

**AMPTHILL, CLOPHILL AND MAULDEN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Present:</b> June Hutley, Tim Norman, Peter Downing, Helen Armitage, Alan Read, Cllr Paul Downing, Julia Jones, Ian Titman  |                                 |
| <b>1a</b> | <b>Welcome:</b> June welcomed Julia Jones as a new member and thanked Ian Titman from Ampthill Town Council for joining the meeting.   |                                 |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b> were accepted as correct.  |                                 |
| <b>2a</b> | <b>Report from Cllr Downing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCC Kathryn Holloway recently addressed CBC and Cllr Downing's report is attached.</li> <li>• Apparently community meeting are being held at the new Police/Fire Hub. Members were not aware of this.</li> <li>• Concern had been expressed by many watch scheme volunteers about the departure of PCSO Juliet Wright. Volunteers are waiting for some communication from the Police as to how the schemes will proceed. No Street Watch patrols are being done at the moment.</li> <li>• The Police and Crime panel are looking closely at the PCC's 8 point policing plan. ASB has become a low priority.</li> <li>• Yellow lines on the Station Road Industrial Estate will be completed this autumn.</li> <li>• Cllr Downing is keen for a Cycle Paths Champion to be appointed.</li> </ul> |                                 |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Matters Arising</b>   |                                 |
| <b>3a</b> | <b>Station Road</b> The scheme is almost complete apart from a gap in the double yellow lines which makes them unenforceable. Steve Lakin has informed June that he asks Ringway Jacob, the contractors, for this to be completed weekly. Unfortunately it does not look as though the resurfacing will be done as was originally planned. The speed cushions have now been marked properly but are so shallow they do not slow traffic down. Councillor Titman mentioned that people working on Station Road Industrial Estate have started parking on the town side of Station Road, across the by pass.   | <b>Ongoing</b>                  |
| <b>3b</b> | <b>Warren Farm</b> The roundabout which was to be built in Abbey Lane looks as though it is not going to be done now which is a good thing from the point of view of the emergency vehicles exiting at speed on that piece of road.  | <b>Ongoing</b>                  |
| <b>3c</b> | <b>Website</b> Steve suggested including some photographs of Ampthill on the website and has approached Mark Smith for some which should improve the appearance of the website and make it more interesting. June suggested resuming holding surgeries in Waitrose's foyer every few months as used to be done. Alan Read will approach Waitrose to find out about free dates.   | <b>Ongoing</b><br><br><b>AR</b> |
| <b>3d</b> | <b>Local Plan</b> The deadline for consultation is approaching but members feel that, as there has been one consultation which has only resulted in residents' comments being published with no information as to which comments are to be taken forward, and there will be another consultation to follow, we will not take part in this one. Julia said that CPRE have been informed that 20,000 more houses are to be built but this figure may double. This is more than local employment needs so the majority of new residents would probably be commuters. Councils receive New Building bonuses which is the incentive to grant planning permission for more housing.  | <b>Ongoing</b>                  |
| <b>3e</b> | <b>Crime Figures</b> - Lower this month, nothing of any particular note.   |                                 |
| <b>3f</b> | <b>Air Quality</b> – June emailed Steve Brewer to ask him what action was being taken but his reply states that he does not have the resources to make any further progress with their plans. Members suggested that the 7.5 tonne limit could be moved to the Wixams roundabout to try to stop large vehicles coming into Ampthill from Bedford. Steve Brewer said that Nick Shaw, Principal Highways Officer would contact June when he came back from leave.  | <b>JH</b>                       |
| <b>3g</b> | <b>Town Council Parking Strategy</b> - No further progress to get the recommendations implemented.   | <b>Ongoing</b>                  |

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| <b>3h</b> | <b>Dunstable Street Parking</b> – Tim has recently seen four cars parked there. He will continue to pursue this with CBC.  | <b>TN</b>                            |
| <b>3i</b> | <b>Aragon Day</b> – Peter and Helen stewarded the parade and it went well.   | <b>Closed</b>                        |
|           | <b>Agenda items</b>  |                                      |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Church Street</b> – Julia has been in touch with Paul Salmon, the Police and Ampthill Town Council about drivers’ failure to observe the 20mph limit. One recent survey found that over 12,000 cars exceeded the limit but the Police are unable to enforce it. New 20mph roundels have been painted on the road but Julia would like to see a speed activated sign. June asked Julia to investigate with the Police how to set up a speed watch team with herself, Julia and Steve taking part and report back at the next meeting. Julia will speak to Ben Dimmock, the community sergeant. The plan by developers Dandara to build on the existing car park in Church Street has been met with dismay by most people. The deadline for objections is 31 August and all members are encouraged to individually object. Helen will also send an objection from ACSG on behalf of June.   | <b>JJ</b><br><br><b>HA</b>           |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Juliet Wright and the Watch Schemes</b> – Many members have resigned to demonstrate their support of Juliet and their objection to the decision made. However, June emailed Kathryn Patrick who co-ordinates Ampthill Street Watch, to say that she thinks it would be a shame if, as a consequence, the schemes do not continue after all the hard work of John Plummer in setting them up in the first place and Juliet’s work over recent years to increase the number of schemes. She is happy to carry on doing patrols once the newly appointed person makes contact.   | <b>Ongoing</b>                       |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>CBC consultation on which roads to prioritise during extreme weather events</b> – Members felt that bus and school routes, hills and danger spots should take priority. Tim will draft a reply.   | <b>TN</b>                            |
|           | <b>Any Other Business</b>  |                                      |
|           | <b>Chapel Lane</b> – Alan Read reported another vehicle parking dangerously at the junction of Chapel Lane and Woburn Street which made visibility for pulling out into Woburn Street hazardous. Helen suggested writing a letter to the occupants of the house whose car it is pointing out how dangerous it is. Photographs could be taken and passed to the Police.<br><b>Glebe Road</b> – June has reported a car parked dangerously close to the junction with Flitwick Road giving cars turning in little time to brake. She tried calling 101 but got no answer so has left a message on the voicemail of Aaron Dagley to ask whether he can help.<br><b>Post meeting note:</b> Aaron rang June to ask for more details. When she explained the problem he said it should be reported to CBC as they now deal with nuisance parking. The Police will only deal with a vehicle if it prevents egress from a property or if it dangerous. | <b>Ongoing</b><br><br><b>Ongoing</b> |
|           | <b>Date and time of next meeting</b> – 10th October 2017 at 6.30pm, Waitrose meeting room.   |                                      |

Sorry for the delay getting these out, I have only just managed to book the 10<sup>th</sup> with Waitrose. June