

# AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

**Minutes:** ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009

**Present:** John Plummer; June Hutley; Tim Norman; Peter Downing; Lloyd Hynes; Bob Barton; Chris Yates; Dave Rollings; **Apologies;** Janet Moore;

**Minutes** of 10<sup>th</sup> March meeting were approved.

## **Matters arising**

- John Plummer confirmed ACSG account is now set up. Dave Rollings reports that Central Beds are now budget setting and funds for ACSG may be available in May.
- Neighbourhood Awareness Police have requested ACSG support with future presentations to be held in Waitrose car park. Current important topic is drug awareness. John Plummer made general request to committee members for help.
- Sgt Nigel Denham has confirmed to ACSG that from recent police analysis, speeding is a concern on all roads leading into Ampthill.
- ACSG Aims and Objectives were included in the April edition of *Around The Pump*.
- Ampthill Town Council has replied that they have no budget for additional mobile cameras. Dave Rollings is to enquire if cameras are available from an alternative source for use on a short term basis. *Action DR*

## **Priorities**

The following priorities from previous meetings are ongoing.

1. Neighbourhood Policing. John Plummer (ACSG chairman) will meet with Supt Neil Wilson to discuss Policing Pledge and it's affect on policing issues in Ampthill. *Action JP*
2. Disorderly Conduct. Pete Downing reports that there are still anti social behaviour issues particularly in Willow Way. Dave Rollings will report this to PC Element. *Action DR*
3. Speeding. ACSG have offered assistance to police regarding activities in this matter.
4. Jack and Jill Playgroup. June Hutley reports that there are still concerns with ASB and litter. Dave Rollings will report this to PC Element. *Action DR*

## **Ampthill Traffic Concerns.**

Chris Yates delivered a brief paper on Shared Space, an idea developed in the Netherlands, widely adopted in Europe and also by several local authorities in the UK.

It was agreed that ACSG would present this as an idea which should be trialled in this area in preference to adopting a blanket 20mph restriction in urban locations (residential areas) as proposed by the government. Chris Yates agreed to put together a presentation citing evidence from UK authorities currently operating "Shared Space" and its' affect on traffic calming and accident rates. *Action CY*

## **Provision of Dog Waist Bins.**

Peter Downing reported that there were no dog waist bins on a public footpath near Willow Way which was used daily by a significant number of dog owners. Consequently there was an Environmental Health Concern. Dave Rollings will investigate this concern. *Action DR*

## **Unstable Foot Bridge.**

Peter Downing reported that a footbridge on a public footpath between Ampthill and Maulden was unstable and there was a potential Public Liability concern in the event of a personal injury. Dave Rollings will investigate this concern. *Action DR*

## **AOB**

- Lloyd Hynes raised concerns regarding several unofficial footpaths across Wingfield Trust Land. Dave Rollings will investigate this concern. *Action DR*
- June Hutley reported that PC Element had not yet liaised with Jack and Jill Playgroup regarding ASB and litter concerns. PC Element to be informed. *Action DR*
- John Plummer reported that he and Pete Downing had met with the Fire Service to discuss training for ACSG. *Ongoing*
- It was agreed that the ACSG clinic held in Waitrose on 28<sup>th</sup> March had proved useful and should be repeated every three months and kept separate from Ampthill Town Council clinics. Date of next clinic TBA. *Action JP*
- ACSG members will visit Police Control Room, Kempston on 25<sup>th</sup> June *Action TN*

**Date of next meeting;** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7.0pm