

# AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

**Minutes:** ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Present:** John Plummer; June Hutley; Lloyd Hynes; Tim Norman; Peter Downing; Bob Barton; Chris Yates; Janet Moore, PC Paul Element

**Apologies:** D Rollings (via Joy Craven)

**Minutes** of 13<sup>th</sup> October meeting were approved.

## **Matters arising**

Dog waste bins. (Willow Way area of Ampthill.) John Plummer wrote to Central Beds (CBC), who have added this to CBC's list of things to do. *Ongoing*

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

As part of ongoing activities John Plummer has had contact with John Seamarks and plans to hold discussions with Sgt Lisa Johnson later this week. *Action JP*

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

In a reply to the letter from ACSG, Chris Heard, CBC, says in light of the feedback received from various sources the current proposal will now be reviewed.

20 mph speed limit in Ampthill Town centre.

PC Element reported that information he has received suggests that the 20mph limit is to become legally enforceable. He will confirm if this is correct and feedback to ACSG as soon as clarification has been established. *Action PC Element*

Lack of Highways representative at Community Safety Forums

ACSG were not entirely satisfied with Tricia Turner's (Leader CBC) response to their letter as they remain of the opinion that the attendance of a Highways representative is necessary at all Community Safety Forums because Highways related topics are always a priority.

Continued reports of anti social behaviour in Willow Way.

Peter Downing and Lloyd Hynes reported that there had been no evidence of large groups of youths recently. PC Element says that this is hopefully as a consequence of his and colleagues earlier activities and of making one to one relationships. However, he believes that some of the problem makers have now moved to Flitwick. *Ongoing*

Peter Downing reported that there had been three recent incidents of the burning of wheelie bins in the locality and this now subject of police investigations. *Action PC Element*

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

John Plummer will write to David Bowie to convey ACSG recommendation that a filter lane for vehicles turning left onto A507 is introduced to reduce the incidence of traffic queuing at busy periods. ACSG also believe that a filter lane for traffic turning left into Woburn St would significantly improve safety at this junction. *Action JP*

**ACSG Priorities** 1.Neighbourhood Policing. 2.Disorderly Conduct. 3.Pedestrian Safety (Speeding and Shared Space) 4. ACSG Pro-activity *Ongoing*

## **AOB**

### **Shared Space Status Report.**

It was agreed that as the Shared Space concept had received positive responses from all the presentations given. To avoid it stalling, it was important that the subject was now urgently elevated to CBC Highways and perhaps also Nadine Dorries MP.

Ideally the proposed meeting with the Town Council's Highways sub committee should happen before this. Therefore, Chris Yates would write to Gary Summerfield to request either an urgent meeting or his agreement for ACSG to go directly to CBC. *Action CY*

### **REVAMP/Town Council meeting feedback.**

John Plummer reported that the meeting had been useful and constructive covering a range of topics which included Parking, Parkside Hall, Visitor Centre and young people.

**Car Parking Concern** John Plummer will write to Cllr David McVicar, (CBC) to suggest the use of space at Russell House as a temporary car park to ease the current chronic shortage.

### **Funding of ACSG from CBC.**

John Plummer has received no response re-his e-mail to CBC (Community Safety) requesting funds for ACSG. Funding from CBC was minuted at the first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Logo for ACSG**

It was agreed that local youth should be enlisted to design a logo for ACSG. Contact will be made through Jane Regan and possibly also Lynn Darlow at Redborne School.

**Date of next meeting; Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7pm**

Community Safety Forum; Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 7.30pm - Baptist Church, Ampthill  
Police Surgery; 16<sup>th</sup> December in WAITROSE car park.

Community Safety Event; Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Maulden Village School.(ACSG support requested)