

HAZEL GROVE WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 22 September 2009
At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Christine Corris and Stuart Corris.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Stuart Corris be elected Chair of the Ward Committee for the duration of the Ward Committee.

Councillor Stuart Corris in the Chair

2. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 8 July 2009 were approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Brendan O'Brien (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the Hazel Grove Ward Committee area.

Inspector O'Brien, who had recently taken up the post leading the East Neighbourhood Policing Team, outlined his key priorities. These included:-

- A commitment to reducing volume crime, such as burglary and vehicle theft.
- Identifying priorities through consultation with the public through "street-a-week" operations.
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Ensuring the public were aware of the work of the Police

A number of issues were discussed including:-

- Setting up neighbourhood watch schemes.
- A recent attempted abduction from Hazel Grove Station Car Park.
- Powers of arrest of Police Community Support Officers, and the possibility of extending these powers to include traffic enforcement.
- The increased police presence in Hazel Grove on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Focussing on priority areas and hotspots and using large numbers of officers to target trouble makers. This may lead to less attention to other areas.
- The need to tackle the causes of alcohol associated anti-social behaviour by focussing on those supplying alcohol and parents not properly supervising

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youngsters drinking.

- The deployment of speed cameras and traffic officers, and the limited resources available for this across Greater Manchester.
- Parked vehicles causing obstructions and the enforcement of this offence.
- Specific problems with youths drinking in Green Lane Park.

RESOLVED – (1) That Inspector O'Brien be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

(2) That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be requested to ensure that the No Waiting restrictions (zigzag lines) outside Hazel Grove Primary School are enforceable.

(3) That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be requested to remove the covers over the One-Way signs on Grove Street, Hazel Grove.

(ii) Public Question Time

A number of questions were raised and answered at the meeting relating to:-

- Traffic Calming scheme for Hazelwood Road, and a number of parking restrictions. It was reported that the northerly part of Hazel Grove from Commercial Road to Torkington Road would be subject to a full traffic management scheme which would be ready for consultation shortly.
- Problems with nuisance noise from the Royal Oak Public House, Commercial Road.
- Continued nuisance caused to residents by the noise from refrigerator units at premises in Hazel Grove.
- A loose man-hole cover on Hazelwood Road.
- A non-functioning street light (no.22) on Cavendish Road.
- The powers of the Council in respect of overgrown hedges overhanging the highway and causing an obstruction.
- Inconsiderate driving on the A6 in the vicinity of Sainsbury's Supermarket and the possibility of better signage.
- Broken fencing on Bosden Hall Road.
- Problems with parking enforcement in Hazel Grove.

The questions were answered at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Service Director (Public Protection) be requested to visit the premises on Commercial Road to investigate concerns about noise nuisance from refrigeration units.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Area Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm