

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

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at
Sir William Ramsay School**

Attendees:

PC Rebecca Benfield	-	Thames Valley Police (TVP)
Peter Cartwright	-	Vice Chair / Bucks County Council (BCC)
David Gresswell	-	Flackwell Heath Neighbourhood Watch
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)
Richard Mapp	-	Sir William Ramsay School / Tylers Green
David Onslow	-	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council (CWPC)

1 Election of NAG Chair

Sandy Macdiarmid was retiring after two years in the post. David Onslow was the only nomination for the position, on the basis of a one year only appointment, proposed (*in absentio*) by David Johncock and seconded by Peter Cartwright. His election was agreed *nem con*. Taking up his new position, David Onslow supported the proposal by Sandy Macdiarmid, that the responsibility for Minute taking should be rotated around the committee membership. This being agreed, David Gresswell volunteered to take these Minutes.

The retiring Chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Sir William Ramsey School for the use of the premises, and would personally write to the Head Teacher.

Action – Sandy Macdiarmid

David Onslow proposed a vote of thanks to Sandy Macdiarmid for his two years of Chairmanship and thanked Peter Cartwright for continuing as Vice Chair, and bringing a view of what was happening at County level to the meeting. The Chairman believed that the NAG had been successful in addressing various Community issues, and strengthening links with the police. Peter Cartwright felt that it was essential to review membership and attendance and encourage broader representation of the Community on the NAG

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Deane, George Evans, David Johncock and Les Willis.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (6 July 2011)

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

4 Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) (David – I think you have a list?)

The following documents had been distributed since the last meeting:

- August Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe Neighbourhood Police Team (HNPT) Newsletter
- September HNPT Newsletter

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

a) Footpath in Flackwell Heath

A significant number of residents had objected to the proposed Gating Order. At the September Wycombe Joint Actions Group (JAG) it was noted that Bucks CC had agreed that the footpath would be cleared and re-surfaced. The original hedge line was to be reinstated and attempts made to reduce littering.

The police would be visiting local schools including Wycombe Grange, to promote attitudes against anti-social behaviour.

Action – Rebecca Benfield

b) Beaumont Way Car Park, Hazlemere

Currently resolved.

c) BMX Bike-riding in Flackwell Heath

The Landowner had agreed to allow use of The Dell in Fennels Wood, with the Warden being involved in ensuring no adverse behaviour. The young people would be required to adhere to an agreed Code of Conduct, yet to be finalised.

Action – Andrew Deane

d) Bike riding in The Green Man car park, Flackwell Heath

There had been a number of complaints from residents regarding noise generated by youngsters who had build a 'BMX' track in the car park of the disused Green Man pub. The police had attended on a number of occasions. The relevant Land Agent has now fenced off the car park to exclude the bike riders. There was a continuing need for youth facilities in the village, and David Johncock was working with the Flackwell Heath Residents Association, with a view to extending the existing skateboard park at The Recreation Ground. Bike riders were also known to be using the parking area adjacent to the empty MFI building in Loudwater.

Action – David Johncock

5 NAG Priority – Speeding / Road Safety

a) Parking in Rose Avenue, Hazlemere

Inconsiderate parking by parents delivering children to Sir William Ramsay school was still an issue.

- i. 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.