

Subject:

FW: re Complaint

Briefing Note for Item 10.1

Please see email stream below with questions raised from a local resident that perhaps we could give some thought to at our meeting

From: **Sent:** 28 January 2021 15:06

To: John **Subject:** Re: re Complaint

Hi John,

Thank you for your response.

That will be great to try and get to the bottom of this. I will help in any way I can and I am happy to write an article for the Steyning magazine if needed.

Please do let me know of any progress.

Warm regards,

Alice

On 22 Jan 2021, at 9:35 am, John Fullbrook > wrote:

Dear Alice

We do appreciate your position and the awful mess that certain individuals are leaving for the rest of us to deal with.

Our Wardens are aware already not only regards the frequency of dogs messing but also they and the police have been working together to attempt to deal with the issue with the local group of youths.

In future if you are confronted by an awkward situation with the youth group then please call our Wardens and let them attempt to deal with it for you.

We will be sending this email onto them and getting this message out to our councillors also to see if they want to pursue your suggestions or something similar.

Thank you for your concern

Kind regards

John

From: **< Sent:** 22 January 2021 04:32

To: Hazel **Subject:** Re: re Complaint

Hi Hazel,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to me.

Whilst I understand this might be a more seasonal problem, there is still a problem in Steyning. I do wonder how other towns and villages navigate this issue. I have not ever seen dog fouling as bad as I have in Steyning and I have lived in many places in England.

On discussion with my neighbours, they have all said it's a horrendous problem but the authorities will not do anything about it and ignore it. There seems to be some disconnect and discord here, because people in the community are clearly frustrated, as I am. The members of the public who are allowing their dogs to foul clearly are not concerned about any consequence, which I believe is where the problem lies. I do not feel it is a solution to just allow it and have someone just clean it up. Can we apply for dog fouling fine signs to be put up throughout the High Street? If people can read the consequence, they may think twice about it. Perhaps we can also expand on this creatively, group together and get something in the local Steyning magazine to spread the word?

We also have a problem with adolescents smoking cannabis by the two children's parks in the village and the church. I have asked them twice to move on because the smell is so strong around my children when I have taken them to the park. Sadly though because there are many of them and they can look quite threatening, many of the mums resort to leaving the park or just trying to carry on regardless. This might take some police presence in the town by the parks to start conquering this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Warm regards,

Alice

On 13 Jan 2021, at 2:36 pm, Hazel Roxby < wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your email pointing out this issue.

We often notice this becomes a problem during the winter months when the fields and grass areas, where dog bins are situated, are wet and muddy and many dog owners revert to walking their dogs along the pavements instead.

We have our Street sweeper in the High Street early every day and he does clear up any dog fouling on a daily basis.

The supply and emptying service of dog bins is untaken by Horsham District Council and they have stated that normal waste bins are able to be used for dog fouling as long as it is bagged. They are reluctant to place any further bins on highways and walkways.

Horsham District Council do impose fines of up to £1000.00 if someone is caught dog fouling, however it is very rare that anyone is caught in the act unfortunately.

Regards

Hazel

From: <Sent: 28 December 2020 10:03

To: Steyning Subject: Complaint

Good morning,

I write to you today to raise attention to the unpleasant problem that Steyning has with people leaving dog poo. My husband and I had lived here for 3 months and are appalled by the amount of dog poo left on the High Street and surrounding streets. We have both walked through dog poo during the last month. Yesterday we counted twelve poos on the High Street. It is utterly disgusting.

This is a beautiful, historic town with a large family community. It is only a matter of time before my children walk through it or slip on it. When Covid lockdowns ease, the tourists will visit the town and it will leave a particularly bad taste, if one is to step in one or multiple poo's. We need to do something as quite frankly it is out of control and seems to be getting worse. I can't imagine I am the only person who has complained.

There seem to be no dog bins, which would be a good place to start. Another option is to leave out signs and set fines.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,