

PARISH CONFERENCE - Monday 1st September 2014

ENVIRONMENTAL ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS – KEY DISCUSSION/ACTION POINTS

ISSUE	DISCUSSION POINTS
FLY TIPPING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular articles in Parish Magazines on hotspot areas / enforcement / disposal options
GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education – via community groups such as Scouts / Cubs / Youth groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Champions – Volunteers acting as ‘eyes and ears’ to report environmental ASB to agencies
REPORTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple on line ‘radio button’ form to report incidents (used by Sanctuary housing) Develop existing reporting mechanisms such as e-cops
EVIDENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies require evidence to be good quality and of a standard to build a case; i.e. – photographic, time logs, third party eye witness. General complaints about dog fouling (for example) that do not specify exact locations in a street/estate or times of incidents are difficult to progress from an enforcement point of view. Many complaints to Parishes about environmental ASB are submitted ‘anonymously’ for fear of reprisals or difficulties with people in villages. This presents problems in building audit trails and prevailing on witnesses to submit reports to Police or Council. <p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police and Council to communicate evidence standards guidance for reporting environmental ASB to the Parishes.
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyes and ears community champions were discussed and representatives thought these a good idea. This is the type of scheme run by Fenland District Council as their ‘Street Pride’ initiative. http://www.fenland.gov.uk/article/2126/street-pride Other representatives spoke of the idea of Parish Wardens. Parishes were keen on the idea of Community Safety Partnership (CSP) organised ‘Environmental Action Days’ to audit local environmental ASB and conduct community litter picks and neighbourhood enhancement activities (painting community buildings and furniture such as park benches). <p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Ball (Neighbourhood Support officer, ECDC) to send examples of Voluntary Parish Warden and Eyes and Ears schemes to the Parishes.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council and Police (Nick Ball, ECDC and Sue Loaker, Police) to communicate with Parishes on Environmental Action Days to provide Parishes with means of requesting an Agency Action Day in their locality.
TYPICAL ISSUES IN PARISHES	<p>Parish representatives from the following areas spoke about some of their issues;</p> <p><u>Isleham Parish Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleged drug taking in the village associated with littering on green open spaces. Little physical evidence available though visual reports made. <p><u>Little Thetford:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling in various locations • Driving on public green open space for access. Some areas mentioned as belonging to East Cambridgeshire District Council.
COMMUNITY PAYBACK (PROBATION SERVICE OFFENDERS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Parishes said they had not heard of the service provided by Community Payback (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust) via the District Council. • Parish councillor from Swaffham Bulbeck asked the following; <p>Please could the District Council and Community Payback provide the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of the services that can be provided by Community Payback (what they can and cannot do) 2. Direct contact details at the District Council for providing the service 3. Helpful background information on offenders and assurances around security when they are conducting community payback work in villages. <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council to provide promotional materials and service standards to the Parishes about the provision of the community payback service. • Nick Ball (Neighbourhood Support Officer, ECDC) to provide to all Parishes.