

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

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2011 at
Sir William Ramsay School**

Attendees:

PC Rebecca Benfield	-	Thames Valley Police (TVP)
Sgt Andrew Deane	-	Thames Valley Police (TVP)
Alan Kenyon	-	Hazlemere Parish Council
David Johncock	-	Wycombe District Council (WDC) / CWPC
Jean Johnson	-	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council (CWPC)
Robert Kin	-	Flackwell Heath company director / Loudwater resident
Sandy Macdiarmid	-	Chair / Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society
Brian Mapletoft	-	Hazlemere Residents' Association (HRA)
David Onslow	-	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council (CWPC)

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David Brown, George Evans, David Gresswell, Richard Mapp and Les Willis.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting (19 May 2010)

Andrew Deane clarified the proposals to accommodate BMX enthusiasts in Fennell's Wood, Flackwell Heath: these involve a BMX area (using the natural undulations of The Dell, involving no significant development) and not a BMX track.

In all other respects the Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

3 Matters Arising (not on the Agenda)

The following documents had been distributed since the last meeting:

- 24 May: June Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe Neighbourhood Police Team (HNPT) Newsletter
- 6 June: analogue to digital TV switchover information, from Andrew Deane
- 20 June: 3 local press articles, from Andrew Deane
- 28 June: July HNPT Newsletter
- 6 July: window cleaner scam, from David Gresswell

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

a) Footpath in Flackwell Heath

Two residents had voiced opposition to the proposal for a Gating Order affecting the footpath that runs between Heath End Road and Magpie Lane. David Johncock and David Onslow had spoken to one of these residents, who now better understands the reasons for the proposal.

Andrew Deane told the meeting that fact sheets about the Gating Order had been distributed locally at the end of May.

Andrew Deane advised that a meeting on this matter will take place at the Bucks County Council offices in Aylesbury on 12 July and that Cllr Jeff Herschel had been invited to attend. The meeting

should clarify the situation and identify the next steps to be taken. David Johncock said that he will try to attend this meeting as a Wycombe District Councillor.

Action – Andrew Deane, David Johncock

b) Beaumont Way Car Park, Hazlemere

Police patrols at Beaumont Way Car Park, Hazlemere continued. Andrew Deane reported that there had been no issues since the last NAG meeting.

c) BMX Bike-riding in Flackwell Heath

Andrew Deane reported that the owner of Fennell's Wood had delegated responsibility for deciding on a BMX area in The Dell to the Warden. It was noted that, if permission for the BMX area was granted a code of conduct would have to be drawn up.

David Johncock suggested that a meeting should be arranged with the Warden. David will attend representing WDC and hoped that a CWPC councillor would also be present. Andrew Deane will arrange.

Action – Andrew Deane

5 NAG Priority – Speeding / Road Safety

a) Parking in Hazlemere

Sandy Macdiarmid had spoken with the Wycombe District Council Parking Services Operational Issues Manager about two situations of concern to the NAG. She was aware of and shared these concerns.

- i. The disruption caused by motorists parking in and near the bus lay-by on the A404 near Hazlemere Library:

It was confirmed that Civil Enforcement Officers do patrol this area but meet only with limited success because drivers move on as soon as an Officer is seen, and before action can be taken. Once Bucks County Council (BCC) becomes responsible for parking enforcement, probably in October, the NAG should investigate whether their Automatic Number Plate Recognition car could be employed to take action against these drivers.

Action – NAG Chair

- ii. Extensive all-day parking in Rose Avenue, largely by sixth form students, in the vicinity of SWR School.

With no parking restrictions in place, there was no action that Civil Enforcement Officers could take.

A solution to this parking concern in Rose Avenue was also being sought by Richard Mapp, who had investigated whether funds to cover the development of on-site parking would be available from the Local Community Partnership (LCP) (Chairman, Peter Cartwright). It emerged that a current School Transport Plan (STP) was needed before this could not be progressed. A new STP will be progressed, but this work will not start until September 2011.

Action – Richard Mapp, Peter Cartwright

Brian Mapletoft reported that he had posted a piece about the Rose Avenue parking issue on the HRA website.

b) Community SpeedWatch (CSW) in Flackwell Heath

None of the initial local volunteers had yet made themselves available for CSW duties in Flackwell Heath, so CSW had yet to start. David Onslow expressed disappointment at this lack of progress. Andrew Deane reported that he will email the local volunteer coordinator stating that, unless agreed

dates are adhered to, another group of residents will be sought. In the meantime the police are actively checking traffic speeds themselves.

Action – Andrew Deane

c) Parking bay in Swains Lane, Flackwell Heath

David Onslow reported that LCP Delegated Transport Budget had been reduced and that the July meeting would debate which projects will go ahead. Accordingly there was some doubt whether the painting of white lines to mark the parking bay in Swains Lane would proceed.

Action – David Onslow

d) Inconsiderate parking in Old Kiln Road in Flackwell Heath

Sandy Macdiarmid reported that David Gresswell had been contacted by a resident of Old Kiln Road who is very concerned at inconsiderate parking in this road by parents of children attending Carrington School. Being disabled, this resident has great difficulty negotiating the many vehicles parked on pavements. Contact has already been made with the school and with TVP using the non-emergency number. Andrew Deane confirmed ongoing contact between TVP and the school about parking.

Action – Andrew Deane

e) HNPT policing of speeding

David Johncock expressed his thanks to the HNPT for all their work on speeding, a view endorsed by all present.

6 Youth Involvement

a) Hazlemere Youth Centre

PC Sue Jacobs attended the most recent meeting of the Hazlemere Youth Centre Management Committee. The NAG does not yet know whether SWR will be permitted by BCC to assume responsibility for the buildings.

Action – Richard Mapp

b) Bicycle Road Safety Competition

PC Sue Jacobs has asked the NAG to contribute £50 towards a schools' road safety competition. The donation would cover the cost of cycle helmets. Schools in Tylers Green, Loudwater and Flackwell Heath had been asked if they wanted to become involved but declined because of the scheduling during the summer term. The three schools that wish to participate are from the Hazlemere area; included is Manor Farm School, which includes Tylers Green in its catchment area. David Johncock proposed that the donation should be conditional on Flackwell Heath schools being recontacted to participate in such a competition at a more convenient date; David Onslow seconded this proposal. On this basis the meeting agreed to make the £50 donation.

Action – Sue Jacobs, Richard Mapp

7 Communications

a) NAG page on TVP website

TVP has been developing a facility to include a NAG page on the TVP website for each police neighbourhood. The page will have a calendar function where the dates of the NAG meetings can be displayed. NAGs are being invited to suggest other content that could be included on the site.

The meeting recognised that the publishing of dates would introduce public participation into NAG meetings, and that procedures would need to be in place to ensure that ad hoc topics did not take up a disproportionate time at the meetings. David Johncock said that he was in favour of public meetings, and suggested that adequate notice be required before new topics are raised. David Onslow felt that a NAG presence on the web and public participation would have the beneficial effect of raising public awareness of the NAG and its work.

All agreed that further discussion on this matter should take place at the next meeting in September.

Action – All

b) Press articles

Sandy Macdiarmid congratulated Andrew Deane and his HNPT colleagues on the publication of a number of recent news stories in the local press.

8 Any Other Business

a) Grant by CWPC to NAG Funds

David Onslow advised the meeting that Chepping Wycombe Parish Council had voted to make a grant of £250 to the NAG. Sandy Macdiarmid, on behalf of all NAG members, thanked CWPC for this welcome funding. CWPC will liaise with Richard Mapp over payment.

Action – Richard Mapp

Brian Mapletoft recognised that a similar grant from Hazlemere Parish Council would also be welcomed and will investigate this.

Action – Brian Mapletoft

b) Election of NAG Chair

Sandy Macdiarmid reminded the meeting that the first item of business at the next meeting on 15 September will be the election of a new NAG Chair. Nominations, signed by a proposer and seconder, should be received by the current Chair by the end of August.

c) Hazlemere Fete

Brian Mapletoft told the meeting that the Hazlemere Fete will be held at a new location, Sir William Ramsay School Field, on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 29 August. He asked if the police could attend. Andrew Deane stated that the police would be represented if available.

d) Vote of thanks to Sir William Ramsay School

Sandy Macdiarmid proposed a vote of thanks to Sir William Ramsay School, specifically the Headteacher, Mrs G Comber, and Business Manager, Richard Mapp, for hosting the meetings of the NAG throughout his two years as Chair. This was unanimously endorsed.

9 Next Meetings

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

Thursday 15 September 2011, at 7.30pm
Thursday 27 October 2011, at 7.30pm.