

# AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

**Minutes:** ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Present:** John Plummer; June Hutley; Lloyd Hynes; Tim Norman; Peter Downing; Bob Barton; Chris Yates; Janet Moore. **Apologies:** Cathy Wallis; Jane Regan

**Minutes** of 1<sup>st</sup> September meeting were approved.

## **Matters arising**

Dog waste bins. John Plummer will write to Central Beds, Assistant Director (Waste) to report the lack of dog waste bins in the Willow Way area of Ampthill. **Action JP**

Unofficial footpaths across Winfield Trust lands. At this time it is not know if the land agent has held a meeting with Central Beds to discuss the concerns previously reported to them by residents who back onto the land. **Ongoing**

ASB, noise and criminal damage concerns during weekend evenings in the town centre.

John Plummer held a meeting with affected Ampthill residents and a business on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept to discuss their concerns. Using the SARA process he has collated a list of concerns and recommendations which he will forward to Central Beds for their attention. **Action JP**

Illegal parking on double yellow lines at the Oliver Street/Dunstable Street junction. As a consequence of the ACSG report on the potential risks to emergency vehicles, this area has been added to the parking hot spots list for Civil Enforcement Officers to patrol.

## **Shared Space Status Report.**

Chris Yates reported that the sub committee had now made the Shared Space presentation to REVAMP, Ampthill Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Community Safety Forum (at Millbrook meeting) and Ampthill Town Council, and received a positive response from all.

The ACSG sub committee have been invited to meet with the Ampthill Town Council highways sub group to discuss how to proceed and elevate Shared Space to the next level. Chris will email Gary Summerfield to request a date for this meeting which should preferably take place before the next ACSG meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November. **Action CY**

## **ACSG Proactivity.**

Road Safety Week will be held in late November. ACSG will support as required.

Jane Regan and Nicola King are continuing to monitor ASB status in Willow Way.

A further Ministry of Youth Event is to be held at The White Hart Hotel this week.

## **Priorities**

1. Neighbourhood Policing. 2. Disorderly Conduct. 3. Speeding (Pedestrian Safety)

4. ACSG Pro-activity

**Ongoing**

## **Proposed Yellow Line waiting restriction in Bedford St, Woburn St and Swaffield Close.**

ACSG welcome the improvement to road safety that this would bring but are concerned that the consequential loss of parking spaces will exacerbate the incidence of illegal or inconsiderate parking elsewhere in town. ACSG believe that additional yellow lines should not be introduced until the lack of town centre car parking spaces is resolved. **Action JP**

## **AOB**

**20 mph speed limit in Ampthill Town centre.** Chris Yates will draft a letter for John Plummer to send to David Bowie, Head of Traffic Management at Central Beds to seek clarification regarding this speed limit. i.e. When was it introduced? Why was it introduced? What purpose does it serve if is not enforceable, not policed and generally ignored by most motorists? **Action CY and JP**

**Lack of Highways representative at Community Forums.** ACSG are concerned that Road Safety issues are always a high priority at Community Forums, but there is usually no Highways Dept representative present and this is unacceptable. John Plummer will write to the Leader of Central Beds, Councillor Patricia Turner, to register this concern. **Action JP**

**Continued reports of anti social behaviour in Willow Way.** It was agreed that by the next meeting Lloyd Hynes and Peter Downing would collate reports of incidents of ASB, vandalism or criminal damage made to them by residents or visitors. **Action LH and PD**

## **Exit from Woburn St onto Ampthill By-Pass (A507)**

ACSG recommend that a filter lane for vehicles turning left onto A507 is introduced to reduce the incidence of traffic queuing at busy periods. Highways Dept to be informed. **Action JP**

**Date of next meeting; Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7pm**

**ACSG next Surgery** is this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 12 in Waitrose Foyer.

**Next Community Safety Forum** (Public Meeting) Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 7.30pm at the Baptist Church, Dunstable St, Ampthill

There is to be a Neighbourhood Watch Event at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick on 24<sup>th</sup> October.