



Minutes for 07/11/17
Held at
Finchampstead Baptist Church Centre - Library

Attendees-

Rob Stanton (RS)	(WBC Councillor & Wokingham Mayor) - Chair of FinchNAG
Steve Bromley (SB)	(FPC)
Richard Rampton (RR)	(FPC)
Peter Jansen (PJ)	(Resident)
PC Emma Read	(TVP)
Barbara Wojna (BW)	(Nine Mile Ride School Governors)
Stephen Eddy (SE)	(Resident)
Wendy Harcourt (WH)	(Resident & Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)
Betty Mold (BM)	(Resident)
Helen Folly (HF)	(Resident)
John Folly (JF)	(Resident)
Alan Drabble (AD)	(Resident)
Jennie Grieve (JG)	(Community Development Worker – WBC)
Beverlie Warman (BWa)	(WBC)
Karen Collins (KC)	(TVP) – Minute taker
Mark Tompkinson (MT)	Community Warden

1. Apologies –

Roger Woof (RW)	(FPC)
Anne Marie Graham (AMG)	(TVP)
Simon Weeks (SW)	(FPC)
Rod Clay (RC)	(Resident)
Joyce Stoner (JS)	(WBC) Engagement Support Officer

2. **Minutes** from 5 September 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising - Updates to items and actions raised in the previous meeting.

RS & SB to determine what actions need to be taken regarding changing the existing VAS signs trigger points..

SB advised he has a meeting arranged on 14th November with Sara Allman from WBC Traffic Management. They have recently had a substantial turnover of staff and they are now working as an entirely new department. The issues regarding the trigger points of the VAS signs will be discussed during this meeting.

SB to sort out new FinchNAG signatories at HSBC bank.

SB confirmed he has passed the relevant forms to the bank and provided proof of his identity. It is now required for SW to do the same and then the bank will then process the forms.

Woodside garages being used as a public convenience.

RS advised he has been informed by the council that the bin men have been spoken to regarding this issue and it is now sorted.

Dashcam footage.

ER advised the police can use dashcam footage as extra or supporting evidence. She did not know if the CPS use it; this would need to be looked into.

Findings from summer 2017 surveys – Priorities.

SE questioned the order of the priorities. RS advised he was comfortable with either speeding or fly-tipping being the number one priority. PJ asked if the order had any implications for resource allocation and RS confirmed it did not.



4. **Fly-tipping** - Beverlie Warman of Wokingham Borough Council (Cleaner and Greener Services) was asked to attend the meeting by Peter Baveystock. BWA advised that up until May this year, they were under-resourced to conduct investigations required for prosecutions. Since May, Bucks & Berkshire County councils have come on board to assist with this task. BWA advised that people are often needed as witnesses, but some do not want to attend court.

One recent prosecution for a load of household waste resulted in a £1150.00 fine and in another, the person was fined £200.00 for dumping concrete. BWA said they are looking at putting more information about fly-tipping and the duty of care householders have when they use waste companies, into local publications. One householder was fined £900.00 after using a waste collection service which did not dispose of their waste legally.

There is a Leaflet entitled 'don't pay twice' available. BWA and PCSO Suzie Carr are going to speak to local businesses regarding their responsibilities and regular spot checks will be carried out on vehicles carrying waste. BWA confirmed that fly-tipping incidents have increased, but they have not seen a noticeable impact from the introduction of charges at recycling centres.

Finchampstead is not as hard hit as other areas such as Shinfield and Earley. In July/August Finchampstead had 3 incidents, in the same period Shinfield/Earley had 12. There has been a slight increase in asbestos dumping increasing to 5-6 a month compared to 3-4 in the past and Hurst had 2 lorry loads of asbestos dumped last month. PJ asked for clarification of the fly-tipping reporting process. BWA confirmed that once they receive a call their contractor arranges to pick it up. When incidents are reported, the collection can take up to 10 days. However, the contractor usually takes waste away within 3 days of when they are informed. The telephone number is 0118 974 6000 (Customer Services) if you need to contact the Council.

SE said Range Road is ideal for Fly-tipping as the northern end off Sandhurst Road is isolated. RS said he felt that SE is an excellent investigator for Range Road. SE said there isn't an issue in the road as long as the council continues to pick it up and advised a load of conifer trees were dumped this week. BWA said they do not clear fly-tipping from private land as it is up to the landowner to protect their land and clear it. SB mentioned he reports lots of issues and the WBC website is fantastic and easy to use; look for "Report it" and if you create an account, they will get back to you with their intended action.

SB asked if there were any plans to change the waste collection service in Wokingham. BWA said a new contract was coming into force in the next few weeks. KC asked why there isn't a standard recycling policy across all councils. RS advised he felt the waste collections should be fortnightly. RS asked the NAG how they felt about food waste collection. BWA advised that by 2020 recycling needs to be increased by 50%. The question was asked as to whether recycled cooked food waste would go into a digester. BWA advised our collection goes to Colnbrook and is burned for reuse.

RS asked JG to provide an update regarding fly-tipping on the Gorse Ride Estate. She advised that part of her role is to increase morale on the estate and to help residents feel positive about themselves and she found that after responding quickly to fly-tipping, it increased. She created a newsletter for everyone on the estate with an article about fly-tipping which advised people they would be charged when caught and it has now decreased. JG advised she makes it known that it is not the duty of the community development worker to clear up people's fly-tipping.

RS asked if JG was happy with how the NAG is dealing with this issue and she advised she is very optimistic at the moment. JG put forward an idea that residents could bring items and pay £5.00 to hire a lorry to remove items that people can't afford to dispose of. BW advised that their contractors cannot help with this due to European Health & Safety reasons. This could also be because it doesn't encourage recycling.



RS suggested that when the next litter pick is arranged, a team from Gorse Ride could be invited to participate. JG advised she arranged a litter pick in the past and only two elderly residents turned up. RR asked about the disposing of pallets. MT advised that the Scouts are always looking for spare pallets.

5. Thames Valley Police Update

The order of the agenda was amended to allow ER to leave the meeting and attend to policing matters. She advised there has been no current increase in crime and the team was on top of ASB during Halloween and Bonfire night. Resident AD advised he has been plagued by egg throwing, paint and plastic bottles in Foxcote. This is happening to the rear of his property (but not neighbouring properties) and suspects there may be a catapult involved. There is free access to the gardens behind the house and someone may be targeting it. He also advised he cannot get through on 101. Emma advised he can use the team email inbox which is FinchampsteadNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

6. Road Traffic Matters

SB reported on recent SID session results – B3016 Finchampstead Road nr Pine Drive on 14 Sept - 35 vehicles in 1 hour, B3430 Nine Mile Ride nr 312 on 28 Sept – 22 vehicles in 1 hour, B3430 Nine Mile Ride nr Kiln Ride on 20 Oct – 25 vehicles in 1 hour, B3348 The village on 26 Oct – 27 vehicles in 1 hour and B3430 Nine Mile Ride nr 132a on 1 Nov – 25 vehicles in 1 hour. SB advised they are averaging one SID session every week thanks to a very good group of volunteers. SB has been involved since 2016 when they only did 1 session per month. Since keeping records over 1700 vehicles have been recorded with an average of 22 reported per session. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. Resident HF asked how prioritising is worked out to do the sessions as Nash Grove Lane have lots of pedestrians at school pick up time. SB advised they have dataloggers which monitor the flow of traffic giving the speed, direction and times being recorded. The dataloggers help to determine where the speeding issues are. SB advised Wokingham take the lead on the speed limits for roads. Perceived issues with pedestrians using Nash Grove Lane need to be taken up with WBC.

JG advised the council is doing two surveys at the moment, one about transport and one about budgets. RS believes FPC and the NAG are doing as much as they can with their Speedwatch sessions. In the next 3 months, sessions will be held down near Greenacres on NMR, Hogwood in Park Lane and. Fleet Hill where the speed limits have recently been reduced.

SB mentioned that the parish council intended to obtain a pole mounted SID which they can move around the parish on a two week rotational basis. They recently had one on loan to evaluate and it was deployed on Longwater Road resulting in a net 3mph reduction in road speed. The council have a budget of about £3000.00.

RS advised he had received correspondence regarding a new fund launched by the Public Protection Partnership. RS would like to make a bid for funds and asked the NAG what they thought they should bid for. SB advised he is intending to make a grant application to this fund for a Sentinel Camera triggered by speeding vehicles which would help to identify speeding vehicles recorded on SID sessions. The dashcams currently being used have limitations in overcast conditions.

He also proposed that the NAG might want to put in a bid for a second pole mounted SID device. This would allow both devices to be deployed at the same location but in different directions – much as WBC do with their VAS signs. RS seconded the proposal and the NAG voted unanimously to support this.

SB is on the case for getting timed bays in front of the shops at California Country Park. He also advised that some works are about to take place to improve sight lines in White Horse Lane at the junction with Church Lane on 14th November, and the War Memorial junction layout will be looked into at some point.

7. Any other business



SB brought in some information regarding proposed redevelopment of the Gorse Ride estate.

PJ asked if there was an update on the planning application for the 80 houses at Sand Martins. RS advised they are about to have a decision.

The application for 240 houses in Eversley has been refused, but it will most likely be appealed.

RS advised that WBC put a lot of research into objections to planning applications.

JG said she heard that Rev. Hannah Higginson has had a baby girl, Elisabeth Grace. RS asked Karen to send a note congratulating her from the NAG.

8. Future meeting dates

The next meeting date will be advised accordingly.

Meeting ended at 9:20pm