

AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 1st September 2009

Present: John Plummer; June Hutley; Lloyd Hynes; Tim Norman; Peter Downing; Bob Barton; Chris Yates; Jane Regan. **Apologies;** Dave Rollings, Janet Moore, Mark Stubbs

Minutes of 21st July meeting were approved.

Matters arising

- Dog waste bins. Awaiting feedback. *Action DR*
- Unstable Footbridge. Peter Downing reported that repairs have been completed and presented photographs of new footbridge to the meeting. *Closed*
- Unofficial footpaths across Winfield Trust lands. Lloyd Hynes reported that he had held discussions with the land agent and reported some of the concerns of residents whose properties back onto the land. Due to set-aside, the land has not been properly farmed for many years. Consequently weeds invade residents' gardens from the Trust land. However, residents are being denied access to maintain their fences or control the weeds. Additionally, due to no control of access at the boundaries, many unofficial footpaths have appeared raising safety concerns for the residents and these need to be addressed. It is understood that the agents are currently in communication with Central Beds Council over matters affecting the land. *Ongoing*

Amphill Traffic Concerns

Chris Yates reported that the Shared Space Presentation will be made to the following.

REVAMP. Thurs 10th September at 8pm in the Town Council Chambers.

Amphill Town Council. Wed 16th September at 7.30pm in Town Council Chambers.

Amphill Chamber of Trade and Commerce. Tues 6th October at 8pm in the Wingfield Club.

ACSG Proactivity.

Jane Regan, Youth Community Safety Officer, reported about her meeting with Janet Moore where they had discussed ASB concerns regarding Amphill Park and Willow Way. She noted incidents reported by committee members and requested to be kept aware of ongoing issues via email. Together with Nichola King she was studying how to engage young people in this area with community activities perhaps aligned to a reward scheme. Via *My Shout* she would also seek young person feedback regarding Road Safety issues.

Priorities

Ongoing: 1. Neighbourhood Policing. 2. Disorderly Conduct. 3. Speeding (Pedestrian Safety)
4. ACSG Proactivity

AOB

- Noise concerns at weekend evenings in the vicinity of the White Hart Hotel. It was agreed that as ACSG Chairman, John Plummer would meet with representatives of residents affected by noise to discuss their concerns and establish how ACSG can assist with taking the matter forward. *Action JP*
- The dedicated track for mountain bikes at Rowney Warren. ACSG believe that this would not serve Amphill and an alternative location needs to be found locally.
- Review of Community Safety Fora.
John Plummer reported that there has been no feedback since ACSG had submitted their recommendations via the questionnaire.
- Yellow Line Parking at the top of Oliver Street. Peter Downing reported that there was a near miss traffic incident at the top of Oliver Street on a recent weekend when a Range Rover with trailer turning left from Dunstable Street braked suddenly to avoid an ambulance on emergency call. The incident was due to cars parked on double yellow lines causing the Range Rover to be on the wrong side of the road. ACSG consider this to be a safety issue requiring police action at weekends when parking on these yellow lines is prevalent. John Plummer will write to Inspector Tania Coulling expressing ACSG concerns, and separately about road safety in Amphill. *Action JP*
- Steppingly Community Safety Event on Thursday 3rd September. ACSG members have agreed to assist with this event at Steppingly Village Hall from 5.30pm.

Date of next meeting; Tuesday 13th October 2009 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7pm

Other Dates: Next ACSG Clinic. Saturday 17th October 10am to 12 in Waitrose Foyer.

Next Community Safety Forum (Public Meeting) Monday 5th October 2009 at 7.30pm at Millbrook Village Hall.