

**Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe
Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2011 at
Sir William Ramsay School**

Attendees:

David Brown	-	Hazlemere Residents' Association
Sgt Andrew Deane	-	Thames Valley Police (TVP)
David Johncock	-	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council
Alan Kenyon	-	Hazlemere Parish Council
Robert Kin	-	Flackwell Heath company director / Loudwater resident
Sandy Macdiarmid	-	Chair / Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society
Brian Mapletoft	-	Hazlemere Residents' Association
Richard Mapp	-	Sir William Ramsay School (SWR)
David Onslow	-	Flackwell Heath Resident
Les Willis	-	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Peter Cartwright, David Gresswell and Jean Johnson.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting (20 October 2010)

Sandy Macdiarmid thanked Peter Cartwright for chairing the last meeting and for writing the minutes, which were agreed as accurate.

Sandy Macdiarmid noted and endorsed Peter Cartwright's subsequent comments that simultaneously chairing the meeting and taking the minutes is extremely difficult, and that a separate minute taker is needed; Sandy asked for a volunteer and / or suggestions. There were no volunteers, but Andrew Deane offered to publicise the need for someone to undertake this role in the next Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe Neighbourhood Police Team (HNPT) Newsletter.

3 Matters Arising (not on the Agenda)

The following documents had been distributed since the last meeting:

- 30 March: April HNPT Newsletter
- 4 April: TVP notice about metal thefts
- 4 April: Home Office Gating Guide

The March 2011 HNPT Newsletter had not been distributed to NAG members owing to Sandy Macdiarmid's absence on holiday; Sandy would now sent this out.

4 NAG Constitution and Terms of Reference (C&ToR)

All members had now signed the C&ToR, so this item will no longer appear on the Agenda.

5 NAG Priority - Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) / Criminal Damage

a) Footpath in Flackwell Heath

Peter Cartwright had been in contact with the Rights of Way Officer at BCC about the closure of the footpath that runs between Heath End Road and Magpie Lane where a number of the properties have been subjected to malicious damage. It is understood that the response from the Officer is that the process is long-winded and difficult. David Johncock suggested that Peter Cartwright be asked to circulate to NAG members the information provided by the Officer.

Action – Sandy Macdiarmid

David Brown advised that it would be prudent to seek the views of the Ramblers Association at an early stage if closure is to be progressed.

b) Beaumont Way Car Park, Hazlemere

Andrew Deane also reported that the situation at Beaumont Way Car Park, Hazlemere had improved following the installation of humps and timed lighting. There continues to be a sporadic daytime problem of inappropriate use of the men's toilets – these are locked at night. Police patrols continue.

Action – Andrew Deane

c) BMX Bike-riding in Flackwell Heath

ASB in Flackwell Heath associated with BMX bike-riding in the vicinity of Budgens was a cause of concern. David Johncock has been in contact with the Residents Association about the provision of lighting on the skateboard park. He added that there is also potential at Derehams Lane Sports Ground, and that this is being investigated. David Onslow added that ASB extends behind Budgens, where a brick wall is gradually being demolished. Andrew Deane will see that this area is patrolled.

Action – David Johncock, Andrew Deane

6 NAG Priority – Speeding / Road Safety

a) Parking in Hazlemere

Disruption caused by motorists parking in and near the bus lay-by on the A404 near Hazlemere Library when dropping-off and picking up school students was a continuing problem. David Brown reported that all-day parking on the bend in Rose Avenue in the vicinity of the Youth Club was regularly causing congestion. David Johncock added that he had received a similar complaint from a Tylers Green resident. There was a recognition that this Rose Avenue parking was largely associated with students attending SWR School. Richard Mapp advised that a letter is issued to parents every term asking them to park sensibly. Sixth formers were permitted to travel to school by car and off-road parking was needed. David Johncock advised that the Local Community Partnership (Chairman, Peter Cartwright) had some transport funding available. Richard Mapp would contact Peter Cartwright.

Action – Richard Mapp

Andrew Deane reiterated that parking enforcement is a Wycombe District Council issue, while the police continue to be responsible for dealing with obstruction, Wycombe District Council (WDC) was responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations.

David Brown recalled that, at the NAG meeting on 13 January 2011, the Chair had been asked to write to the Wycombe District Council Parking Services Operational Issues Manager to ask that his Parking Enforcement Officers enforced the regulations at the bus lay-by on the A404. Sandy Macdiarmid confirmed that he had written this letter and had sent it by email and by post. There had been no response, not even an acknowledgement.

Alan Kenyon observed that Holmer Green School had met with success in a campaign to persuade parents to park some distance from school when dropping-off school students.

b) Community SpeedWatch in Flackwell Heath

David Onslow thanked Andrew Deane for the excellent briefing notes he had supplied in connection with the operation of Community SpeedWatch in Flackwell Heath, which will be supervised by PCSO Daton Beckford and will concentrate on two roads in the village.

Andrew Deane reminded the meeting that each SpeedWatch check requires three community volunteers who:

- use equipment to record vehicle speeds, date and time
- note registration details, make / model / colour of vehicle and gender of the driver.

Action – David Onslow, Daton Beckford

c) Reporting of Speeding Statistics

David Johncock noted a change in the way that speeding statistics were reported in the monthly HNPT Newsletter. Now only an average speed was given (which was invariably below the limit) with no information on the extent of speeding. David Johncock received general support from the meeting when he requested that, as previously, the percentages of vehicles within and in excess of the speed limit, along with the average speed of those over the limit being given. Andrew Deane noted the views of the meeting.

Action – Andrew Deane

d) Parking in Flackwell Heath

David Onslow reported that the LCP will fund the painting of yellow lines on Chapel Road.

He also described dangerous parking on the corner of Old Kiln Road. Andrew Deane will ask PCSO Daton Beckford to monitor this.

Action – Andrew Deane, Daton Beckford

David Onslow asked to be reminded of the law on parking near road junctions. Andrew Deane referred to Section 243 of the Highway Code which includes the statement:

***DO NOT** stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.*

7 Youth Involvement

Andrew Deane reminded the meeting that the Hazlemere Youth Centre was due to close during the summer. Richard Mapp reported that, at a meeting on 4 March, it was agreed that SWR School will take over ownership of the Youth Centre building on a peppercorn rent from BCC. The activities would be run by the Youth Centre Management Committee. In the past the Youth Centre has been open for 39 weeks each year; in future it is planned to maintain activities throughout the year. The next meeting will be on 19 April.

Action – Richard Mapp

8 Communications

a) HNPT Newsletter

There was general enthusiasm for the continuing high quality of the monthly HNPT Newsletters and for the information that they provide.

b) NAG Priorities Survey

The previous two surveys that had been undertaken to establish NAG priorities had made use of a TVP-funded Freepost address. Andrew Deane reported that funds were no longer available to offer this facility. If there is to be another survey this year, members will need to consider how to best canvass opinion in readiness for a review at the next meeting.

9 Any Other Business

Robert Kin reported recent fly tipping in Juniper Lane in the recess occupied by the electrical substation, and sought information on how this should be dealt with. David Johncock advised that he should call Wycombe District Council Cleansing Department, who would deal with this.

Action – Robert Kin

10 Next Meetings

The dates / times of the next three meetings, to be held at Sir William Ramsay School, are:

Thursday 19 May 2011, at 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 July 2011, at 7.30pm

Thursday 15 September 2011, at 7.30pm.