

## AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 18 February 2014

**Present:** John Plummer, June Hutley, Tim Norman, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Peter Downing, Ruth Redman, John Redman.

**Apologies:** Philip Whiteley, Dave Rollings.

**Minutes** of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were approved.

### Matters Arising.

**Street Watch update.** Maulden went live on 12<sup>th</sup> February. £6000 from the PCC will be paid into the Street Watch bank account shortly. The Street Watch Coordinators' meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Street Watch will be involved in Op Vision in Barton on 26<sup>th</sup> February. John has had a meeting with Hertfordshire Police.

**Stakeholders meeting.** No movement as we are still waiting for new developers to come forward. We have received a breakdown of the S106 money.

**Houghton Close.** There has been much discussion. Yellow lining is on the agenda for Planning and Highways meeting. **Ongoing**

**Swaffield Close.** Advertising has started. **Ongoing**

**Willow Way.** No further news on signage. **Ongoing**  
*(Post meeting note: In response to JH's e-mail, Donna Searle has spoken with Cllr Mike Blair who is still pursuing signage. The CBC Officer dealing with this has retired. Internal restructuring at CBC and funding issues have caused delays to ongoing enquiries. Mike Blair will respond to ACSG once he has news).*

**Tavistock Avenue.** Double yellow lining will take place but not immediately. **Ongoing**

### AOB.

**The Limes.** A private company will be employed to ticket illegal parking. **Ongoing**

**Drains survey.** Keep reporting. **Closed**

**Dog Fouling Notices.** Now in place. **Closed**

**Bedford Street pedestrian crossing lights.** Down to funding. Columns will be replaced by lit ones when the time comes for replacing. **Closed**

**Station Road Questionnaire.** This is now in the hands of the Town Council. June will attend the Highways and Planning meeting and read out a suggested ACSG article for the next issue of Around the Pump. It was suggested we put the statement on the ACSG website, perhaps under Stop Press. **Action JH**

*(Post meeting note: This is now on the website. June has been invited to a meeting of members of the Town Council and Paul Salmon from CBC to discuss the results. Meeting to be arranged.)*

**Planning and Highways Meeting 20 November.** Costa Coffee plans have been approved and work has started. John received the minutes of the Highways meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January with Phil Whiteley's comments on parking permits for Swaffield Close.

**Dunstable Street** Should be on the agenda for the Highways meeting, held over from January, but isn't. John Redman will make a request to speak during Public Participation. **Action JR**

**Parking in Church Street** Police are aware of problems and can take action on obstruction issues but it is up to CBC to enforce. Town Council has no authority to deal with these. Lloyd will ask Donna Searle for the point of contact at CBC, and will involve our three CBC Ward Councillors. **Action LH**

*(Post meeting note: LH has contacted Donna who has been in touch with CBC requesting her e-mail be passed on to the appropriate officer).*

## Agenda Items

**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.** Discussed under AOB.

**Constitution.** There has been no police presence at recent meetings. ACSG should be added to the list of meetings the LPT is asked to attend. **Action JP**

*(Post meeting note: JP has spoken to LPT requesting attendance on a quarterly basis).*

**Recruiting.** We need to attract younger people into the group. Lloyd will contact Mark Smith for a recruiting notice, maybe in Around the Pump. Consideration should be given to reducing the minimum age for membership to 16. **Action LH**

*(Post meeting note: LH has contacted Mark Smith. Facebook and Twitter are other options).*

**AOB.** Lloyd asked if we had made any progress regarding an ACSG logo design. Perhaps we could involve the schools?

Helen suggested putting the round letters CSG in a line downwards inside a giant capital A, and turning them into traffic lights. Lloyd will approach Redborne's design department to see if we can maybe set their students a competition, with a small money prize. **Action LH**

*(Post meeting note: LH has e-mailed Redborne School)*

June said she had received and circulated the Ampthill crime statistics from Neighbourhood Watch.

Helen mentioned that when Center Parcs opens our PCSOs may be heavily involved. One of the other Center Parcs (in Suffolk) actually part funds one CPSO as they had a series of thefts from villas and of guests' bikes.

**Date and Time of next meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, Waitrose Meeting Room at 7pm.**