

Amphill, Clophill and Maulden Community Safety Group
Minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2017

1.	Present June Hutley Tim Norman Peter Downing Lloyd Hynes Steve Ware Barbara Wheeler Helen Armitage Apologies Cllr Paul Downing Alan Read	Action
2.	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st February 2017 were approved. The spelling of Minister in the third sentence was corrected.	
2a	<p>Written report from Cllr Downing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have since the last meeting exchanged emails with the PCC in relation to the new Amphill Policing Hub and I have personally visited, what is a simple office within the fire station. I encourage you all to pop in so that you can see what has been made available under inter-service collaboration • Clophill PC did not receive and has not received any crime figures for Feb/March 2017. • The Council Executive is debating the future of CCTV in the CBC area on morning of 4/4/17 and the intention is to spend C£700K on new equipment. • Station Road (Industrial Estate) is to receive double yellow lines on the stretch that I have been promoting as dangerous. • Clophill NHW is due to go live this month. • Should the Group wish to address Clophill Village – an opportunity exists on the evening of 25th April at the annual Parish Meeting. <p>Members then discussed the policing hub and commented that it has no signage, is very small and not always open. PCSO Juliet Wright works there 3 days a week but it doesn't seem to be intended as a public drop-in.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH/PD</p>
3	Matters arising	
3a	Station Road June has had an email from Steve Lakin at CBC explaining that the work had not been done in the allotted time because Ringway Jacobs, CBC's contractors, had sub-contracted the work. The sub contracted company decided it couldn't be done for the agreed amount. June had emailed Steve Lakin back to ask who was in charge, CBC who commissioned the work or Ringway Jacobs. There should surely be a fine to be paid by Ringway Jacobs for non delivery of work. Members felt that it was a disgraceful shambles, and children's safety is at risk. The Firs school sent a newsletter home at the end of the previous week when work should have started, saying that traffic lights were going to be installed and work started the following week. Notice of cancellation would have been last minute, indicating little communication between CBC and their contractors. Lloyd suggested that the Group write a letter to the Clerk of the Board of Governors of both The Firs and Alameda schools, which would mean that it would be discussed at the next meeting of both Boards. Hopefully they would give us their support in pressing for this work to be done as soon as possible.	JH
3b	Warren Farm More traffic light delays have taken place on Flitwick Road although it is not made clear why they are there. Lloyd has been unable to get a breakdown of the S106 monies as the developments in Maulden have been too small to generate a large enough amount. The distribution of S106 moneys has become very contentious; there was recently a demonstration at a council meeting by Sandy residents. CBC has not yet signed the Community Infrastructure Levy - as they are having to redraft the Local Plan – and S106 monies are not restricted to the area where the developments were built.	Ongoing
3c	Website Steve, June and Peter to meet afterwards to discuss the wording of the new initiatives pages.	SW/PD/JH
3d	Local Plan Peter and June went to the Rufus Centre drop-in and completed questionnaires on the various issues in the Local Plan. They were assured comments would be taken into consideration, but there was no date or timeline. Summerfield land between Maulden and Abbey Lane is in the long term plan for housing in the 2030s.	Ongoing
3e	Crime Figures No figures have been received for March. June will try and find out why. Some clarification about priorities for Street Watch volunteers would be useful. There are no longer any local PCSOs so their contacts have gone.	JH

3f	<p>St George's Place June has been unable to get an update. The Group wondered how many companies tendered for the care home contract, and how widely it was advertised. There was a suggestion that the original plan included reference to a care home only to smooth the planning permission, but had little intention of ever providing one. That planning application has been withdrawn and replaced with one just for housing. June will email Mark Spragg for the latest information.</p> <p>Message from Mark Spragg stating that planning was granted on the 29th March.</p>	Ongoing
3g	<p>Park Hill June has spoken to Kay Sterling who works for the Pollution Team at CBC and asked what had happened since the air quality survey in 2015. She stated that councils and businesses have to be consulted and it takes up to two years draw up an Action Plan. However, to date, nothing has yet been done. June pointed out that with so many new homes now being built there will be a large increase in traffic volume. Kay said she will follow it up urgently, and would also look into the problem of large vehicles driving through the town. June will email and ask for a timetable of progress.</p>	JH
3h	<p>Parking Strategy Members are keen to know how much is being implemented, and when. Helen will go to the Town Meeting on 10th and raise the question.</p>	HA
3i	<p>NatWest closure Nadine Dorries has raised the matter in the House of Commons but it seems the closure will go ahead. The group feels the Post Office will be unable to cope with the additional work involved, and that the layout of the shop is completely inadequate for the increased footfall which will result. We will write to the newsagent and post office counters. Peter will try to find out whether the shop meets fire regulations.</p>	JH PD
3j	<p>Covanta Incinerator Barbara said there are only two weeks left to oppose this. The Town Council are against. She has written to the Environment Agency who have replied. The local authority takes responsibility for lighting, noise, wildlife and air pollution if the permit is granted. Covanta do not have a good reputation for running these types of incinerator both here and abroad. June will write to the Environment Agency as well stating ACSG's opposition.</p>	JH
3k	<p>Dunstable Street Parking Tim has heard nothing more about the parking space outside Indigo Estate Agents. He will chase with his contact at CBC.</p>	TN
4	<p>Police Cadets and road census Cllr Downing has suggested a survey of heavy lorries in the town centre could perhaps be undertaken by police cadets, but that a risk assessment would need to be completed. The group did not feel we were a competent authority to fulfil this requirement and that it should be done by the police volunteering unit. We are concerned about who would supervise the cadets and what would be done with the information? A one day survey would not qualify as a proper survey. June will speak to Cllr Downing about the idea.</p>	JH
5.	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee June completed the questionnaire from the Committee asking for topics to be looked into. She asked them to look into providing more transparency from CBC as to where Section 106 monies are spent in Bedfordshire, especially in the light of developments affecting local services and infrastructure in Ampthill.</p>	Ongoing
6	<p>Town Meeting 10th April June will be away on that day but Helen will go to raise questions about Station Road, Air Quality, St George's Place, TC Parking Strategy, and the dangerous Woburn Street pavement following a recent fatal accident there..</p>	HA
7..	<p>AOB Helen expressed concern about the condition of the pavement in Woburn Street outside the Queens Head, where a woman was recently seriously injured after a fall, and subsequently died. The reverse camber on that stretch of pavement is extremely dangerous. Could it be resurfaced so that it is flat or, at the very least a rail installed, to prevent pedestrians falling into the street.</p>	Ongoing
8	<p>Time and date of next meeting As some members are away on 16th May, the next meeting will be on May 23rd at 1830, in Waitrose Meeting Room.</p>	