



AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 23rd September 2014

Present: John Plummer, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Peter Downing

Apologies: June Hutley, Tim Norman, Ruth Redman, John Redman, Philip Whiteley

Minutes of 5th August 2014 were approved.

Matters Arising.

Street Watch update. Peter and John will continue their regular Friday evening patrols. The Coordinators' meeting on 15th September went well. Ampthill Street Watch has been nominated for an Aragon Housing Association Star of Aragon Award 2014. Peter will attend the awards ceremony on 30th September at Haynes Village Hall. **Action PD**

Willow Way signage. Nothing new to report. Peter is still awaiting a call from Mike Blair to arrange a site meeting to determine best positioning for the signs.

Helen will see Alison Winskell at choir practice and ask her to contact Cllr Blair. **Action HA**
(Post meeting note; Alison is away this week. Helen e-mailed Donna Searle who has replied that Cllr Blair brought up the subject at the Town Council meeting on 24 Sep. CBC have apparently lost the paperwork and he has to start the process afresh).

Website. Check whether John Redman has spoken to Tim about giving the host a new contact name for communication and billing purposes. **Action HA**

Dog Fouling. Lloyd has spoken again to Stephen Summerfield. There are still incidents of dog fouling. Some in the middle of the potato crops. Peter saw a CBC sign lying in the grass. Gemma Harrison (CBC) will be advised. Stephen Summerfield should also talk to Gemma directly.

Action LH

(Post meeting Lloyd checked the sign at the end of the public footpath in John Bunyan Close, Maulden and it was intact.)

Planning & Highways Committee meeting 17th September neither Peter nor June were able to attend. We await next month's meeting. **Closed**

Parking in Church Street John met a CBC traffic enforcement officer, based in Dunstable, in Woburn Street, issuing a ticket. The Town Council is planning another consultation about parking. **Closed**

AOB Warren Farm. There is a new buyer but no Stakeholder meeting has been held to get to know the new Developer.

Agenda Items.

Tyre Circles on A507. Lloyd has researched this activity which is known as Doughnut Drift Racing and is based on the film Fast and Furious. Riders are out mainly at night at the end of Station Road and Ampthill Heights. Tyre circles are also prominent at the parking laybys between the One-o-One garage and the Maulden/Flitwick roundabout. Lloyd will e-mail Vicki Evans, Chief Constable's Staff Officer about this requesting she passes the information onto the Roads Policing Unit. He will also contact the complainant and ask them to place a post on the Ampthill Heights Facebook page to see if any further information can be obtained to identify the offenders.

Action LH

(Post meeting note: Lloyd has sent an e-mail to both parties).

Park Street closure in November 2014. Helen pointed out that permission has been given to close part of Park Street at the beginning of November for Gas installation work. The one way system will be suspended during that time. There will be two way traffic from both ends of Park Street, as far as the closure. It is likely to cause some chaos. We will put an advisory note on the website.

Action JR

(Post meeting: John has put this on the 'stop press' of the website)

Redborne School - ACSG Logo There has been some delay since the beginning of the new term because of new rosters and curricula but Andy Jones has emailed Lloyd that he is due to meet Nigel Croft about a day for the presentation. It is now likely to be next month rather than the end of September.

(Post meeting note: October 7th has been proposed by the school during Sixth Form Assembly).

AOB. Helen mentioned that a new resident on the corner of Chapel Lane and Woburn Street has been parking her car on the corner, thereby blocking half the carriageway. She has left a very polite note under the windscreen wipers recommending parking in Woburn Street of by the Alameda as the position is dangerous. She seems to have taken some notice and has been parking elsewhere.

(Post meeting note: on Wednesday night her car was back on the corner again, but not during John and Peter's Street Watch patrol on September 27th).

John has had a request from Inspector Pete Nouch whether Street Watch and ACSG can help at the Christmas Lights switch on November 16th and on Remembrance Sunday. He will approach John again nearer the time.

Ongoing

Bedfordshire Police are giving a Cyber Crime presentation on 1st October about issues surrounding crimes facilitated through the internet and linked to on-line identity theft, bullying and abuse. Also an Anti-Social Behaviour presentation on 9th October about new police powers under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 that creates new powers for the Police and Local Authorities to tackle ASB, which comes into effect on October 22nd 2014. If anyone would like to attend, please contact John. Both presentations will take place in Police HQ at 7pm. **Action All** John advised members of the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday October 12th and also his charity Chinese Meal on October 20th.

John will ask Ruth Redman where we stand on the logo-headed paper, and to make a template for all members to be able to use on official communications.

Action JP

(Post meeting note: Action complete. Templates have been sent to LH, HA and JP).

Time and date of next meeting: Tuesday November 4th 2014. 28 Arthur Street at 7 pm.