

HUGHENDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG)
 Minutes of the meeting
 held at Hughenden Parish Council Offices
 on Thursday 24th February 2011

Peter Charles	GKRA
David Davies	Hughenden PC, Great Kingshill Ward
Ian Guy	Hughenden PC, Widmer End Ward
David Jarman	Hughenden PC, Vice-Chairman
Stan Jones	Chairman, WDNHWA/resident
Gloria Leflaive	NHWARA
Ann McCarthy	WE resident
John Marchant	WE Village Hall
Lyn Ryan	WERA
Lin Smith	Vice-Chair, Hughenden PC, Hughenden Ward
Lee Turnham, PC	Thames Valley Police
Marianne Tyler	WE School STP

1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Paul Cawte, Madeleine Howe, Judy Whitehouse, Terry Williams.</p>	
2.	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th January 2011</u> These were agreed.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Allocation of small camera signs This is ongoing (Speed Reduction Working Party).</p> <p>Cryers Hill – heavy vehicles Sign for layby – awaiting costs from Madeleine Hall</p> <p>Road Safety Poster Competition for Schools Lee has this in hand and he will be visiting schools after half term break.</p> <p>Site for Speed Measuring Vehicles Clarity required from TV Police regarding their new speed strategy.</p> <p>TSIDS Contribution from Richard Pushman is now with Parish Council.</p> <p>Emergency Plan for Major Emergencies The working party had met and produced a “way forward” that has been endorsed by the Parish Council. A further meeting of the WG will be held to further detail the plan. It was confirmed that lists of vulnerable people would be held at the local level and not circulated widely. It was important for at least two people to know who had this information in case of absence in an emergency.</p> <p>Other matters arising would be addressed as they occur on the Agenda for this meeting.</p>	<p>Cath M/Lee T</p> <p>David D/ M Hall</p> <p>Lee T</p> <p>Stan J/Lee T</p> <p>David J/Lin S</p> <p>David J</p>
	<p><u>QUESTIONNAIRE TO DETERMINE HNAG PRIORITIES FOR 2011</u></p> <p>Lee explained that there had been a change of plan as TVP were not prepared to fund</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>this exercise. Due to financial cuts it was felt that the low return of questionnaire did not justify its cost. Therefore, Hughenden NAG would prepare its own questionnaire and circulate it during early March. A copy of the previous questionnaire would be sent to each ward. This can then be updated and returned to Stan. A working party would meet imminently (possibly Monday 28th February) to formulate the next questionnaire from comments made by each ward so that it could be distributed at the same time as the HPC Annual Report (early March).</p> <p>Drop off points for completed questionnaires to be agreed. It was suggested that Janet Idle be asked to remind residents in her Community section in the Bucks Free Press to return completed questionnaires. Members of NAG in each ward also to remind residents to complete and return forms. It was clarified that loose questionnaires were not subject to VAT.</p> <p>Marianne expressed a concern that people were unwilling to complete the questionnaires as they were unaware of HNAG, so a brief explanation would be included.</p> <p>In NAGs where there is a poor response then the TVP priorities for the next year will be set from the volume of calls, e.g. on ASB, litter, traffic, etc.</p>	<p>Stan J</p>
	<p><u>PRIORITY 1</u></p> <p>a) Speeding up-date Lee explained that the recording of data by TVP has changed. In future data</p>	

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changed. In future data collected would be presented as an average. Therefore wide ranging speeds on a problem road could result in a figure which seemed to be acceptable. This is a great concern as legal traffic will disguise persistent offenders. However, Speedwatch exercises, where all drivers exceeding a determined speed limit (35 mph) is being supported. Speeders would receive letters from TVP, and this should, over time, demonstrate the problem of drivers exceeding speed limits.

Lee also explained that for the immediate future a police officer would input data and issue letters rather than residents from the parish.

The next Speedwatch exercise will be in Great Kingshill on 4th March. Lee to be advised of who will be present to support him, the venue and the timings.

Stan J

b) Speed Reduction Working Group

Lin S

A meeting had not been held for some time and Lin Smith will contact Cath Macleod about the possible need for a new Chairperson.

John M
Lin S

Peter Charles had obtained 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins in Great Kingshill. He could order more for the other wards. Widmer End would like approximately 220 and Hughenden 100 @ 35-40p each. These numbers to be confirmed with him by Monday 28th February.

David Davies reported that the reduced speed limit at the top of Cryers Hill will be enforced by September 2011.

PRIORITY 2

Litter reduction up-date

Cath had organised a successful litterpick on Cryers Hill. A great deal of litter (some 20 bags) had been collected and since then Stan had found it easier to keep the litter in his area under control.

Litterpick

Marianne confirmed Widmer End School would be undertaking a litterpick 27th/28th April to coincide with that for GK. Peter confirmed he had several grabbers which she could borrow.

If someone was seen to be throwing litter from a car, then the number of the car should be reported to TVP. There is a fine of £80 for this offence.

Skanska

Peter and Stan had walked Great Kingshill to note problems with their gas re-piping works. It was agreed that a standard letter be produced:

- a) identifying problem areas
- b) agreeing that efforts had been made by Skanska to eliminate these
- c) pointing out that some had not been remedied
- d) mentioning the pride we have in our villages, e.g. Best Village competition

It is important that the letter has a positive approach (and also suggests that a few bags of daffodils would be appreciated to replace those dug up by Skanska!).

Marianne T

Stan J/Peter C

John M/David D

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This letter could then be sent by the Parish Council in respect of each of the wards as they are affected by the gas works.

John M will walk Widmer End to identify any problems with litter in this ward.

Regarding litter free wards, it was agreed that a certificate be produced to be awarded to the best kept area. It was agreed that there would be different categories re small (e.g. Bryant's Bottom) v large (e.g. Naphill) areas.

PRIORITY 3

At this point Lee explained that Natalie (PCSO) had only recently returned to duty after an accident, entailing her having to undergo plastic surgery to her face. The best wishes for a rapid recovery were sent by the NAG.

School parking up-date

Lee reported that this is an ongoing problem. Difficulties had been experienced at Kilnwood in Naphill (56% of the children are out of catchment area). A new Station Commander will be arriving shortly and it could be that, if problems continue, he will use his authority to close areas off from the general public which will exacerbate the parking problem.

A few calls had been received re Widmer End School. Residents were reported to have made a decision to have white lines painted across their driveways.

TVP have placed warnings on some windscreens. Drivers take note of these for a few

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days then resume their previous habits!

Bussing

A letter had been sent home to parents of children in Downley and Totteridge from Roger Dodds at Great Kingshill School. David Jarman had attended the STP meeting at Widmer End School and it is hoped that the Headteacher will be writing to parents of children out of area re the proposed bus service (Eco Flexi Buses). Judy Whitehouse would be speaking to the Headteacher of Naphill School.

David is waiting for some feedback re demand and then buses can be organised.

Madeleine Howe had expressed her interest in this initiative, and David Davies emphasised that WDC was viewing this as a pilot scheme to test demand.

Peggy Ewart, Chairman of Hughenden PC, had suggested using sections of tree trunks alongside areas outside schools, for example, to deter people from parking.

Lee T

<p>8.</p>	<p><u>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UP-DATE</u> Lee reported that there have been few problems.</p> <p>At Widmer End, signs have been erected on the top green to deter footballs being kicked at perimeter fences.</p> <p>TVP have obtained statements from land owners (e.g. Grange Farm, Terriers Farm) that they have not given permission for mini motor bikes to be driven over their land, rebutting a common excuse.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>BURGLARY UP-DATE</u> Lee explained why Primrose Hill, in Widmer End, had recently received a bad press re burglary. There had been of break-ins of caravans. This had been an error of reporting as, unless a caravan on a site is occupied, it is not a dwelling. As these caravans were stored, they should not have been counted in the break in statistics. Hopefully, this categorisation will change. A notice had been circulated by TVP to all residents in Primrose Hill explaining this and it has also been mentioned in the Spring issue of the Widmer End News (as this is an area which is particularly safe to live in).</p> <p>There had also been a number of sheds broken into on Cryers Hill. These might also be “wrongly” classified as burglaries. The sheds did not have alarms fitted.</p>	

<p>10.</p>	<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS UP-DATE</u> Improving publicity/websites. It would be appreciated if a volunteer could write a piece about an aspect covered by NAG for circulation within the parish – examples could be success of litter picking, bussing hopes, youth engagement at RAF.</p> <p>The list of documents circulated to members was mentioned.</p>	<p>Volunteers?</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>YOUTH INVOLVEMENT - NAPHILL</u> The facility at Naphill will soon be in use. At the next meeting of HNAG a Working Party to be organised to suggest ways of making contact with young people in the parish (13-16 years) to make them aware of this opportunity and that transport might be available.</p> <p>Lee mentioned that the RAF site at Daws Hill Lane will become an area for new housing. Some of the equipment will be donated to the Naphill site.</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> Lin mentioned a scam of which she had recently become aware. A 'taxi' in front of a woman driving in slow moving traffic suddenly braked so that she hit its bumper. There was a passenger in the car who took her to see the driver who was slumped over the steering wheel. It was suggested that he was injured and that she should pay an amount of money in compensation. Sensibly she refused and said they should contact her insurers. By then the traffic had moved on and the 'taxi' sped off.</p>	
	<p><u>DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 7th April 2011, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Council Office</p>	