

AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 21st July 2009

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

Minutes of 9th June meeting were approved.

Matters arising

- Shared Space. Chris Yates reported that the sub committee had held two meetings and were in a position to make a presentation to this meeting. (See report below)
- Dog waste bins. Dave Rollings reports the matter is ongoing.
- Disorderly Conduct. (Willow Way) It is understood that police activity is ongoing.
- Jack and Jill playgroup ASB concerns. Currently no concerns.
- Unstable Footbridge. Peter Downing reports that repair work is expected to be completed during September.
- Fire Service. Peter Downing has now been trained as a community volunteer.
- Unofficial footpaths across Winfield Trust lands. Lloyd Hynes reported that residents whose properties back onto this land have been contacted by the agents acting for the Winfield Trust demanding removal of garden gates which appear to access the trust land. It may be that the agents have not appreciated that the unofficial footpaths are being used by others, emanating from the direction of Willow Way. Dave Rollings will contact the agents to seek clarification. *Action DR*

Amphill Traffic Concerns

Chris Yates gave a presentation of Shared Space from the information gathered by himself, June Hutley and Bob Barton from their two meetings and visits to existing Shared Space projects within the UK and Europe. It was agreed that this presentation should now be made to the following bodies at their respective next meetings.

Amphill Town Council. John Plummer will contact. *Action JP*

Amphill Chamber of Trade and Commerce. Chris Yates will contact *Action CY*

REVAMP. John Plummer will contact. *Action JP*

ACSG Proactivity.

- Janet Moore has been in contact with Jane Regan, Youth Community Safety Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council and has arranged to meet on her return from holiday.
- ACSG Shared Space study to be presented to others. *Action CY, BB, JH*

Priorities

Priorities are unchanged from previous meetings are ongoing: 1. Neighbourhood Policing.

2. Disorderly Conduct. 3. Speeding (Pedestrian Safety) 4. ACSG Proactivity

AOB

- The noise concerns at weekend evenings in the vicinity of the White Hart Hotel were discussed at the ACSG meeting in June and correspondence received from Town Clerk Dawn Sutherns was read. ACSG are pleased to learn that Amphill Town Council are to study this concern and pledged support.
- In response to the discussion at the ACSG June meeting Dave Rollings reported that a dedicated track for mountain bikes was being considered at Rowney Warren.
- Janet Moore has met with a young mother concerned with difficulty crossing roads with children at several locations close to the town centre due to traffic speed and density, and inconsiderate parking. (Report submitted via email attachment)
- Peter Downing reported that a number of windows had been broken in town and that according to Ringmaster there had been an outbreak of cars being broken into.
- Review of Community Safety Fora. (Note; Dave Rollings retired from the meeting prior discussion of this subject.)
ACSG discussed and completed the questionnaire; Who, What, Where, When, How. The following key recommendations were made;
 - (i) Change name; Community Safety **Forum** to Community Safety **Public Meeting**
 - (ii) Meeting frequency to revert to every three months.
 - (iii) Due to lack of feedback it is recommended that a Community Safety news page be established within the Central Beds Web Site to accommodate this.
 - (iv) Submit an agenda via the news web site. (This would ensure time is allocated for topics raised for discussion).

Date of next meeting; Tuesday 1st September 2009 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7.0pm