

**Ampthill Community Safety Group  
Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

	<b>Present:</b> June Hutley Tim Norman Peter Downing Helen Armitage Alan Read Steve Ware Barbara Wheeler Cllr Paul Downing	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> Lloyd Hynes	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> of meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> May were approved with one amendment to the date of the Police Community Engagement meeting which should read 13 <sup>th</sup> , not 23 <sup>rd</sup> , May.	
<b>2a</b>	Paul Downing, who had to leave after the first hour for another meeting, gave an update on CBC activities since the last meeting, particularly on police matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner has published her draft policing plan on her website which does not include any metrics or targets. She was challenged on underperformance in some areas.</li> <li>• She has asked ACSG to write to her about the night time economy in Ampthill, outlining any issues of concern.</li> <li>• He had made enquiries about the plan for the Tidy Tip when it reopens later this year which will be similar to the one in Biggleswade and is being built to accommodate the town's increasing population, and will comply with environmental requirements.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising</b> <b>3.1 Station Road</b> Some work has been done on the approach to Alameda School, but by a different team to that of Paul Salmon. However, resurfacing is due to begin in August and the full scheme thereafter. <b>3.2. Warren Farm</b> Barbara has had another letter from Bloor changing some of the plot layouts and banking arrangements for the river. These changes may have been put in place to facilitate access to the river for maintenance work. There has been a lot of flooding in the area after recent downpours. Tim will file a report on Fix My Street (now rechristened Report It) <b>3.3 Number 4</b> June replied on behalf of the ACSG to oppose any extension of licensing hours. The Licensing Committee meets at Chicksands at 1000 on 7 <sup>th</sup> July and we may be present as observers. Helen will go if not on duty in coroners Court. Peter will check his diary. <i>Post meeting note: Helen is on duty in coroners court that day</i> <b>3.4. Nuisance Bikes</b> June reported that there have been several more 'doughnuts' on roundabouts, but hadn't seen who was causing them. PCSO Juliet Wright says Wagstaff Way has been having bike problems. A reminder to report offences to Operation Meteor <b>3.5 Church Street crossing zigzags</b> These have now been done. <b>3.6. Crime Information</b> The meeting at Kempston on 13 <sup>th</sup> May assured residents that the crime information will continue to be distributed.	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing/ TN</b></p> <p><b>HA/PD</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Closed</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>CBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee Survey</b> Residents are invited to comment online, which will help introduce more accountable and democratic decision making by the council. Research into their policy proposals is to be encouraged.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>CBC and the Community Infrastructure Levy</b> CBC had failed to submit its application for the CIL before the deadline, which the group felt was a lamentable oversight. Cllr Downing explained this was because they are having to redraft their Local Plan. They can then apply later.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>6/7.</b>	<b>PCC &amp; Community Engagement Meeting</b> June attended the meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> June. There are now two teams, a Crime Reduction Team, and a Community Engagement Team. Ampthill has now been designated North Bedfordshire in policing terms. Bedfordshire now has 16 parishes, and the Community Engagement Team will be focussing on rural farm, heritage and wildlife crime. Each parish will have its own point of contact, Ampthill's being PC Aaron Dagley who will be based at Flitwick Hub. There will eventually be 13 police officers, 3 PCSOs and 1 Sergeant in Ampthill, group 2. Police officer attendance at Parish and Town Council meetings will be an aim. More PCSOs and regular PCs are being recruited – 90 more within the next year. Crime data is now being prepared by volunteers from 1 <sup>st</sup> July. Feedback and evaluation on the new service wanted.	<b>Ongoing</b>

	<p>SARA problem solving training was explained at the meeting. DCI Juliet Everett spoke about Operation Fidelity – which aims to tackle and reduce burglary – prepare, protect, prevent, pursue.. Officers will meet with prisoners after release to talk to them about their future lives without committing crime. A dedicated car will conduct curfew checks.</p> <p>The PCC is to hold a meeting for Watch scheme volunteers on 27<sup>th</sup> July at 1900 at Kempston June will attend.</p>	<b>JH</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Mr Site</b> Tim reported that the password for the ACSG website has been reset and John Redman has it, but there are still problems with access.. Steve Ware has volunteered to take over from John. Tim will liaise with Steve regarding passwords and instruction details.</p>	<b>TN/SW</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Joy Piper</b> June had a very useful meeting with her on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. They looked at the constitution and Joy suggested some amendments to the wording. June will re-do and prepare for our next meeting. Wording should be reviewed annually before our January AGM. June showed her the letter from Madeleine Boyns in reply to our letter regarding parking problems and she agreed it was not very helpful. Apparently if bad parking is continually causing problems, it can be reported and extra patrols requested. The Community Engagement Team comprise Sarah Hughes and Peter Fraser who can help with queries about S106 monies and how they are being spent. Any organisation can apply to CBC for money for a project if they have a Neighbourhood Plan. Should we need funding for anything we could apply to the National Lottery or Bob Meadows can help with the PCC's Community Safety funding and will help write bids for grants. Joy confirmed that we are operating correctly as a Community Safety Group.</p>	<b>JH</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Operation Salcoats</b> 6 operations are planned for the rest of the year in various locations around the county. Juliet Wright has asked for volunteers to help with distributing information to residents which should help reduce crime. June to email Juliet's email to members to ask whether they are able to help.</p>	<b>JH</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Volunteers to be Independent Custody Visitors.</b> The PCC has asked whether residents would consider becoming a volunteer to check conditions in custody suites. Helen said she would have put her name forward but, as she has just trained as an 'appropriate adult', it would be conflict of interest.</p>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Amphill Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> July.</b> Malcolm Crawford from Maulden is asking for volunteers from Street Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, or Speed Watch to help man a stall at the Gala on Sunday 3 July, for about an hour during the day. June has asked him to let her know what hours need covering. She will take our ACSG A-frame for display. Peter is checking his diary to see whether he can help.</p>	<b>JH/PD</b>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helen has details of a conference at the Rufus Centre about Developing Accommodation for Older People, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30 to 1.30. The event is intended for landowners, agents, developers, housebuilders, landlords, architects, construction companies and care providers. Attendance is free but prior booking is needed. Should ACSG have a presence?</li> <li>Alan spoke about parking on Woburn Street at the end of Chapel Lane, which causes visibility problems for traffic turning out of the lane. We could report this to CBC and request more patrols.</li> </ul>	<p>?</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Time and Date of next meeting; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1830, Waitrose meeting room</b></p>	