

24th November 2021

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Sandhurst Neighbourhood Action Group** held this day in the Kitty Dancy Room at the Sandhurst Council Offices commencing at **9.40am** and finishing at **10.43am**.

PRESENT

Chairman: M Brossard (STC)
G Bartlett (TVP), J Bettison (STC), A Carey (STC), V Crosby-Clarke (SRA), J Edwards (Resident), A.M Kennedy (TVP), V Routledge (Resident), S O'Sullivan (Resident), J Ward (Resident)

INTRODUCTIONS (Agenda Item 1)

Introductions were completed and new members welcomed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies were received and accepted from:

A Hull (Resident)
K Matthews (TVP)
R Mossom (STC)
J Sayce (Resident)
P Widdowson (STC)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

It was proposed by the Chairman and the following was

**RESOLVED
2471**

that the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Group held on 4th August 2021 be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE UPDATE (Agenda Item 4)

A.M Kennedy informed the Group that the Neighbourhood Team Sergeant Marcus Burrows is no longer in that position. There is currently a temporary member of staff covering the role.

There are currently a large number of unauthorised encampments in the Reading area, and a reminder to remain vigilant and to ensure sites are secured was given.

Following the previous issues with anti-social behaviour Wildmoor Heath has been added to the PCSOs patrol route.

There is currently an increase in anti-social behaviour in Owlsmoor near the Community Centre which includes the use of substances. TVP have been patrolling the area regularly.

A.M Kennedy recently organised a Knife crime & Cannabis awareness workshop that was attended by 70+ local school children. Dr Mark Prince OBE attended and gave a very emotive and motivational talk. Several local sports clubs offered a 12-week programme for the youths to trial sports free of charge and the uptake from the attendees has been very encouraging.



DRUGFAM UPDATE (Agenda Item 5)

A.M Kennedy has confirmed that she is no longer involved in Drugfam. This The group has been taken over by another volunteer and they are currently meeting via zoom.

TVP CONTRIBUTION TO SRA MAGAZINE (Agenda Item 6)

G Bartlett confirmed that he would provide articles for the SRA magazine going forward.

PARKING ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS (Agenda item 7)

No resident concerns raised.

Cllr Brossard informed the Group that the double yellow lines that have been installed by Uplands School have been a great success and have eased the parking issues outside the school.

SPEEDWATCH (Agenda item 8)

Speedwatch sessions will begin the New Year. However there is a shortage of volunteers to operate the device. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
2472**

that a request for volunteers is circulated to all Councillors.

ACTION: A Carey

ALTERNATIVE DAYS FOR NAG MEETINGS (Agenda item 9)

The scheduling of the meetings was discussed as it is important to be able to accommodate the shifts of TVP in order for them to attend. Unfortunately, as they work on a rolling shift pattern this is impossible to arrange. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED
2473**

that the meeting date is set and advised to TVP in advance. Should they be unable to attend the meeting an update will be provided to the Executive Officer who will deliver it to the group in their absence.

ACTION: A Carey

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 10)

V Crosby-Clarke informed the group that the SRA have been advertising for new people to join the committee and they have successfully gained two new committee members.

A Carey informed the group that the Strategy & policy Committee of STC are reviewing the NAG meeting and considering if it is still an effective meeting. The outputs have recently been relatively minimal, and the main focus of the meeting is TVPs update. This could be provided in a different format. There



is also consideration being given to how the group may change the format to include wider projects rather than parking and speeding issues.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 12)
The date of the next meeting is 23rd February 2022.

SIGNED AND DATED BY CHAIRMAN

