



**Sandhurst, Owlsmoor & College Town
Neighbourhood Action Group**
6 October 2010
9.00 - 10.26 am
The Spot



Present: Councillor Michael Brossard, Bracknell Forest Council (Chairman)
Councillor Tony Blair, Sandhurst Town Council
Councillor Andy Blatchford, Bracknell Forest Council
Val Crosby-Clarke, Sandhurst Residents' Association
Councillor Carole Cupper, Sandhurst Town Council
Councillor Robert Edger OBE, Bracknell Forest Council
NSO Alex Hillan, Thames Valley Police
Mr Peter Radband, Sandhurst School
Sgt Graham Thorne, Thames Valley Police
Bal Rai, Nepalese Community Support Worker

In attendance: Ian Boswell, Bracknell Forest Council
Priya Patel, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Councillor Jean Bettison, Sandhurst Town Council
NSO Gary Champion, Thames Valley Police
John Coupland, Sandhurst Residents' Association
Maggie Newman, Area Youth Worker
Laura Nightingale, Sandhurst and Crowthorne News and Mail
Sue O'Sullivan, Sandhurst Residents Association

Action Points

Minute	Item
32	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the Sandhurst, Owlsmoor and College Town Neighbourhood Action Group meeting held on 8 July 2010 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment: that on page 2, 5th bullet point, first sentence be amended to read 'Speed enforcement had been undertaken on the main road near to Maybrick Close with the TVP Roads Safety Officer.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that relevant staff had been informed about the gap in the hedge and the car park exit barrier at the Sports Centre and that this would be rectified. • Details of the mutual disposal agreement with Camberley Waste Site would be provided at the next NAG meeting (Action: Andy Blatchford) • It was reported that the report on the feasibility study of parking in Branksome Hill and College Road would be available at the NAG Forum in

	<p>November. The results would be shared and discussed at the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed about cars parking on the roads along corners which blocked the line of sight. It was agreed that TVP would investigate this further. <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Gary Campion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that a presentation would be given at the NAG Forum on the success of the Respect, Responsibility and Rights Project by Chris Smith. It was also felt that it would be a good opportunity to show the Sandhurst DVD. Further, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to distribute copies of the DVD to each school locally. It was a 4 minute DVD that could be presented as part of a school assembly. Verification also needed to be sought as to whether the DVD had been posted on to 'You Tube'. <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Carole Cupper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that the head of security at The Meadows Tesco Store had declined to attend meetings that were not in his local area. • An article had been published in Sandhurst Town Council News on the Community Payback Scheme.
33	<p>Neighbourhood Priority Action Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding – It was reported that over the summer period Archer Strips had been used on numerous roads in the local area where there were perceived to be issues with speeding. The Archer Strips were used over a seven day period in order to ensure an accurate reflection of speeding could be measured. The results of this exercise had showed that there were no significant speeding issues on any of the roads assessed and as a result it was decided that no Police action needed to be implemented in these areas. However a problem had been identified on Winkfield Lane, Police would be looking at this road and considering what action could be taken. It was confirmed that Police would continue to carry out spot checks on the other roads that had been assessed but that no permanent action such as road humps or speed cameras would be implemented. <p>It was reported that there would be a public meeting to discuss speeding as residents felt strongly that there were issues on a number of roads. The Safer Communities Manager stated that a public meeting would be useful and that often speeding was perceived to be a problem however if there were no evidence of problems, it would be difficult to justify taking any action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking – It was reported that there had been some problems on Yeovil Road, where there had been damage to parked cars and in particular to wing mirrors. This road was often used as a 'rat run'. • Litter – It was reported that often when refuse collectors were emptying bins, debris would fall on to the road and pavement and be left there particularly in Oak Avenue. Ian Boswell agreed to take this up with the appropriate officer. <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Ian Boswell)</p>

	<p>It was reported that a number of the black steel bins were corroding and needed to be replaced. The Chairman stated that this was being dealt with but that if there were any other corroded bins in the local area to feedback to him and he would ensure that they were replaced.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Michael Brossard)</p> <p>It was reported that members of the Group hoped to be visiting local schools to give talks to pupils about litter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour – It was reported that youths had been congregating outside the Owlsmoor Road shops in the evenings and begging for cigarettes and money. TVP officers agreed to keep an eye on this. <p>It was reported that an evening meeting at the Community Centre had been disrupted by youths, this could lead to some elderly residents feeling afraid, TVP officers advised that residents should contact them and they would provide a Police presence.</p> <p>TVP officers reported that extra resources would be deployed on Halloween to deal with any issues, lots of preparatory work had been done and shops had been asked to not sell eggs and flour to children.</p>
34	<p>Neighbourhood Police Team Update</p> <p>TVP officers reported that there were a number of good news stories to report. A car which had been doing 'doughnuts' (driving recklessly) in the Tesco car park had been seized and the driver had been banned from Tesco and from buying petrol at Tesco. A number of fake £20 notes had been used at the Jolly Farmer pub, two arrests had been made.</p> <p>TVP officers stated that bike theft should always be reported as recently charges had been brought against the theft of bikes. A disqualified driver had been caught following information from residents and arrested and charged.</p>
35	<p>Review of our spending on Government Grant for NAG</p> <p>It was reported that funding received from the Government for the NAG's had been divided into 14 areas in line with the 14 neighbourhood action groups that operated in Bracknell Forest. This meant that each NAG area received £500. This funding had already been spent in two areas. The first was a notice board outside Sandhurst School which was used by Thames Valley Police to communicate messages to pupils. The notice board was in place and was used regularly.</p> <p>The second was on a mountain bike which could be used by local Police officers to get around the local area easily. This was also used on a daily basis and was much appreciated by local Police officers.</p>

36	<p>NAG Members' Updates</p> <p>It was reported that the bus shelter in front of Sandhurst School needed to be set back from the road as children often spilled over on to the road whilst waiting for a bus. The Chairman / Ian Boswell agreed to look into this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Michael Brossard/Ian Boswell)</p>
37	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was reported that the next meeting of the Sandhurst, College Town & Owlsmoor Neighbourhood Action Group would be held in February 2011. The date would be circulated to members once confirmed.</p>