

# **Ascot, Cheapside, Sunninghill, South Ascot and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Action Group.**

## **Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

### **1. Attendance:**

David Hilton (DH), George Williams (GW), John Bailes (JB), Colin Pike (CP), Ben Page (BP), Brian Martin (BM), Jane Shanahan (JS), David Jeffery (DJ),

Apologies for Absence

Tony Carr (TC)), Dana Butchers (DB), Tracey Ransom (TR), Helen Conway, Colin Ellis (CE),

### **2. Matters Arising**

These are covered in the following minutes.

### **3. Public involvement**

No members of the public were present.

### **4 Priorities**

#### **4.1 All Burglary (this covers domestic burglary, non-domestic, and theft from sheds)**

##### **Burglary Dwelling**

CP provided an update on dwelling burglaries since the last meeting. There had been 5 burglaries most of which had been in Sunningdale and one was from an insecure premise. One had taken place in Kennel Green where a front door was forced and a laptop computer Windows has been smashed in other cases but one in Clarefield Court was from an insecure dwelling. Items stolen were in the main small such as credit cards but also a chain saw was taken.

##### **Theft from cars**

There had been 4 thefts from cars 2 of which were in the car park at the Belvedere where the police have arrested a suspect. One was at Budgen's in Ascot High Street. Following a spate of theft of car number plates CP advised that the Crime Prevention Officer Anne Chalmers has purchased vandal proof screws and that he was hoping to arrange for a local garage to fit these free of charge.

##### **Theft from Sheds**

It had been anticipated that shed breaks would be high before Christmas and since the last NAG meeting 11 sheds have been broken into. 6 burglaries took place in just one night. In a number of instances golf clubs were stolen and the possibility exists that these were stolen to order.

CP stated that he had plotted all burglaries that had taken place in the Ascot area but no patterns emerged other than most were in Sunningdale where there was easy access and egress via the railway and the A30.

In a discussion on what could be done to raise awareness BM suggested putting a Road Show together which could be deployed at Waitrose and Budgen's. BM would talk to Anne Chamers and expected the Road Show to be put together in 6 to 8 weeks (early March). **Action BM**

In order to be in a position to recommend deterrent activities BM agreed to look at the effectiveness and cost of Smart Water and UV pens. **Action BM**

#### **4.2 Vehicle Nuisance (this includes Speeding, Parking use of mobile phones whilst driving etc.)**

## **Parking**

A discussion took place on the possibility of a loading bay outside Tesco in Ascot High Street. It was concluded that Tesco should use smaller vehicles in order to access the loading bay at the rear of the store and that a loading bay provided specifically for one store would set an unwelcome precedent.

A discussion took place on an analysis of the reduction of traffic speed on roads adjacent to Charters School. It was agreed that a 20 mph on Charters Road was not necessary as parked cars already prevented traffic moving at speed much above 20 mph.

It was agreed that a 30 mph limit on Devonish Road that included the road outside of Heathermount would be of advantage. This would be the cheapest option and the police would be able to enforce the limit. A part time limit had some attractions but the costs and reported effectiveness precluded this option.

DH will advise Tony Carr of the NAG's thoughts. **Action DH**

## **4.3 Anti-Social Behaviour**

BM presented data showing that antisocial behaviour had declined in the past three years. He went on to say that the ASB case conference showed that there were no local hot spots and generally the situation in Ascot was better than it had been in the past.

CP advised that the issues around Tesco seemed to have been resolved and BP said that the offenders who carried out a supervised litter pick one Friday evening were so embarrassed that they are unlikely to offend again.

JS said that a meeting was to be held with Anne Chamers the new Crime Prevention Officer. This meeting had been called to discuss the siting of a possible Teen Shelter. In a discussion on the use of CCTV camera BP stated that new technology was very much better and cheaper and he agreed to attend the meeting. **Action BP**

## **Kotch**

BP suggested that as there was not a location that Kotch could meet in every Friday there was a possibility that this could become an event based operation.

## **5 Web site**

DH and HC stated that they were due to meet with the Head of Drama at Charters School with the aim of pupils producing videos for the web site.

**Action HC & DH**

6 JS asked what arrangements were being made for when the Olympic Torch would be carried through Ascot High Street.

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## **8 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Community Hall at the Racecourse. Meeting dates for the year are as follows.

	11 <sup>th</sup> July
8 <sup>th</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> August
7 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> September
4 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
16 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> November
13 <sup>th</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> December

### Ascot NAG Action sheet

Date	Action	Responsible person	expected completion date	comments
17/11/2010	Status of Pedestrian crossing on Sunninghill Road	DH		Discussions are now centred on the possibility of introducing pinch points to reduce traffic speed.
17/11/2010	Staggered parking on Kennel Ride	DH		TC has advised that he is considering how this may be done.
17/11/2010	Issues of noise, where should residents call to get resolved.	DH/BM	complete	Under normal circumstances noise should be reported to the Council. Though it is recognised that out of hours calls will be made to the police. As the council is responsible in most cases, any response by the police would depend on the nature of the incident.
8/12/2010	The programme of parking enforcement patrols is to be established	DH		NW stated that if there were problem areas he would ensure his team visited them
14/9/2011	Web site structure to be upgraded and site redesigned.	DH/HC		Complete apart from Youth section and regular updates.