

AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

	ACSG meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	
	<b>Present</b> June Hutley, Tim Norman, Peter Downing, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Alan Read, Barbara Wheeler.	
1.	<b>Welcome</b> to Barbara Wheeler from Neighbourhood Watch	
1a.	<b>AGM</b> Nomination of chair and officers. June Hutley agreed to continue as Chair and was proposed by Lloyd, seconded by Alan, and was duly elected. Helen proposed that other officers should be re-elected en bloc, which was agreed .	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> of 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2015 were approved	
.	<b>Matters arising</b>	
2.1	<b>Park Hill.</b> No news on allotments situation. June and Peter will ask at Highways and Planning meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> . Alan said tickets were now being issued on badly parked cars in Park Street.	PD/JH
2.2	<b>Crime Data</b> June asked Lloyd if he had contacted Juliet about the outcomes from the crimes reported. He had not done this because at a recent Maulden Parish council meeting Paul Duckett said he would write to the ACC asking what actions were taken resulting from the crimes listed. This information would be useful for Street Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, and local councils. Paul has not yet written this letter. ACSG to draft a letter to the ACC.	Helen to draft letter to ACC
2.3	<b>Station Road</b> June has heard from Paul Salmon that there are plans being drawn up which will, hopefully, be implemented in 2016 when the new contractors to CBC take over from Amey.	Ongoing
2.4.	<b>Street Watch</b> Peter said that a car was vandalised near Russell School late in the evening. There was nothing to be seen when he patrolled there earlier in the evening.	
2.5	<b>Speed Watch</b> ACSG do not feel it has the jurisdiction to approach Church Street residents about joining a Speed Watch scheme and feel that the Town Council are better placed to deal with the problem. There seem to be conflicting reports about the raised table at the brow of the hill in Church Street. June had heard that there was not enough money to complete the red tiling needed to make it a proper speed deterrent while Peter had heard that it was just a pedestrian crossing although it has no markings to that effect. In Church Avenue one resident is deliberately parking opposite the line of parked cars making passing very difficult. This is a police issue and action should be taken by them as he is causing an obstruction.	
2.6	<b>Warren Farm Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015</b> Peter reported that drawings and informational material were shown at the meeting. Tony Kerr complained about the short notice given for both this meeting and the public exhibition about the development. The representative from Bloor Homes was very dismissive of residents' concerns. The main worry is the maintenance of the waterway, and differences in land levels. Houses adjacent to the stream may have to give right of way through their fences for maintenance engineers and it is unclear how machinery would have access. June attended the public exhibition where she was told that householders may even be responsible for maintaining the waterway themselves. This needs clarification. Woods Hardwick Planning were distributing feedback survey forms for residents to complete at the exhibition but they were very bland and non specific. ACSG to write to CBC to ask what is happening about the drainage problem. There's no date yet for the next public meeting and no minutes have been received.	Helen to draft letter
2.7.	<b>Ampthill Police Station</b> no news about the outcome of the auction. Helen will ask Mark Smith if ATC have any further news	Helen to email Mark Smith
2.8	<b>Christmas Tree festival</b> ACSG entered a black tree in the festival	

	symbolising a tarmac road surface, and June and Helen decorated it with red, yellow and green baubles for traffic lights, made baubles and stuck road signs on them and white streamers represented white lines on the road. We left ACSG flyers for people to take away and quite a number of these were taken. The meeting thanked them for their efforts.	Closed
3	<b>Crime Data</b> already dealt with under matters arising	
4.	<b>Central Bedfordshire Development Strategy</b> on November 19 <sup>th</sup> CBC withdrew their development strategy as the government said it didn't comply with requirements. They are now working on a new plan and will be inviting comment when it is published. We assume there must be more provision for new housing under the latest guidelines.	Ongoing
5.	<b>Warren Farm Meeting Dec 2<sup>nd</sup></b> already dealt with under matters arising.	
6.	<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> We are grateful to Roger Wheeler for asking his members whether anyone would be interested in joining ACSG and welcome Barbara Wheeler to the meeting as an observer. We hope she may like to become a member.	
7.	<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b> dealt with under matters arising	
8.	<b>Ringmaster &amp; new alert system</b> Ringmaster has been replaced by a new alert system which seems to be working well.	
9.	<b>Speed Watch &amp; Church Street</b> dealt with under matters arising	
10.	<b>Treasurers Report</b> Tim distributed a printout of the accounts which show current funds a £107.57.	
11.	<b>Station Road update</b> dealt with under matters arising	
12.	<b>Number 4 extended licence</b> Hours were extended on New Year's Eve until 0300. There have been some problems around these premises and ATC are keeping a careful eye on their conduct. They do have a gaming licence for the fruit machines.	
13.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter mentioned the nuisance caused by off road bikes in Neotsbury Road. The bikes have no number plates, are not insured, riders have no helmets, and the problem can be an offence under Section 59. Police response when he reported the problem was very slow.</li> <li>• Street Watch have been invited to the police control room on the 2 February to discuss ideas for costing cutting measures. Peter and June to attend.</li> <li>• Lloyd asked if it would be worth asking the three local CBC councillors to roster their attendance at ACSG meetings to report on CBC activity as so many of the items we deal with are within CBC remit. This would provide a better line of communication with the council.</li> <li>• Helen asked if we should reduce the number required for a quorum, to reflect the limited membership. It was agreed to reduce it from 5 to 3.</li> </ul> <p>Time and Date of next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1830, in the Waitrose Meeting Room .</p>	<p>PD/JH</p> <p>Helen to draft letter</p>