

How Portsmouth City Council is victimising residents of a mobile home park.

By Mark Austin, Political Reporter

Mark Austin of PO12BG has been approached by Mr Hartley and an 80 year old lady because they feel that Councillors Mike Hancock and Gerald Vernon Jackson have failed to represent them as Portsmouth residents. The reason Mr. Hartley approached PO12BG is due to the fact that PO12BG is closely monitoring the misinformation that was being spread by PCC about Henderson Road and Cliffdale mobile home parks.

Mr. Austin had been alerted some years previously that PCC wanted to sell these sites off to private companies and that PCC was only upgrading the sites so they could sell them off and give a license to private operators.

Mr Hartley is retired and disabled and over the last 13 years has been consistently been let down by Portsmouth City Council with reference to (many years of) nuisance by his neighbours, who are Southern Water. He thought that might change, when Cllr Hancock and Vernon Jackson got into power, unfortunately it has not. Mr. Hartley met with Gerald Vernon-Jackson at the Civic Offices and he promised Mr. Hartley he would look into the situation. The reward for Mr Hartley's endeavours was a summons the following day from Portsmouth City Council.

Mr. Hartley moved into Henderson Road in 1996 and there was a garden shed already in place. This shed has been in this garden for over twenty years and now Portsmouth City Council have decided to take Mr. Hartley to court to order the removal of this shed.

PO12BG have now become actively engaged in helping Mr Hartley and another lady who is 80 year old. It appears PCC has decided not to assist these unfortunate people but is prepared to make misleading and false statements to the court.

On Friday 21 August, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Austin of PO12BG took time out to support both of these people in court.

PO12BG made The News aware of the situation, however, they did not show nor have they attempted to interview Mr. Hartley.

PO12BG will be producing the statements from PCC and its officers to show how they were prepared to mislead the courts. A full trial is now going ahead, unless PCC stops this persecution of old and vulnerable people.

Elections are looming so maybe there will be a change of heart from these cold hearted and soulless people.