



Peninsula Community Forum Minutes

Venue: East Wittering and Bracklesham Barn

Time & Date: Monday 5 March 7pm

Attendance and apologies in *italics*

Selsey	Carol Purnell (WSCC, CDC) John Connor Mike Beal
Birdham	Timothy Firmston Elizabeth Hamilton
Sidlesham	Adrian Harland
East Wittering & Bracklesham	Joe O’Sullivan Brian Reeves
West Wittering	Keith Martin
West Itchenor	Chris Watson
Earnley	Keith Martin
Apuldram	
Donnington	Heather McDougal
Hunston	
North Mundham	
Michael Chater	WS Association Local Councillors
Speakers	Simon Ballard CDC Carolyn Cobbold MPP Shona Archer CDC
CDC representation	Louise Rudziak Jenny Jones

2.	Introductions and Election of Chairman	Action
	Joe Sullivan was elected as Chairman and welcomed all to the East Wittering and Bracklesham Barn. Introductions were made.	
3.	Presentation 1. Planning Enforcement – Shona Archer	
	<p>Shona Went through her presentation explaining about working with the Parishes, reporting, Managing community expectations and the role of the Members using the Birdham site as an example of the difficulties in ‘getting on with it’. They rely on community engagement in reporting to us as is difficult to cover 300 square miles without parish input.</p> <p>They run a contravention list which goes to Planning Committee on a quarterly basis. They often add a caveat as is not the full list. Available via: http://www.chichester.gov.uk/planningenforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications do not automatically go to the parish council unless they are the point of contact – the complainant. They also send out to the parishes a copy of 	

the formal notices.

- Introduced a new on-line enforcement register in order to self-search.
- Enforcement Strategy – gets refreshed as procedures takes place and can be found on the council's web pages.
- High priorities go out immediately – applies to listed buildings and trees
- Un-authorised travellers – private landowners – gypsies who have acquired land
- Medium priorities – amenity problems stopping contractors for misuse of buildings
- Low Priority – advertisements and fences.

Enforcement powers

- PCN's
- Enforcement notices
- Temporary stop notices
- Breach of condition notices
- Section 215 notices
- Prosecutions
- Stop notices
- Court injunctions
- Direct action (when all else has failed)

Things to note:

- There has to be a proportionate response
- Duty to investigate but discretion to investigate.
- Human rights – impacts?
- Unauthorised – not an offence unless they fail to adhere to a notice sent to them.
- Building Operations – lose control after 4 years
- Changes of use of a building – limit is 10 years before losing control.
- Breach of planning – limit of 10 years.

Why does it take so long:

- Access is often very difficult
- Cycle of action – appeal is running at the same time along with challenges and high court challenges so these incur costs along the way. But these are recoverable in most cases with counter fines.
- Districts - Steven Patti – West, Sue Payne – East, Emma – middle, Reg – is assistant to Shona and Nick is technical support officer.

Questions

Q – Do you have the budget to deal with the action against the Birdham travellers?

A – No budget built in but have budget for courts, legal fees, professional services, but when we have direct action we either go through committee or see if funds can be re-directed to address specific works. Re Birdham – some occupants are looking to move to other sites and because they have been there a while we have to look at human rights and will probably go to prosecute to try and wake people up to the seriousness of their situation.

Q – When in court, how much credence does the judge use on human rights?

A – What tips the balance is the rights of the children on site as have to look at their needs. Courts are very mindful of this.

Q – At Selsey have been through appeal then another appeal against refusal.

A – The judge is not going to hear a case unless we have totally exhausted the process. There is currently another appeal in process on this particular case.

Q – Can you go through the process after you have been notified.

A – We do our first visits un-announced and then at some point we have to engage to get access. We don't always send a letter out.

Q – Re Birdham – do you agree that the protracted process puts others off.

A – Yes I agree and there are some self-help books being written about this in order to help people.

Q – Developers who don't develop land– would this come under your realm.

	<p>A – Not sure. Maybe legislation needs to be written. Q – If we lost control of the land as you suggest might happen after 4- 10 years, would that have import for future applications for that site. A – Yes, e.g. a certificate of lawfulness could be issued.</p>	
4.	<p>Presentation 2. Air Quality – Simon Ballard</p>	
	<p>Simon went through his presentation. There are 2 people in the Environmental Health office who deal with land contamination issues which are allied to planning and air quality issues.</p> <p>BACKGROUND In bullet point format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Reasons to be concerned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VW air quality, ○ Government have failed to meet its obligations for National Air Quality and Standards so missed by some period. ○ Charity Client Earth pursued through court and found to be lacking • Public Health England has begun to produced metrics for communities showing death figures totalling over 40,000 people. They published the public health outcomes framework which is online which illustrates all kinds of health impacts. • At local level can see that 4.1% of all deaths are associated with breathing in PN 2.5 • Compared to other places it sits in the middle. • Various bodies have produced documents looking at health impact. • Government have produced air quality plans both in 2015 and 2017 which have been found wanting in the courts. <p>WHAT CDC DO There are 3 real time air quality monitoring stations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockbridge • Orchard Street • Lodsworth <p>They also use small tubes across 10 locations in the district. They have previously monitored in Selsey and the Witterings and all highly compliant so have moved resource elsewhere to concentrate on where there may be issues. All the data is available online. They tested air quality down on the Peninsula at Selsey & East Wittering but this was highly compliant so monitor elsewhere.</p> <p>Monitoring will continue for nitrous dioxide at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Orchard Street 2. Stockbridge roundabout 3. St Pancras 4. The Hornet 5. Rumbolds Hill, Midhurst <p>AQAP – Air quality action plan is available online : http://www.chichester.gov.uk/pollutioncontrolairquality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning applications will tell us whether or not air quality is a potential issue • All data is on line or Simon can share data with the group. • Action Plan sets out strategically how the Council will tackle air pollution. • Partnerships – working closely with County. Also a working group – Pan Sussex – working group. • 130,000 vehicles which are qualified for the plug-in car grants. CDC has a Cabinet resolution to deliver 20 electric vehicle charging bays – working with County. • Have doubled the amount of bike racks in the city • Looking to improve their policy placement in the revised local plan. • Have started a car club using DEFRA money – so PAYG for cars <p>Questions Q. The Government has said and pushed diesel cars as being better for the environment but now with hindsight it was not better. The naturalists had decided it is better to have wood burners than fossil. But back in 60's they banned anything which smoked. There are so many people switching to it. Is just hitting the motorist enough?</p>	

	<p>A. Transition to low emissions vehicles is better also cheaper through licencing. Coal & Wood has been on DEFRA's agenda for years. Where wood & coal burning comes back, they see a rise in lung cancer rates. This is very uncontrolled – people burn whatever they like and so an idea may be to declare smoke control zones.</p> <p>Q. Modelling of air pollution – around the road use, is it in your plan to look at what will happen re the Whyke roundabout and the Mundham roundabout when there is 1000 houses and a Free school. The 1000 houses in Pagham have only one route west and is through this way so is there anything in pace to see what the effect would be?</p> <p>A. We are out to market with Planning Policy on these issues. Part of that brief is looking at the cross boundary impact with traffic from both Pagham and Havant. It is a very sophisticated piece of work and the output from that modelling will then inform the air quality modelling. There is a habitat assessment which will go on as well. (one informs the other) Tender closes on Friday. John Connor said air quality matters were raised at the recent A27 meeting but what happens is entirely up to Highways England, but they have a duty to take note of what DC's come up with. But this will come out on March 15 meeting.</p> <p>Q. Difference between wood dried out and damp wood. What is the national policy on Green spaces.</p> <p>A. From a policy point of view the strategic gaps have been lost but they're replaced by countryside policies of constraint, so still have protection but they're not branded as a strategic gap any more.</p> <p>Q. We had a 2 hectares site in Birdham which went in for planning, but prior to that all the trees were being burnt. In the future how do we stop the trees from being burnt?</p> <p>A. Advise could call the EA in terms of waste derived from the site.</p>	
5.	Manhood Peninsula – Carolyn Cobbold	
	<p>Update on STOMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU funded project looking at tourism strategy • Produced a survey result <p>Caroline went through the survey results on her presentation which is on the CDC Website. http://www.chichester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=29600&p=0</p> <p>Questions and Answers:</p> <p>Re the Vision strap line – It is too long – 14 words is to much.</p> <p>A: All suggestions welcome</p> <p>Q. Re- growing tourism.</p> <p>A. Emphasis is much more on Stay Tourism rather than Day Tourism.</p> <p>Further discussion on the electronic boards on the A27 which indicates the queues going to the beaches in the summer.</p> <p>Reference was made to the Shoulder period promoting bird watching.</p> <p>Q Why is so much reference made to the 'Witterings'?</p> <p>A The report is aimed at covering all the areas</p> <p>CP said STOMP is just the starting point. The PC's need to take this information and work from it. She also criticised the lack of interest the PC's have shown to this presentation, with such a poor turnout</p> <p>Carolyn ended by saying that she didn't think the District Councillors realised the importance of the amount of tourism created on the Peninsula.</p> <p>The group thanked Carolyn for the presentation</p> <p>All Agreed that the department Place and Growth should look at this seriously.</p>	
6.	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	Were approved and seconded.	
7.	AOB and Future dates and meeting Topics & venues	
	<p>1.53</p> <p>Suggestions for future Topics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan review – June or September • Agricultural Workers v tourism for accommodation so invite John Bunn & Richard Shrub – September • EA – Dominic to talk about flood action on the Peninsula • Someone from Nature's Way – speak with Heather from Donnington PC 	

- Someone from Campaign for Rural England

Next Meeting:

Itchenor – June 4th

Selsey – September 3rd – to confirm

West Wittering– December 3rd – to confirm