



Amphill Community Safety Group

Incorporating the Parishes of Clophill & Maulden

	Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2017	Action
1.	<p>Present: June Hutley, Peter Downing, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Barbara Wheeler.</p> <p>Apologies: Tim Norman, Steve Ware and Alan Read</p>	
2.	Lloyd proposed that all officers be re-elected en bloc. This was unanimously agreed. One change to the Constitution will be made to Item 4 – Membership - deleting ‘ This may include’ to ‘One representative from the Town and Parish Councils may be invited to attend’.	JH
3.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Tim Norman submitted a written statement of the Group’s finances which show a balance of £137. 57. This includes a donation from Tim of £30 . Members registered their thanks for this.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 1st November 2016</p> <p>These were accepted as correct.</p>	
5.	Matters Arising	
5.1	<p>Station Road:</p> <p>June has contacted Steve Lakin who has taken over the scheme from Paul Salmon to ask when the scheme will be completed. He agreed that this was delayed during the summer holidays August 2016 because of a problem with the new contractors, Ringway Jacobs. However, it is now scheduled to be done in the February half term although he thought there may be a problem because the road will have to be closed. June pointed out to him that this was always going to have to be done and should have been included in the plans.</p>	Ongoing
5.2	<p>Warren Farm Development:</p> <p>June will try to find out more about how and where the Section 106 monies are being distributed.</p>	JH
5.3	<p>No 4:</p> <p>Members welcomed the news that this has now closed.</p>	Closed
5.4	<p>Website:</p> <p>Members are very happy with the new logo. Steve has asked for help with the wording for the ‘initiatives’ page. June will email members a list of our achievements and asked for suggestions to help Steve with this.</p>	JH ALL
5.6	<p>Local Plan:</p> <p>This has been postponed again because of new Government initiatives. The public meeting has, therefore, been postponed.</p>	Ongoing
5.7	<p>Crime figures:</p> <p>Recent figures show that the most frequent crime is theft from cars. Lloyd pointed out that anti-social behaviour was a huge figure at 35.84%, 688</p>	



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	incidents and questioned what percentage of funds are allocated to ASB. June will write to Roger Fowler who supplied the figures asking about this and will bring it up at the meeting with PCC Kathryn Holloway on 9 th February. (Parkside Hall, 6pm)	JH
5.8	Christmas Tree Festival: Members registered an official vote of thanks to Steve Ware and his family for making the very impressive decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church.	Closed
6.	<p>Report from Cllr Paul Downing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fire Service and Police have been working together for a Police base to be opened at the Fire Station. This has been delayed due to IT issues and should now take place at the end of January. On the 19th December it was announced that the Force has created a Rural Crime Team which will be fully staffed at the end of January. This will be a small team with a wide remit and wide geographic area to police but we trust that they will be present in the Ward whenever needed. Again on the 19th December a number of councillors expressed concern re. the lack of action to calls such as regular and open drug dealing. Paul has contacted Chief Inspector Bernadette White, who looks after Ampthill, in order to brief her in relation to a problem in one of the villages in the Ward. Action is being taken. PC Aaron Dagley is the sole full time warranted officer concentrating his efforts on Clophill, Maulden and Ampthill but he has a number of other villages to patrol and monitor too. He resides just south of Ampthill so hopefully he will be gainfully employed close to home. Clophill Neighbourhood Watch is about to officially relaunch after a meeting in May 2016. This has taken a while to get things up and running. Helen Rodell is the Village Coordinator. <p>Paul has been informed by CBC that the A507 between the Flying Horse and Beadlow will be given some significant attention re. road safety during the coming financial year. This is a dark and fast piece of road on which there have been a disproportionate number of serious accidents over the past few years.</p>	
7.	<p>St Georges Place</p> <p>Signage on this development no longer refers to a home for Dementia patients. June contacted Judy Self at CBC about this and was told that no provider for this care has come forward so the development may now change to 3 blocks of flats. The Town Council is opposing this. Mark Sprag at CBC is now dealing with the application. Helen will look into whether the original planning application contained a 'sui generis' requirement, as was the case with the Police Station site, that the project must include some service to the</p>	HA Ongoing



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	community. Previously the site was council offices and a children's home.	
8.	<p>Lime Tree Court</p> <p>A resident has complained to the Town Council and CBC because when he bought his property in this gated development he was told that the pedestrian bridge across Sweet Briar would be gated as well. However, CBC always planned for it to be part of a 'Safer Walk to School' and he objects to the public and schoolchildren walking past his house. Cllr Paul Downing forwarded his complaint to June who did some Street Watch patrols with Peter to see what the problem is and found that the majority of children walked quietly through the development. However, there is a safety issue with the steps which lead into the development from Dunstable Street as they are badly lit and there is no handrail. We will find out who to approach about this, whether it should be the property management company for the development or CBC.</p>	JH/HA Ongoing
9.	<p>Dangerous Dogs</p> <p>June has received information about a conference in London which she is unable to attend but has asked for feedback.</p>	Ongoing
10 and 11	<p>Park Hill</p> <p>Another large lorry got stuck recently and the road had to be closed by the Police. Members expressed concern that this happens quite frequently. In May 2015 two members of CBC's Public Protection team attended a Town Council meeting regarding the Air Quality Management of pollution in Ampt Hill and had plans to discourage lorries driving through the town. We will write to CBC to ask what progress has been made.</p>	JH/HA
12.	<p>Section 106 Monies</p> <p>We will continue to try to establish where these monies from the many developments which have taken place in Ampt Hill, and those currently being built, are being spent in Bedfordshire and will possibly ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their help and Cllr Paul Downing. We know that a percentage goes to Marston Vale and the education budget but it would be good to know that they also benefit Ampt Hill.</p>	JH Ongoing
13	<p>Town Council Parking Survey</p> <p>Members welcomed the survey. The document contains many excellent ideas but we wonder where the funding will come from to implement the suggestions. Members agreed with most of the proposals apart from increasing the parking spaces in Dunstable Street to 3 as a vehicle trying to manoeuvre into the centre space could cause considerable hold ups to traffic and it would become very close to the pedestrian crossing.. June and Peter intend to attend the next Highways Meeting on the 18th January.</p>	PD/JH
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