

## Oakwood Neighbourhood Board

### Minutes of meeting held 31 March 2008 at The Church on Oakwood.

	<p><b>Present:</b>  Councillor Latham – acting Chair  Jack Andrews – resident  David Bryant - resident  Ben Parker - young resident  Joe Watson - young resident  Kristian Hughes – young resident</p>	<p>Rob Fenton – Springwood Leisure Centre  Inspector Richard Keene – Police  Adam Hind – Fire and Rescue  Yasmin Fazil – Community Cohesion Team  Ruth Hardy – Youth Service  Richard Smail – Neighbourhood Manager</p>
	<p>Apologies – Councillor Smalley, Councillor Wood, Rachael Peckham, Dennis Rees, Arlene Rees, Terry Parker</p>	
10/08	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b>  Councillor Latham welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
11/08	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</b>  Minutes of the last meeting were agreed with the amendment to Joe Weston and not Watson.</p> <p><b>2/08 Youth Forum</b> – confirmed that three officers have expressed an interest in leading work to develop a youth forum - PC Scibbens, Ruth Hardy and Rob Fenton.</p>	
12/08	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>  No declarations of interest made</p>	
13/08	<p><b>Neighbourhood Update and Petitions</b>  The Board noted the report and made particular comments on the following updates.</p> <p><b>3. Springwood Leisure Centre</b> – the Board supported the outcomes of the multi agency meeting that took place on 13 March attended by Councillor Wood and a number of agencies. At the meeting it was confirmed that improved CCTV was being installed in April around the centre. Other solutions and outcomes were agreed to tackle ASB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Springwood leisure centre to buy in services of Police PCSO's for April and May twice a week in evenings.</li> <li>• Applying Anti Climb paint to prevent access to roof and courts</li> <li>• B-Active Team to identify what support can be offered to provide activities</li> <li>• Springwood to offer certain courts/facilities for activities</li> </ul> <p>Noted many young people involved in ASB do not live in Oakwood, but recognised need to work on the problem and not worry about where they live</p> <p>Ruth Hardy reported that activities planned for Easter and summer holidays may not take place due to funding problems. Councillor Latham requested that Ruth provides her with the financial information so that she could investigate other funding including a submission to the Oakwood Board.</p> <p><b>5. Gilderdale Way/Limedale Avenue open space</b> – the Board supported the</p>	<p><b>Ruth Hardy</b></p>

	<p>action from Parks officers who have written to Persimmon requesting that they tidy up and maintain this strip of land to reduce Anti social Behaviour and reduce fear of safety.</p> <p><b>6. Saundersfoot Way</b> football on open space – the Board supported the proposals from Parks to allow the grass in middle to grow longer during summer who had also considered tree planting and installing rocks, but these create other problems. Inspector Keene reported that the Police have visited residents, spoken to parents about the problem and asked that they take action to change the behaviour of the young people many of whom are very young. While there is a need to provide a safe environment for play close to home it does not mean damage and anti social behaviour has to be accepted.</p> <p>Councillor Latham confirmed residents continued to complain and that have been asked to report all incidents of damage to the Police.</p> <p><b>Petition, Wayfaring Road</b> – Richard Smail reported on the submission of a petition requesting action is taken to stop cars from parking on Wayfaring Road outside the doctors surgery. A solid white line painted on the roadside does not have an effect.</p> <p>Police agreed to visit the Doctors surgery and Dentist asking them to put up posters and reduce the parking on the road side. Noted that some of those who park there are the staff.</p> <p>To ask Highways and Transport to respond to the Petition</p>	<b>Richard Smail</b>
<b>14/08</b>	<p><b>Police Update</b> – The Board noted the update from Inspector Keene who reported that while crime in Oakwood had increased slightly in the past year the levels are still low compared to the city and detection rates are 1 in 3. Current hotspots in Oakwood are the District centre, Springwood leisure Centre and Smalley Drive area. Inspector Keene also reported on changes to staffing in Oakwood</p>	
<b>15/08</b>	<p><b>Highways and Transport programme 2008/9</b> – The Board noted the two schemes relating to Oakwood that had received approval at Council Cabinet in March 2008. These are the Local Safety Scheme on Bishops Drive to install an interactive sign, subject to the results of a current trial and work to develop the Punctuality Improvement Partnership on public transport in areas including Oakwood. This will identify locations where there are punctuality problems and small improvements can be identified.</p>	
<b>16/08</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups</b></p> <p>The Board noted that no developments had been made with the Young Peoples sub group. The Communications sub group were arranging to meet to consider how to improve communication in the neighbourhood including though websites, community notice boards and newsletters</p>	
<b>17/08</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget</b></p> <p>The Board noted the budget of £4,700 for 2007/2008 and considered one application for funding from Starving for Art.</p> <p>The application was for £500 for Cartridges, paper, CDs, photocopying, printing, Sheet music, sound and light equipment and a Videographer.</p> <p>The Board approved £300 but was mindful that the organisation does not</p>	

	<p>regularly provide benefits to many Oakwood residents. The funding is for contributions towards Cartridges, paper, CDs, photocopying, printing, Sheet music subject to providing a copy of a DVD to the Youth club showing a past performance, Confirmation of legal status, Confirmation of insurance cover for events and public liability and evidence of testimonials from other organisations.</p> <p>The Board expressed its support for an event in Oakwood and would consider funding an event based in Oakwood especially if planned with local young people.</p>	<b>Richard Smail</b>
<b>18/08</b>	<p><b>Date of Future meetings</b></p> <p><b>Board meetings</b> – Monday 16 June at 7pm in the Church on Oakwood</p> <p><b>Forum meetings</b> – Thursday 12 June in Oakwood Community Centre</p>	