

## COURT LEET PRESENTMENTS 2008

No.	PRESENTMENT	LEAD OFFICER	LEAD MEMBER	OFFICER RESPONSE
<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY ARTHUR JEFFERY, SOUTHAMPTON COMMON AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY</b>				
1	<p><u>Consultation with Southampton City Council</u> – requesting effective consultation with the city-wide amenity societies citing the loss of the monthly Leisure and Planning consultative groups. The presenter stated that too much reliance was placed on information being released onto the internet and stated that not all citizens had access to the web and that proper consultation with community groups was the correct way to proceed.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	<p>The internet is used as a cost effective way to inform amenity societies and citizens of the Council's plans, service developments and activities that take place. However, it is acknowledged that every citizen may not have access to the internet. Accordingly, the Council also engages with different community groups and the public on general issues through venue or service specific customer forums or user groups as with sports centre or library user and 'Friends of Groups' for parks and open spaces. In addition Southampton Commons and Parks Protection Society and other amenity societies and community groups will be invited to participate in open dialogue and consultation on specific proposals or plans as and when required such as, for example, in parks and open spaces when an application for a green flag, new development or maintenance programme is being considered. As these arrangements are already in place there are no plans to reintroduce monthly consultative group meetings with amenity societies.</p>

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<b>PRESENTMENTS MADE BY REVEREND PAUL FIRMIN</b>				
2a	<u>Fees for the Pear Tree Fete</u> – requesting that the charges for the annual fete held on the Pear Tree Green be removed.	Jon Wallace	Councillors Williams and Hannides	It is felt that a small charge is appropriate, and the fee of £25, as charged in 2007 will apply next year. This is a significant reduction on the fee charged in 2008.
2b	<u>Itchen Bridge Tokens</u> - requesting the use of red token plus the additional value of 10 pence in lieu of using a blue “peak occasion “ token.	Frances Martin	Councillor Dean	<p>The current situation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Red tokens are used off-peak and have the retail value of 30p</li> <li>▪ Blue tokens are used during peak time and have the retail value of 40p.</li> </ul> <p>When a collector processes a transaction they press one button for the vehicle classification (i.e. car or van etc) and one button for either cash or token.</p> <p>The current cash collection system does not allow the toll collectors to process a split transaction. Therefore we only accept either cash or token.</p> <p>If we accepted tokens plus cash we would have no audit trail.</p> <p>The Council’s administration is exploring the possibility of automation of the bridge and/ or the use of smartcards in the longer term.</p>

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<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY JOHN BAILEY</b>				
3	<u>Replacement Memorial Gardens Plaque</u> - requesting the replacement of a plaque missing within the Memorial Garden at the Itchen Ferry commemorating the sacrifice made by villagers and workers of the Supermarine Aircraft Factory during the Second World War.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	The missing plaque was made of bronze and the value of the materials used may have contributed to its disappearance, For this reason it does not seem appropriate to replace the plaque as it was. Officers are happy to continue discussions with Mr Bailey on how the local heritage can be marked in an appropriate and sustainable way.
<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>				
4.	<u>Daisy Dip</u> – inviting Jurors, Council Members and officers to a presentation on the 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 detailing the results of research on ways to improve the Daisy Dip environment and seeking Council consideration to forward their ideas.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides and Williams	The Council has set aside £30k into its Capital programme for improvements to Daisy Dip, and as part of their partnership agreement with Southampton, Groundwork have been engaging with the Schools local to Daisy Dip (Cantell and Basset Green). They attended the presentation and will be taking forward many of the ideas expressed by the pupils as part of the overall landscaping design for the area. A priced plan will be produced to enable us to prioritise what can be achieved under existing funding and what gap will need to be sought from external funding such as grants. Groundwork will continue to engage with the schools (under their partnership agreement) as part of delivering an education package and the ongoing improvements to Daisy Dip. SCC Officers work very closely with Groundwork to ensure delivery of the partnership agreements. Cllr Williams is happy to meet with the School to discuss this project.

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<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY MR R F STROTHER</b>				
5	<u>Notice-boards and public notification of events</u> - presentment made seeking <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the reinstatement of community notice-boards to advertise event on similar terms to Fareham Borough Council in areas of high footfall;</li> </ol>	Jon Wallace/Liz Kite	Councillors Moulton and Williams	(a) Cabinet Member has requested officers to investigate how the scheme is operated in Fareham to see if a similar scheme is viable in Southampton District Centre areas.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. the adjustment of regulations regarding the “what’s on pages” of Southampton Online to allow photographs and emboldened text without character limitation; and</li> </ol>			(b) The Council will be developing the facility to allow photographs to be uploaded to events submissions and include the ability to use bold text. However, for reasons of accessibility and usability, there will be some constraints on the text that is displayed so that all entries are consistent in size and display.
	(c) pages within City View to advertise community events.			(d) Additional space will be available for community events from the February edition of City View.
<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY MRS A SHEA</b>				
6	<u>Council Tenancy Succession</u> – presentment made seeking assistance with a housing matter.	Not applicable	Not applicable	This Presentment was rejected by the Jury.

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<b>PRESENTMENTS MADE BY MR J CANDY</b>				
7a	<u>Leisure and Heritage Consultative Group</u> - presentment made seeking the reinstatement of this group.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	The Cabinet members with responsibility for the portfolio's that impact on the broad definition of Leisure and Heritage (Leisure, Culture and Heritage and Local Services) would prefer to meet with individuals, groups and representatives bodies to focus on specific issues. The Cabinet is committed to meaningful consultation and a range of societies and forums already exist to allow us to carry this out.
7b	<u>R J Mitchell Memorial</u> - presentment made seeking a memorial within the City's parks to note the achievements of one of the City's most famous citizens.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	The Spitfire Tribute Foundation has been formed to deliver an appropriate tribute to the plane and its designer. It is appropriate to focus energies and resources on a single project. The site is unlikely to be in one of the City's parks
7c	<u>Warrior (a former police horse)</u> - presentment made seeking the relocation of a headstone dedicated to the former police horse to the City's central parks	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	The headstone at the Municipal Golf Course has marked the resting place for the horse since the Golf Course opened. It is considered inappropriate to move the headstone away from the burial site and moving the remains to the central parks.
7d	<u>The display of paintings by Albert Durer Lucas</u> - presentment made seeking the curator of the City's art gallery to display works by the local artist.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	The gallery seeks to provide a wide range of exhibitions that attract a diverse range of audiences. Delivering an exhibition programme that draws from both the City's extensive collections and other travelling exhibitions means that it can take some time for many people's favourites to reappear on display. The Familiar and Forgotten exhibition September 2006 – January 2007 displayed works by

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				Albert Durer Lucas. There are no current plans to show further works by the Artist. There are opportunities for people to see works in the collection by appointment, should they not be on loan or lease
7e	<p><u>Pathways on common land</u> - presentment made seeking:-</p> <p>a. a stretch of sea road be in-filled and incorporated into the village green;</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor Williams	Officers from the Neighbourhood Services team will discuss the proposal with colleagues from the Highways department and produce a cabinet member briefing on the possible implications of the presentment.
	<p>b. a number of pathways on the Common be include in a maintenance programme to ensure safe and adequate passage including:-</p> <p>(I) Southern edge path parallel with Cemetery Road, (ii) North edge surrounding Cemetery Lake, (iii) Winn Road to Westrow Road- continuation of Lovers Walk, and (iv) Avenue to west parallel with Burgess Road ; and</p>			Paths on The Common have different surfaces to accommodate different users and are maintained annually to ensure that they are fit for purpose within available resources. Priority spend is given to the dual cycle/pedestrian routes, other tarmac paths, hoggin paths and then informal routes. The identified (i), (iii) and (iv) are maintained as hoggin and all have been patched and/or flattened this year to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. Path (ii) has a hoggin base but has become grassed over due to lack of use. However, this path is maintained as short mown grass with two seats and a bin along its length in order to accommodate those still wishing to use it or watch activities on The Flats from this sheltered area. Change of surface requires consultation and DEFRA consent as well as additional funding. Currently there is no current budget for such path works. Officers are of the view that the current maintenance programme is adequate, but are happy to meet with Mr. Candy to look at any specific issues. The

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				programme of maintenance is discussed with the Green Flag Consultation Group and Mr. Candy is a member of that group.
	c. Cavendish Grove action against vehicle parking encroaching onto the common to protect the community facility.			The illegal parking area has been closed and reinstated as Common. The Common Manager is happy to meet on site with Mr Candy to review works already undertaken and discuss any remaining problems.
<b>PRESENTMENTS MADE BY MR C TROWBRIDGE</b>				
8a	<u>Football in the Community</u> - presentment made seeking joint working with the Council and Southampton Football Club to encourage young people to play football.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	<p>The Council is already working closely with Southampton Football Club, on a number of initiatives:</p> <p>The “Kickz” programme working with 12-18 year olds the chance to take part in positive activity three nights a week, 48 weeks of the year. At Woodlands school. The Football Foundation funded project at Itchen College links in with the Saints Community Football scheme.</p> <p>Taster sessions as part of the Women &amp; Girls get Active Day – Next event Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm in conjunction with Southampton Football Club.</p> <p>The Council welcome these jointly supported initiatives and the club’s involvement in Active Southampton, the City wide forum for promoting participation physical activity, and look forward to further collaboration.</p>

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8b	<u>Being Green</u> – requesting that Council Officers to ride, public transport or walk when visiting estates on Council business.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Williams	<p>Southampton City Council has a staff travel plan which encourages staff to use sustainable methods of transport both on the journey to and from work and for business travel. Many support mechanisms have been put in place to support them doing this such as discounted bus and rail season tickets, season ticket loans, secure cycle storage facilities at key Council sites, pool bikes at key Council sites, a cycling allowance and a journey planning service.</p> <p>While Council staff are encouraged to use public transport, bicycles or walking whenever possible, this is not practical or possible on every occasion as many staff are required to carry equipment or tools with them. Staff in 'sensitive' roles such as social workers and noise pollution officers may need a vehicle as a place of refuge and some staff are required to visit multiple sites/ locations one after the other in and around the City. In these circumstances, a balance needs to be struck between the Council's commitment to reduce levels of traffic and improvement of air quality and the effectiveness of its operations and the effective use of staff work time.</p>
8c	<u>Call of the faithful</u> presentment made seeking the attachment of loud speakers to the Civic Centre clock tower to the faithful to prayer within the City.	Not applicable	Not applicable	This Presentment was rejected by the Jury.

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9a	<u>Obsolete lamp posts in Southampton</u> - presentment made seeking the removal of lamp posts replaced by more modern equipment.	Frances Martin	Councillor Dean	<p>A Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) is scheduled for commencement in October 2009 which over a 5 year period will replace all old and obsolete lamp columns with new equipment. This will also include all yellow/orange light being replaced with higher quality white light.</p> <p>Where new lamp columns have been installed, we are unable to remove the old columns until the energy provider (Scottish &amp; Southern) connect the new ones to the energy supply.</p>
9b	<u>Obstructions to the highway</u> - presentment made seeking action to remove 'unofficial measures and means' to enable access across the kerb and that the costs involved be charged to the householders concerned.	Frances Martin	Councillor Dean	<p>Highways inspectors can remove makeshift ramps etc from the roads and advise the householder they should apply to have the kerb dropped for access and that they are obliged to pay for this. However, it is unlikely the householder will permanently remove the ramp and pay for this work to be completed.</p> <p>Alternatively, Highways Inspectors can arrange for the kerb to be dropped without the permission of the householder and invoice them afterwards. This course of action requires additional financial resources (for enforcement and recovery of costs), which is not available. In both these instance, there needs to be evidence of regular vehicle access over kerbs. Instances in other authorities demonstrate that this specific enforcement work and recovery of costs can be more expensive than the actual work needed to drop the kerb and enable access.</p>

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<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY MS V TIPPETTS</b>				
10	<u>International Peace Day</u> - presentment made requesting that an article is placed in City View in January, 2009 advertising the day; and secondly, action from the Council to mark 21 <sup>st</sup> September with educational events taking advantage of local historical events, traditions, citizens and culture.	Jon Wallace/ Tim Davis/ Liz Kite	Councillors Hannides, Smith and Baillie	The Council is happy to include information in City View as space allows. As there is no edition in January, a later date will need to be considered for this. The Council would be pleased to work with and provide support to any organisations who are interested in promoting events marking International Peace Day.
<b>PRESENTMENTS MADE BY MRS J VELECKY, SOUTHAMPTON PARKS AND COMMONS PROTECTION SOCIETY</b>				
11a	<u>Seats and litter bins on Southampton Common</u> - presentment made seeking a review of the numbers and locations of seats and litter bins on the common.	Frances Martin/Jon Wallace	Councillors Dean and Williams	Currently there are over 40 seats and 60 bins on Southampton Common. These are replaced as required as resources allow and in response to Common users. Replacement costs are bins at £250, seats at £450 - £800 and picnic benches at £700. Many of the seats are replaced through donations in memory of loved ones who used The Common and this, together with Common budgets, has this year allowed the replacement of 5 bins, 6 seats and 3 picnic benches. To improve seating in the light of a recent standard for those with difficulty in walking (300m spacing), a review is currently underway (as discussed with the Green Flag consultation Group that includes SCAPPS). The use of alternative seating such as cheaper benches and tree logs to augment park benches will enable this standard to be met. Officers are more than happy to include litter bin provision within this review. Consultation with the users of The Common will take place within the

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				review and officers will ensure that Mrs Velecky has every opportunity to contribute.
11b	<u>A view of the ornamental lake</u> - presentment made seeking action to clear a vista of the lake from the northern part of the common.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Williams	The work undertaken in this area over the past three years will provide such vistas when complete, but the idea of clearing one specific area sooner is an excellent idea and officers will provide this as soon as practicably possible.
<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY MR J DAVIES</b>				
12	<u>Mayflower Park children's playground</u> - presentment made seeking action to address the reduction of the amenity caused by the moving of the play area.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Williams	The site of the old play area has now been reinstated to an appropriate standard and has been seeded with grass which will establish over the winter period. Work on location of tree planting and species selection is ongoing and will be carried out in consultation with SCAPPS as per the Planning and Rights of Way Panel decision to allow the removal of the trees. The trees will be planted in this planting season (Nov 2008 – March 2009). This will help to improve the amenity of the area.
<b>PRESENTMENT MADE BY MRS L BLUEMEL</b>				
13	<u>Cycling in the City Centre Parks</u> - presentment made seeking clarification of the regulations regarding cycling in the City's central parks. Requesting that maps and signage be reviewed to provide clearer indication that cycling in the parks is tolerated.	Frances Martin/Jon Wallace	Councillors Dean and Williams	This would be in line with the Green Space Strategy Action Plan number 7.2 which also seeks to clarify the current legal situation with regards to cycling in parks and green spaces. It is proposed to produce a clarification of the situation pertaining to cycling and some proposals for public consultation by 2010. This will include Central Parks.