

**Amphill, Clophill and Maulden Community Safety Group**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

1.	<b>Present:</b> June Hutley, Tim Norman, Peter Downing, Helen Armitage, Barbara Wheeler, Steve Ware, Alan Read, Lloyd Hynes, Cllr Paul Downing	<b>Action</b>
2.	<b>Minutes</b> of meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were approved.	
2a	<p><b>Report from Cllr Paul Downing</b></p> <p>Cllr Downing said he had only a few things to report back to us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gates of the Tidy Tip have been opening earlier in the morning to allow lorries in. Assuming this will continue it alleviates the problem.</li> <li>• PC Aaron Dagley is now based in Ampthill at the Hub in Oliver Street.</li> <li>• Kathryn Holloway is to appear before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee this week.</li> <li>• There have been ASBO incidents in Clophill by the old church between 2200 and 0400.</li> <li>• There was a hit and run in Snow Hill. Manslaughter charges may follow.</li> <li>• There were several arrests at Amp Rocks for drunkenness.</li> <li>• The Fire Service report that there were 800 'deliberate fires' last year. The Police have only recorded 200 and only investigate the most serious with a clear up rate of only 13 percent. The Fire Service is now mapping the data and liaising with Community Safety Partnerships.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3a	<p><b>Station Road:</b> Some work has been done but it falls far short from the original scheme. The speed cushions are very shallow and not marked clearly. They certainly don't slow vehicles down. The road surface has 20mph roundels painted on it but it badly needs resurfacing. '20mph School Safety Zone' roundels have been placed at the junction with Dunstable Street. There are marks on the road indicating where the double yellow lines should be but they have not been installed yet. Steve Lakin at CBC has said that there will be a site visit <b>after</b> the work has been completed. June has emailed to suggest it would be a good idea to visit before completion to prevent further mistakes in the design. Wires have been placed across the road for a traffic census, as has been done in other parts of the town, but it is unclear what will be done with that information. June will continue to contact Steve Lakin for more updates.</p>	<b>JH</b>
3b	<p><b>Warren Farm:</b> No further problems. The noise of the pile driver is causing noise and dust nuisance to neighbours.</p>	<b>Ongoing</b>
3c	<p><b>Website:</b> Steve will update for the Initiatives page about Station Road. The membership also needs updating.</p> <p><i>Update after meeting: Steve and June met to discuss the whole appearance of the website and ways to make it more interesting and appealing. Steve will source some photographs of Ampthill which should help and talk to colleagues about the best way to redesign.</i></p>	<b>SW/JH</b>
3d	<p><b>Local Plan:</b> Peter and June attended the event and have received follow up documentation from the questionnaire they completed. However, it is a summary of the public responses but gives no indication of whether these are to be acted on. Those who attended were not a cross representation of local residents so it was more of a data collection and analysis exercise. There is now to be a 'consultation process' and they are inviting comments.</p>	<b>Ongoing</b>
3e	<p><b>Crime Figures:</b> June has had no reply to her letter addressed to the PCC. Lloyd suggested emailing to request a response as the PCC is obliged to reply.</p> <p><i>Update: June has now received an acknowledgement which states that our queries are being dealt with.</i></p> <p>ASBO incidents have been reported in Katherine's Gardens which were reported on 101 and the Police responded immediately.</p> <p>A resident reported to the Street Watch stand at Gala Day that there was drug dealing and unacceptable behaviour towards young girls in Claridges Lane. Juliet</p>	<b>Ongoing</b>

	had highlighted it as a patrol point for Street Watch. June also passed the information on to the Police. <i>Update: The Police made several arrests the following Friday. Investigations are ongoing.</i>	<b>Ongoing</b>
3g	<b>Air Quality Action Plan:</b> June asked Kay Sterling for an update and was informed that Steve Brewer is the Principal Strategic Transport Planner. June will contact to ask about the plans for Ampthill Town Centre.	<b>JH</b>
3h	<b>Town Council Parking Strategy and Woburn Street pavement:</b> There is no further news on the parking proposals. Members discussed whether it was worth pursuing the issue of the dangerous pavement outside the Queens Head in Woburn Street with ATC and CBC. However, there may be no allocation for funds in the current budget.	<b>Ongoing</b>
3i	<b>Nat West closure and the Post Office:</b> The bank has now closed and there are several reports of long queues in the post office which is unable to handle transactions on debit cards (other than paying for goods) nor BACS transfers. The ATM is still in place but is often out of order. The Town Council need to be informed whenever that is the case so that they can immediately ring the contact at Nat West to get it remedied.	<b>Ongoing</b>
3j	<b>Covanta:</b> No further news. The site is adjacent to the proposed Millbrook Power scheme and there are rumours of some collaboration. However, the Millbrook Power scheme will generate very little traffic once built or fume nuisance unlike the Covanta scheme.	<b>Ongoing</b>
3k	<b>Dunstable Street Parking:</b> Tim noticed that a penalty notice had recently been issued to an offending vehicle at this location which goes against what CBC have said in the past about the parking not being enforceable. There is still no signage on the parking bay though. We will keep on asking CBC for some to be installed.	<b>TN</b>
4	<b>Police Cadets and road census:</b> Cllr Paul Downing is raising with ATC.	<b>PD</b>
5	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</b> June has yet to look at the website.	<b>JH</b>
6	<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>Agenda items from 23/5/17</b>	
4	<b>PCC Rep[y to Cllr Downing re. staffing</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
7	<b>Have your Say Survey:</b> Awaiting feedback	<b>Ongoing</b>
8	<b>Thefts from sheds in The Avenue:</b> Tim said the situation had quietened down and many people had increased their outbuildings security. The Crime Reduction Team had visited and distributed Smartwater kits. Residents were more alert to crime.	<b>Closed</b>
4	<b>AOB</b>	
4a	<b>Aragon Day 29<sup>th</sup> July:</b> The Aragon Committee have asked for volunteers to help steward the parade from St Andrews Church to The Old Sun. June, Helen and Peter can probably do. June will ask Kathryn Patrick who organises Street Watch whether any members can also help.	<b>JH</b>
4b	<b>Church Street and Speed Watch:</b> We have been contacted by a resident of Church Street, Julia Jones, about the danger of speeding cars and has been in touch with CBC about it. She would like to join ACSG and has many constructive ideas. She hopes to be able to join us at the next meeting June spoke to another resident of Church Street at the Gala Day who said they didn't object to the development in Church Street because a chicane to slow traffic down had been promised but this was never delivered. Had she known this she would have objected. Members discussed Speed Watch and both Steve and June would be interested in doing this. June will contact Juliet Wright to find out how to go about implementing this but she believes that 4 people are needed for a scheme.	<b>JH</b>
5	<b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> <i>Tuesday 22 August, 18.30 hours, Waitrose Meeting Room.</i>	