wilcox (Chair of the Residents Association) or Maria Wells (Community Mediator - Portsmouth University)

## **St James' Memorial Park Trust**



The Trust is seeking information from those who have over the years used the hospital grounds either in an organised or informal manner such as walking the dog, casual sports, general relaxation etc. They are particularly interested in use going back some 20 - 30 years. Remember the piggeries, fruit orchard, corn fields, United Hospitals Football and Cricket teams?

If you have interesting information regarding the use of the grounds then please contact the Chair of The Trust

Ms Caroline Scott

15 Locksway Road, Milton 291119).

## **MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 14TH JULY 1999**

### **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

Apologies: Cllr. Bentley

### **THE CHAIR'S OPENING ADDRESS**

The committee receive many communications for Forum information and consultation. Copies of the following items are available:-

1. Portsdown Credit Union - a financial co-operative for community members without a bank account who seek support.
2. The City Crime and Disorder strategy.
3. Avenues Community Association Play Area Scheme.  
The Association wish to establish a play area on Milton Common and requested the Forum to accept and support the idea.
4. Review of the City Plan.
5. Childrens Evens in Milton Park for Summer 1999.

### **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

The Chair welcomed Bob Colley from PCC Planning Department and Stewart Campbell Portsmouth City Assistant Tree Officer.

Milton has 1900 of the City's 5500 trees with many concentrated in the St. James Hospital and Locksway Road University sites.

The 1990 Act gave Local Authorities the power to protect trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and the regulations were explained.

The order covers trees within an area, particular specimens or groups of trees.



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