

2nd December 2015

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Sandhurst Neighbourhood Action Group** held this day in the **New Scotland Hill School Annex, Little Sandhurst** commencing at **9.00am** and finishing at **10.15am**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr M Brossard (STC)
Cllr Mrs J Bettison (STC), Cllr A Blatchford (STC), J.Coupland (Police Point), Mrs V Crosby–Clarke (Chairman SRA), Mrs C Cupper (resident), Mrs S Holman (resident), Mrs M Newman (BFC), P Radband (resident), P Widdowson (resident)

INTRODUCTIONS (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chairman and introductions around the table.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies were received and accepted from:
A.Blair (resident), Mrs S.O'Sullivan (LLRA)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9th SEPTEMBER 2015 (Agenda Item 3)

It was proposed by the Chairman and the following was

**RESOLVED
0723**

that the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Group held on 9th September 2015 be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE REPORT (Agenda Item 4)

No update was available to the committee in the absence of a police representative. A review can take place at the time of the next NAG meeting to reflect past and present issues.

The status of the SID charger was discussed, it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0724**

a) that the Chairman provide a SID charger to support the unit held at Crowthorne police station. Currently this SID requires charging at Bracknell police station where a charger is held for their unit. Although the current and polarity have been provided, there is a requirement to determine the voltage output to prevent damage to the printed circuit etc.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

BRANKSOME HILL ROAD AND COLLEGE ROAD (Agenda Item 5)

A lengthy discussion ensued on the issues raised historically which remained largely unresolved. Although remedial work had been undertaken by Bracknell Forest Council on several grass verges, continued parking of cars and light commercial vehicles had resulted in degradation of the verges. In the absence of off road parking for many of the older properties, it was recognised that parking half on/ half off the verge will persist. Longer term it was considered that a macadam application would provide a solution, albeit not aesthetic when compared with a verdant alternative. Some residents had installed posts to prevent parking but this was not considered appropriate for the longer street sections of grass verge. It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was



**RESOLVED
0725**

the Chairman will approach BFC to invite a Highways officer to attend the next meeting to understand the frustrations of the NAG members.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

YEOVIL ROAD

Although not on the agenda, the committee was asked to understand the issues of:

- a) Speeding
- b) Parking
- c) Road surface (specifically dips and humps which leads to flooding)
HGV use
- d) Owlsmoor road roundabout (arrows suggested on road)
as these required positive steps to address resident concerns.

Although HGV restrictions would be discussed later on in the meeting, it was questioned if Owlsmoor road could become one way. Such a determination requires a professional understanding of the pros and cons taking account of traffic volumes etc. It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0726**

that these concerns could be linked with agenda item 4 to be raised with BFC.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

YORK WAY ROAD SURFACE

In conjunction with the issues raised above, an annual survey is undertaken by BFC to measure surface degradation to take account of priorities. York Way will be resurfaced in 2016 subject to funding/ unforeseen pressures.

CYCLE PATH ADDITION (Agenda Item 6)

An e-mail had been received confirming the actions proposed which are linked with the development of Broadmoor hospital/ developer section 106 funding. Any progress with these enhancements will be brought to the next NAG meeting.

The circumstances surrounding the creation of a wider footpath, lighting and a cycle path leading down to the Meadows was raised. It was explained that as part of the original planning application for this retail provision, the developer was required to provide a continuous cycle path etc. leading to M & S, Tesco etc. This had been overlooked. Following a review, the developer was instructed to complete the work conditioned at the time of the original planning permission. Action Closed.

SANDHURST 'PRIDE' AND RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RIGHTS (Agenda Item 7)

As the new Executive Officer had only recently joined STC it was proposed that this item be carried forward to the next NAG meeting.

20 M.P.H. SPEED RESTRICTIONS (Agenda Item 8)

Snaprails Residents Association had requested a 20 m.p.h. speed limit on Abingdon road and roads off. An e-mail was received from BFC which stated that a traffic survey would be undertaken in early 2016 (an earlier survey did not support resident concern at speeding but a review was now appropriate). A request had been received from Longdown Lodge Residents Association for additional 20 m.p.h. road markings to emphasise the speed limit in force.



BFC have reported that further road signage will not be undertaken as the markings and pole panels meet the criteria defined by the Highways Agency. It was stated the police will not be responsible for monitoring motorist compliance with 20 m.p.h. limits throughout Sandhurst. It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0727**

that residents should 'police' their local environment, if necessary with the use of SID.

Action: All

CADIS (Agenda Item 9)

Notification had been received from BFC that this provision had been discontinued. It was labour intensive combined with a staff shortage (maternity leave) earlier in the year. Other mechanisms will be explored to allow Parish and Town councils to measure issues such as fly tipping, anti social behaviour etc.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (Agenda Item 10)

An update was provided on a submission by STC. The area within the Neighbourhood Plan has been provided to BFC for ratification. A decision is expected by the end of February 2016. The next meeting will be on 27 January attended by a consultant appointed by STC.

HGV RESTRICTIONS ON BHR/ COLLEGE ROAD (Agenda Item 11)

Feedback had been received from BFC which set out the impediments to a ban on HGV movement (including Owlsmoor Road/ Yeovil Road). BFC had installed ARCHER strips to measure the mix of traffic over a seven day period. The statistics provided the following analysis:

- a) Cycles and motorcycles: 51
- b) Cars: 1496
- c) PSV/ 2 axle commercial vehicles: 67
- d) PSV/ 3 axle HGV vehicles: 5 (0.03% of total)

An added complication was that HGV's would still require access to properties i.e. removals, goods deliveries etc. The police would only be able to issue a fixed penalty notice if they followed the HGV from the point of entry to the point of exit. As stated at the previous NAG meeting, the police would not have the resources to enforce such a restriction. Participants expressed their disquiet at the lack of support for this proposal. It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0728**

that the BFC representative (see items 4 and 5 above) would be invited to meet with the committee at the next NAG meeting.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

SWAN LANE PARKING RESTRICTION (Agenda Item 12)

Following complaints of driveway obstruction by employees and customers using Vulcan Way, yellow lines were applied to the road surface on the corner of Vulcan Way along with the resident section leading down to the pumping station. It had been reported that parking tickets were issued to offenders. Residents have confirmed that cars are now parked further down Swan Lane which had addressed the issues. Action Closed

TESCO EXPRESS UPDATE (Agenda Item 13)



There had been multiple planning applications submitted for replacement of the closed Thompsons garage. Residents had expressed concern at the potential use of large articulated vehicles undertaking deliveries. This recognised the curvature of the road along with access to the adjacent shops. BFC Highways officer has conditioned this application by requiring that deliveries should be by means of a light commercial vehicle. A service bay will be marked at the front of the store for this purpose.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Agenda Item 14)

It was requested that the minutes reflect the raised educational standard at our Sandhurst schools. Following recent OFSTED inspections, all Sandhurst schools are now rated as GOOD or OUTSTANDING.

It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0729**

that the Police Aware sign at the entrance to the Memorial Park should be replaced as it had deteriorated.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0730**

that a request for a can bin installation at the Owlsmoor shops be made to reduce the quantity of soft drink cans discarded on the footpath etc.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0731**

that an additional bin should be placed adjacent to the skate park. This would encourage the users to make use of a split receptacle which could help with recycling of cans, plastic bottles etc.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

Concern was expressed at the proliferation of advertising panels on the Yorktown road. Ostensibly to promote property enhancements i.e. cavity wall insulation, these remained in place for an extended period. A property on the vicinity of Rackstraw Road/ Yorktown Road was identified as an example. It was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0732**

that such advertising panels require planning consent – the issue is one of resources to enforce compliance with the advertising requirements.

Action: Cllr M Brossard

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 15)

Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
0733**

that the date of the next meeting be Wednesday 09 March 2016, commencing at 9am at Sandhurst Town Council in the main hall.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

