

Amphill Community Safety Group

Minutes of meeting held on 16 February 2016

| | Present: Helen Armitage, Peter Downing, June Hutley, Lloyd Hynes, Tim Norman, Alan Read, Barbara Wheeler. | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome and apologies June welcomed our new member Barbara Wheeler to the meeting. There were no apologies. | |
| 2 | Minutes of meeting held on 5 January 2016 These were approved as correct. | |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 Park Hill/Swaffield Close June emailed Donna to ask what was happening about the proposed allotment site. The Town Council has not heard anything about it being developed and they have not been offered it for allotments. Any development proposal would have to be put to CBC.</p> <p>3.2 Crime Data ACSG sent a letter to the Assistant Chief Constable and subsequently a reply was received from Sergeant Gary Kidd which said that no extra information regarding outcomes of crimes can be supplied. The existing information will continue to be distributed by Juliet Wright whenever possible because of cuts to the police service.</p> <p>3.3 Station Road The consultation period deadline has now passed. June will contact Paul Salmon to find out whether any objections may hold the scheme up.</p> <p>3.5. Speed Watch These schemes are organised by the Police through PCSO Juliet Wright and need a minimum of 4 people for one to be viable. Although some members of ACSG may be interested in participating, we cannot undertake to recruit people to the scheme. 20mph can now be enforced with speed cameras and drivers prosecuted. June will email Mike Blair to advise.</p> <p>Church Street raised table/crossing Donna has advised that CBC are monitoring traffic behaviour in Church Street before making a final decision about the design. The Town Council are also asking CBC to consider raising the Church Street crossing on the market square.</p> <p>3.6 Warren Farm Meeting Peter and June had attended a site meeting which was attended by the developers, Cllr.Paul Duckett, CBC planning and drainage representatives and many residents concerned about the waterway maintenance when the development is built. Connolly Homes have agreed to leave a 5 meter strip clear to enable machinery access for this. Japanese Knotweed is present on the site and adjacent gardens. CBC will deal with eradicating this.</p> <p>3.7 Amphill Police Station The Town Council does not know who now owns the building.</p> <p>3.13 Invitation to Ward Councillors to attend ACSG meetings: Letters were sent to Councillors Mike Blair, Paul Duckett and Paul Downing inviting them to attend our meetings on a rota basis as their knowledge of CBC matters would assist us. We have received a letter from Councillor Mike Blair explaining that he has other commitments on Tuesday evenings which may make it difficult for him to attend. With regard to the point he raised in his reply of us approaching CBC and the Police on various matters, we were appointed by CBC in 2009, supported</p> | <p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Closed</p> |

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| | <p>by Bedfordshire Police and were given permission to use both logos on our correspondence. We have always worked with Ampthill Town Council and asked for their advice and help when needed. We hope that the Ward Councillors may join us for meetings in the future when possible.</p> <p>4. Central Bedfordshire Development Strategy – no further information yet received.</p> <p>12. No 4 extended licence – Mike Blair has informed us in his letter that the application for this has been refused.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
| 5 | <p>Operation Meteor Members have received information about this initiative from the Police to tackle the problem of nuisance mopeds etc. There is advice on how to report this by using the 101 number or 999 if it is urgent. This can also be reported by email on opmeteorinbox@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</p> | Ongoing |
| 6 | <p>CBC spending plans to protect vital services – members have received information about this.</p> | Closed |
| 7 | <p>Possible new member for ACSG – Peter and June met Steve Ware when they attended the recent Highways meeting at the Town Council. He expressed an interest in ACSG and June sent him information about our activities. He hopes to be able to join us at our next meeting, June will let him know the date.</p> | JH |
| 8 | <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim found £30 and handed it in to the Police. This was unclaimed so given back to him and it has been put into our account by Tim. Members thanked him for this. • Tim is concerned about the parking, mainly in the evenings, outside Fratellis restaurant in Dunstable Street. Cars are being parked on the pavement as well. We will watch the situation and report it to Central Bedfordshire if it continues. • Lloyd reported that the new crossing by the development in Church Street has no zig-zags. He will report this to 'Fix my Street'. • Barbara Wheeler said that the problem of schoolchildren crossing roads and ignoring approaching cars, particularly at road junctions, was a cause of concern for their safety. We discussed whether to write to the headteachers of each school but decided not to at the present time. • Peter said that there is a proposal to put yellow 'keep clear' boxes in Bedford Street. There will a survey in 'Around the Pump'. Tim pointed out that it could hold up traffic coming from the Bedford direction even more. | <p>Closed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>LH</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
| 9 | <p>Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 5 April 2016.</p> | |