

Amphill Community Safety Group

	ACSG Meeting Tuesday 11 th August 2015	Action
	Present June Hutley Tim Norman Helen Armitage Peter Downing Alan Read	
1	Apologies Lloyd Hynes Philip Whiteley	
2	Minutes of 7 th July 2015 were approved	
3	Matters Arising	
3.1	Russell School No further news	Maintain watch
3.2	Willow Way Peter said they have been tarmacking and dropping the kerbs but still no signs. He recently met Paul Duckett and asked about the raised crossing in Church Street. Paul said it wasn't yet finished, the blocks go on later. There was not enough money to raise the pedestrian crossing outside Richardsons.	Ongoing
3.3	Park Hill Alan said the land behind the Swaffield Close development was being measured by surveyors - with what purpose? What happened to the promised allotments that were part of the agreement for the development? ACSG will raise this question at the next ATC planning meeting on 16 th September.	JH/ PD
3.4	Local Crime Statistics Tim distributed the May/June statistics but we await the local area breakdown.	TN
3.5	Station Road Nothing further. June will email Paul Salmon to ask when the promised improvements will be made.	JH
3.4.	Mayor's Civic Service .	Closed
3.5	Carriageway maintenance Causing major disruption and will continue to do so; it will be particularly bad when the works reach the double roundabout in the centre.	Ongoing
3.6.	Town Council Highways meeting 27 May 2015 June and Peter attended. Amey Area Team Steward Mark McDonald and the new client liaison manager Keeley Russell attended. Parkside Hall car park needs resurfacing as its part of the safer route to school. The Town council raised the parking issue again which should be included in the town plan. They discussed the raised crossing by Richardson's and the light posts in the Bedford Street crossing. Paul Duckett said the Station Road problems had been brought up as long as 2 years ago and it was time for action. Firs Lower School has written to parents to advise that children in year 4 should still be accompanied by parents because of the continuing danger. The Section 106 money from Russell House, £40,000, was not enough for the Bedford Street herringbone diagonal parking proposals. The council voted to request that CBC organise a survey of other options. They discussed the survey for the CIL moneys, urging that these should be spent in the area where the development is taking place. They will answer the CBC questionnaire saying the Warren Farm development levy should be spent in the Amphill area. The town council felt that the CBC proposals for restrictions around the Russell School were too severe and should be for the school hours only. They suggested bollards on the verges.	Ongoing

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3.7.	<p>Streetwatch</p> <p>During Peter's last patrol, some residents in Alameda Road complained that a driver of a sports car is regularly speeding to collect his son. He told them to note the number plate and he would pass it on to the police. They met some youths by the park who were hostile to the Streetwatch presence, and later discovered some of them had been caught on Waitrose CCTV stealing chocolates. They told Waitrose where the youths had been last seen. Residents are reporting problems with late night rowdiness at Number 4 again. The police station move to Flitwick is causing confusion as there is no parking there and cars have to return to Amphill, and have to carry all their gear with them as they have no storage space for it in the Hawthorns.</p>	Ongoing
3.8.	<p>Recruiting new members</p> <p>June has spoken to Donna about putting an article in Around the Pump. We will discuss what we would like to include in the wording at the September meeting. We could also maybe put it in the Fuddler and the Oracle. Helen has posted an ad on Streetlife and opened an email account Acsq2015@outlook.com for anyone to express interest. All members can access this with the password which she has emailed to them.</p>	JH HA
4	<p>ATC Planning Meeting</p> <p>Already dealt with under matters arising</p>	
5	<p>CBC Consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>ACSG doesn't feel the group needs to express a view in reply to the consultation document.</p>	
6	<p>Surgery at Waitrose on October 3rd</p> <p>Helen said she was unfortunately unable to attend as she will be on a Greek Island. Tim was also unable to attend as he's involved in a race meeting, but Alan Peter and June would man a stall from around 10 to 12 if the date is still available.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>John Plummer has forwarded a letter from Beds police about the force control room collaboration, which all members felt would adversely affect response times. Beds police is suffering badly from inadequate funding as the formula is based on it being the smallest force and doesn't take account of it's responsibility for an international airport, two major conurbations, the motorway network, and the terrorism threat. Before Colette Paul left she had written a powerful letter to the Home Secretary explaining why the funding was based on mistaken principles. In the meantime they are having to make drastic cost cuts and mergers within the three county arrangements. The response centre is likely to be in Hinchingsbrooke in Cambridgeshire instead of Kempston.</p>	
8.	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 18.30 in Waitrose' Meeting Room.</p>	