



AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 11th November 2014

Present: John Plummer, June Hutley, Tim Norman, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Peter Downing

Apologies: John and Ruth Redman

Minutes of 23rd September 2014 were approved.

Matters Arising

Street Watch update. No changes regarding Ampt Hill. John has been advising a Hastings' resident and another in Kent and did a presentation to community groups in Hornchurch at the request of the Metropolitan Police which led to a very probing Q&A session. The representative attending from New Scotland Yard will raise Street Watch at ACPO level in the force, and possibly with the Mayor of London. *Ongoing*

Peter attended the Aragon Housing Association Star of Aragon Award and received the star on behalf of Ampt Hill Street Watch. John has had discussions with Neill Waring about identifying someone to take over as County Coordinator for when he moves to Norfolk. The website will be maintained by a two Clifton Street Watch members. John would like to remain involved through the Forum. *Ongoing*
On Friday 13th John will attend the Community Watch Schemes meeting in Police HQ. Peter attended October's Confident Communities meeting at Borough Hall, attended by members of the Police and Crime Panel, and PCC's staff. The 101 system came in for a great deal of criticism. John had written to the Chief Constable about 101 and received a comprehensive reply. *Ongoing*

Willow Way Signage. As CBC have lost the paperwork, Cllr Blair is having to start the process again. Members expressed disappointment that Cllr Blair has not yet had a site meeting with Peter. We are receiving many requests from emergency services and residents for news on progress on the signage issue and have so far been unable to give them any positive reports. *Action: PD*

Website. Tim has now been made the contact point and has paid the bill. *Closed*

Dog Fouling. New dog control laws came into effect on 19th October. *Closed*

Planning and Highways Meeting. Neither Peter nor June were able to attend the last meeting which dealt mainly with planning matters. *Closed*

Parking in Church Street. *Closed*

AOB. Park Street closure has happened and caused less congestion than feared, and the car parking on the corner of Chapel Lane seems to have moved. *Closed*

John has heard nothing further from the Local Policing Team about a need for ACSG to help at the Christmas Lights switch-on event on Sunday 16th. *Closed*

(Post meeting note: Marston Moretaine Street Watch will assist as they did last year).

Ruth Redman has emailed members the logo-headed notepaper. *Closed*

Agenda Items

Redborne School. The presentation of awards for the logo competition at the 6th Form assembly went very well. The Mayor was present and made a short speech. John explained the criteria used in selecting the winner and read out Sean Hagan's reasoning for his design. Sean seemed delighted with his prize, an Apple Magic Mouse. There will be a piece in the next edition of Around the Pump, and possibly in the CBC's News Central magazine. *Closed*

Christmas Tree Festival. Helen suggested we should take the opportunity to promote our new logo identity and create 'baubles' with circular versions of the logo, and separate out the three geographical features (clock, pump, and Katherine's Cross) to hang them on the tree. Lloyd will email Andy Jones to ask if Sean is able to provide these versions separately, and we will ask Ruth if she can do laminates. Helen has a four foot tree which could be a table-top rather than floor mounted exhibit, and could make our details easier to see, She also has some red, yellow and green lights which are battery driven and won't need a power supply. June will return the form to Margaret Wilson.

Action: HA,JH,LH

A507 - Dangerous Driving. Police have located the driver of a Nissan which was involved in an accident by the roundabout, after which the driver ran off although it's not certain whether there is a connection with the Doughnut Drift Racing. The Road Policing Unit are monitoring. Details are on the Ampthill Heights Facebook page, and residents are asked to feed information to Sergeant Barker or ACSG. Lloyd's original contact from Ampthill Heights will keep him informed. The feeling is that the drivers are from the estate; the doughnuts don't seem to have been refreshed recently. *Ongoing*

Chairman's Statement. John informed members that if all goes according to plan, the Plummers will Exchange Contracts this week and their move to Norfolk will be at the end November. He proposed that the next ACSG meeting is held early in the New Year rather than in Christmas Week and will be the AGM at which the new Chair will be elected. He handed over a file of several years of relevant research and historical paperwork to June. He said Waitrose were happy for us to continue to hold our meetings there. We need to consult the Branch Diary and liaise with the Welcome Desk.

(Post meeting note. John's moving date may be delayed!)

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 13th January 2015, Waitrose Meeting Room at 7pm