

Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2011 at
The Café, RAF Naphill**

Attendees:

Peter Charles	-	GKRA
David Davies	-	Hughenden PC
Andy Deane Sgt	-	TV Police
Peggy Ewart	-	Hughenden PC Chair
Madeleine Howe	-	Bucks CC
David Jarman	-	Hughenden PC-Vice Chairman
Stan Jones (Chairman)	-	WDNHWA/resident
Gloria Leflaive	-	NAWARA
Cath Macleod	-	GKRA
John Marchant	-	WE Village Hall
Ann McCarthy	-	WE Resident
Lyn Ryan	-	Widmer End RA
Lin Smith (Vice Chair)	-	Hughenden PC-Hughenden Ward
Lee Turnham PC	-	TV Police
Marianne Tyler	-	WE School STP
Judy Whitehouse	-	Hughenden PC – Naphill Ward
John Wood	-	Naphill and Walters Ash RA

Prior to the meeting a presentation was made by Dani Bowman, RAF Community Development Officer, of the new facility at RAF Naphill that was to be open to use by the community, mainly in the evenings when not in use by the RAF. It is hoped that their Youth Club facilities could be availed by the youth of Hughenden Parish. The RAF is clarifying the opportunities and we will be informed of the situation in due course. The initial requirement is likely to be transport.

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all attendees.

Apologies:

Paul Cawte, Terry Williams, Ian Guy and Hugh McCarthy (Represented by Ann McCarthy).

Minutes of Last meeting;

The Minutes of the last meeting held at the Parish Office on 25th November 2010 were agreed by all attending.

Matters arising;

It was agreed that matters arising from the last meeting that were on the agenda would be discussed when they arose.

As it is not expected that the “Have Your Say” meetings will produce the next set of priorities, a questionnaire will be produced as in previous years, and this will be based on the TVP template and circulated to members shortly. It needs to be out by end February, and the return cut-off date will be end March. The results will then be ready for the April HNAG meeting.

Action – Lee T/All

All methods should be used to get completed questionnaires including RingMaster Messaging, RA Newsletters (cut off dates WE 11th Feb, GKH 31st Jan, Naphill 15/16th Feb and Hughenden around end Feb), Facebook, Twitter, door-to-door surveys, shops and sending home with children from schools. Central collection points would have to be set up.

Action – All

The location of the small camera signs that cost some 20GBP each will be determined by the Speed Reduction WG. The required permission to mount on posts would then be progressed.

Action – Cath M/Lee T

Hughenden PC continues to pursue the sign banning heavy vehicles from the new Cryers Hill lay-by. Madeleine Howe offered to obtain costs

Action – David D/Madeleine H

The road safety poster competition for schools is progressing.

Action – Lee T

We are still awaiting a response to the data from the recent speed measuring exercises that has been sent to TVP to support our request for an authorised location on the Missenden Road to be agreed for the TVP speed-measuring vehicle. It was agreed that Stan J writes to the head of Highways at the CC to urge action.

Action – Lee T/Stan J

Speeding (Priority 1)

It is planned to have one session per week in each Ward of the TVP SID for Community Speedwatch throughout the year. The support needed to input the data was discussed and it was agreed one person per Ward was ideal, so that 30 minutes per week was the likely workload. The training necessary was outlined to the meeting and is contained in an e-mail from David J, and TVP would facilitate this. Each RA/Ward was asked to please identify a volunteer for this task. These data entry persons would not be able to take part in the roadside activities.

Action – RAs/Wards

Volunteers were needed to carry out the roadside recording alongside the police. Around six per Ward was probably necessary to ensure two would be available per session. GK (Cath M) has six names, so would the other Wards please do the same.

Action – Widmer End, Naphill and Hughenden RAs/Wards

The money from Richard Pushman for the TSID to be used in Naphill. Widmer End and Hughenden has been passed to the PC.

Action – Cath M

The potential use of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) awaits the outcome of the Ellesborough pilot scheme. HPC would consider contributing to the cost when more detail was available.

Litter Reduction (Priority 2)

The litter left behind by Skanska, and their obligation to make good, was again raised. There are three areas needing addressing, firstly the mess of food and drink containers they throw into hedges, secondly the broken pipes, discarded tape and other debris they leave behind and thirdly the concrete blocks, tar and clay they dig up and also leave behind. Their re-sowing of grass verges is also poor, as they do not firm the soil so footprints are inches deep. It was agreed that the procedure was for the NAG to write to the PC recording the problems. Peter C and Stan J undertook to do this in GK, and two volunteers were requested for WE, although it was noted there was much work still to complete.

Action – Peter C/Stan J

Cath M pointed out the volume of rubbish being discarded by lorry drivers parking in the new school lay-by, and requested help to clear as well as a rubbish bin to encourage self-help. It was also proposed to have a litter-picking day on 5th February focussing on Cryers Hill, organised by Cath M. HPC was asked to look

into the supply of a litter bin and related signs. Marianne T was arranging a litter pick in WE shortly.

Action – Cath M/HPC/Marianne T

Stan J proposed having quarterly litter picks across the Parish in the hope that people would recognise the problem and get into the habit of not littering. The first might coincide with the one to be set up by GKRA around Easter. There is a clear problem of parents not giving the right message to their children as litter is often dropped on the way from school. It was agreed that the idea of residents clearing the area in front of their own houses should be pushed whenever possible, and Stan J would prepare a short article on litter for the newsletters.

Action – Stan J

Parking (Priority 3)

Great Kingshill School – Lee T would raise the issue of parking at the “Have your Say” meeting at Cryers Hill Post Office. The use of large tree trunks to keep cars off grass verges was also raised.

Marianne T had a meeting with residents regarding Escourt Drive, and the problem spreading into Brimmers Hill. The subject of white lines was raised, and Lee T stated that a group price for line painting could be obtained if sufficient residents agreed, rather than the 76 GBP quoted per driveway.

David J gave an update on the work to initiate a minibus service to pick up children at collection points in Downley and Westbourne, as a starter, and deliver them safely to the school. The letter has been sent out by the headmaster to parents in the areas selected to assess interest. The costing will depend on the take up, but 1 GBP per trip was mooted. It was estimated the number of cars could be reduced by 10%. Marianne Tyler expressed an interest and will work with David J.

Action – David J

Anti-Social Behaviour

No significant activity.

Burglary

There was a burglary in Limmers Mead over the Christmas holiday where it appears the burglars were in the house for two days and emptied it. There were a group of 8 shed/garage burglaries and three house burglaries in Cryers Hill recently. Burglaries are clearly on the increase and more effort is needed to make property more resilient with alarms and property marking, such as Selecta DNA. Advice and some products were available through Neighbourhood Watch.

Communications

Communications circulated since the last meeting included the December and January NAG Neighbourhood Newsletters and latest “have your say” notices, CSI–Wycombe, Crime Reduction Partnership News, Community Impact Bucks Newsletter (Nov/Dec/Jan) and 10 tips to beat the burglar.

It was suggested that all members consider publishable items targeting one each month to raise the profile of the NAG. Community Speedwatch and School Parking were considered good topics, possibly advice concerning cycling on pavements.

Action – All

The NAG Minutes and Newsletter should be circulated as widely as possible on notice boards.

Action – All

Youth Involvement

The main activity is the new facility at RAF Naphill referred to above.

Any Other Business

A meeting on the Emergency Plan for the area covered by the NAG was to be held on Wednesday 26th January.

Action – David J

Peter Charles stated that in GK some 400 houses were relevant for the 30 mph bin signs and the RA were willing to contribute to the costs he had obtained (2000 cost 740GBP). HPC were also asked to contribute. Some thought they would not be effective, so members were asked to survey their residents and determine the number they would want and how much they could contribute to the cost. Once the number was known the funding issue would be clearer.

Action - All

Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings are Thursday 24th February and 7th April be held at 7.30 at Hughenden PC Offices.

Stan Jones 23/1/11