

# AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

**Minutes:** ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Present:** John Plummer; June Hutley; Janet Moore; Tim Norman; Peter Downing; Bob Barton; Chris Yates; Dave Rollings; Sgt Lisa Johnson and PC Paul Element.

**Apologies;** Lloyd Hynes

**Minutes** of 21st April meeting were approved.

## **Matters arising**

- Shared Space. The concept was approved and it was agreed that the idea should be rolled out to others. eg. REVAMP and other Community Safety Groups. **Action JP**  
*Post meeting note. JP advised REVAMP of the Shared Spaces concept and work being carried by ACSG, at its meeting on 11 June*
- Dog waste bins. Dave Rollings has approached the Central Beds Environmental team via email. A response is awaited.
- Disorderly Conduct. Although there is evidence of continued ASB in Willow Way, it was acknowledged that there has been a significant reduction as a consequence of police activity.
- Jack and Jill playgroup ASB concerns. PC Element reported that there had been recent police activity regarding these concerns, and that he had been active in reducing ASB in the playgroup area over a long period of time. The remaining concern was now mainly due to litter.
- Unstable Footbridge. Peter Downing reported that repairs to the bridge were to be carried out within the next two months.
- Feedback from 26<sup>th</sup> May Forum. There was discussion regarding a requirement for the attendance of a Senior Police Officer at Forum meetings. It was agreed that this was not necessarily a priority.
- Fire Service. John Plummer and Peter Downing are to become community volunteers.
- Unofficial footpaths across Winfield Trust lands. Concern remains open. **Action DR**

## **Amphill Traffic Concerns**

Chris Yates circulated a paper copy of a Shared Space presentation which he had prepared. It was agreed to form a sub committee of Chris Yates, June Hutley and Bob Barton to progress the subject further. The first meeting was set for 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

## **ACSG Proactivity.**

Janet Moore presented ideas where the ACSG could be proactive within the community. eg identify car parking spaces; causes of speeding in town; traffic calming measures; involving the community and establishing safety groups in schools. The following was agreed.

- Parking issues will be discussed with REVAMP **Action JP**
- Traffic issues will be studied by the Shared Space sub group. **Action CY, BB, JH**
- Janet will contact Youth & Community Safety Officer, Jane Regan **Action JM**

## **Priorities**

Priorities from previous meetings are ongoing:

1. Neighbourhood Policing.
2. Disorderly Conduct.
3. Speeding.
4. ACSG Proactivity. (New priority)

## **AOB**

- John Plummer and Bob Barton will attend a meeting with other local Community Safety Groups at Central Beds, Chicksands on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm
- It is believed that a dedicated track for mountain bikes in this locality could help to reduce ASB. Dave Rollings agreed to check for a potential site. **Action DR**
- Next ACSG clinic; Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10am until 12 in Waitrose lobby.
- ACSG members will visit Police Control Room, Kempston on 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm
- Sgt Lisa Johnson reported that Tania Coulling had been appointed as the new Police Inspector and this area will have two Sergeants. (The second is yet to be appointed)
- Tim Norman raised a concern regarding noise from the White Hart Hotel especially on Friday evenings. PC Element stated that over time things had in fact improved.

**Date of next meeting;** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 in WAITROSE meeting room at 7pm