

Amphill Community Safety Group
Minutes of meeting held on 20th September 2016

	Present: June Hutley Tim Norman Peter Downing Helen Armitage Steve Ware Cllr Paul Downing Alan Read	
1	Apologies Lloyd Hynes Barbara Wheeler	
2	Minutes of meeting held on 2 nd August were accepted	
2a	<p>As Cllr Downing had to leave for another meeting, he made his report before we dealt with matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Holloway will be attending a meeting locally on the 8th February 2017. Venue to be arranged. • The new PCC's policing plan has been published. • Kathryn Holloway is planning a new police base at Amphill Fire Station. • CBC has launched it's new Domestic Abuse Strategy. • There is a plan to downgrade the A507 to a B road because of the development of the A6/M1 link road, which should remove some heavy traffic. • Members agreed that greater visibility of local policing has not yet taken place as outlined by Kathryn Holloway. Hopefully this will become a reality in the near future. • Cllr Downing is to attend the next Policing and Crime Committee meeting on Monday. • The PCC was due to take up the case of Number 4 with the Chief Executive at CBC, James Jamieson. There is no news on this yet but apparently there was not enough evidence from the police to justify withdrawing the licence. • There have been complaints about speeding in Bedford Street by residents. These are being dealt with by Cllr Blair. • There are also parking problems on the Station Road Industrial Estate, preventing HGVs from being able to manoeuvre. There is some uncertainty about land ownership which would help to resolve the problem.. • Work on Station Road has not yet been done, although The Crescent has been resurfaced. Cllr Downing will make some enquiries at CBC to try to find out the cause of the delay. • Peter said the gates at the Tidy Tip were supposed to be moved back during recent work but haven't yet been re-sited. This will cause problems with lorries queueing into the road. Cllr Downing said he would look into this. 	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>3.1 Station Road: June has spoken to Paul Salmon about lack of progress on this project. Paul no longer has direct involvement as he has handed over the scheme to the new contractors, but is looking into the delays and will let us know.</p> <p>3.2 Warren Farm Contractors' traffic in Abbey Lane and on Flitwick Road is causing a mud hazard. June has emailed Sean Hoare at ECL who are doing the groundworks on the site and he has responded very quickly. Hopefully wheels will be cleaned and a roadsweeper will be used in the future.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>

	<p>3.3. Number 4 already discussed before Cllr Downing had to leave.</p> <p>3.4 Crime Information nothing to report</p> <p>3.5. Mr Site Steve can now access the site and change things. He has now loaded all the minutes going back to 2013. The only accounts are for 2012, Tim will forward him 2014 and 2015 to update. He has had a meeting with his IT contact about templates and new content management. It will take time to organise this and, as the Mr Site fees are due on 25th October, we will need to continue with them for the time being. Steve will receive notification when the fee is due and will let Tim know. He said many of the links on the home page are broken. We all agreed to remove the shared space link. The Street Watch website would be a useful to have as a link. Steve will also update the members' page.</p> <p>3.8 Chapel Lane Parking June and Peter will look out for illegally parked cars in Chapel Lane and other locations on their Street Watch patrols and will try to find out whether these can be reported by members of the public.</p> <p>3.9 Constitution The problem is with the wording 'Amphill residents' as Lloyd lives in Maulden.. We should change it to 'Amphill and the surrounding vicinity' and bring to our next meeting to approve changes so that June can forward the amended constitution to Joy Piper and we can approve at January's AGM. Lloyd had emailed to say technically it has to be approved in an EGM so the next meeting will have 2 agendas, one with just this one item on it, to be dealt with before the main agenda.</p> <p>3.10 Mayor's Civic Service June and Helen will attend on behalf of ACSG. Alan will be there anyway.</p> <p>3.11 Street Watch June and Peter went to a meeting in Flitwick with PCSO Juliet Wright and other local Street Watch members. They were all informed that Street Watch has now been taken over by the Police so members are now technically Police volunteers. They can all be involved in various operations if they wish, including raids! Kathryn Patrick has now taken over from Peter Downing as local coordinator and has advertised and recruited a new member which will help with the patrols.</p>	<p>TN</p> <p>SW</p> <p>PD/JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH/HA/AR</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
6	<p>CBC Consultation Helen pointed out that CBC are inviting comments on their local plan 'Shaping where you live 2035'. The deadline is 1st November. Steve will put details and the address on the website. The new draft local plan will be published in December and there will be further opportunity to comment then.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen mentioned a conversation that has been running on Streetlife about speeding traffic in Bedford Street, and about other community matters. It's worth keeping an eye on for local concerns. • We await the results of Central Bedfordshire Council's initiative to correct sat navs to reduce heavy vehicles' polluting the town centre. • Steve said Chandos Road now has no through road signs which should help with traffic using it as a 'rat run'. 	
8	<p>Date and Time of EGM and next meeting: 1830 1st November, Waitrose Meeting Room.</p>	