

WANTAGE WEST
MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th June 2013

Present

Tony Wilson (TW) Chair	Jenny Hannaby (JH)	Kerry Barnard (KB)
Darren James (DJ)	Wendy Stimpson (WS)	
Tanya Dyer (TD) Deputy Chair	John Amys (JA)	Eddy Goldsmith (EG)
Sue Humphries (SJH)	Andrew Forsyth (AF)	Sarah Palmer (SP)
Dorothy Hadcroft (DH)		Liz Jenkins (LJ)
Jonathan Smith (JS)		

The Chair welcomed Liz Jenkins, Parish Clerk for Letcombe Regis

It was agreed that Chair could add an extra item (3a) ref: Nag Chair meeting, to the agenda.

Pat Brundle has given in her resignation.

1. **Apologies:** Zoe Patrick, Roger Humphries, Barbara Williamson, Glyn Oliver, Geoff Chown and John Wheeler

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Ormond Road traffic lights had been checked and no problem found.
All potholes had been reported.

- 3a.

Nag Chair Meetings:

The Chair had an invitation to the NAG Chair meeting. An apology was given for not being invited to the meetings, which was due to a technology problem.

Supt Boyd stated that the Police Commissioner has a priority plan – rural crime, burglary and vulnerable people. Our area has high rural crime. Neighbourhood Sergeants are to liaise with Nags, Vera - Age UK and similar organisations to be involved.

The Chair was very encouraged by the support that Supt Boyd gave to Nags.

TVP confirmed that Nags are an essential part of local policing.

4. **NAG Priorities:**

(a) **ASB**

It was reported that pony & traps and dog are causing problems in Wantage.

(b)

Parking

Problems in Grove. PCSOs to investigate

The Chair has received a letter complaining about parking problems in Mill St, Wantage; he will respond to the letter. This and Newbury St. problems will put to Traffic Advisory.

5. **Policing Priorities Report:**

Rural crime ongoing issue.

Operations continuing to prevent raves

6. **Public Consultation 2013:**

All surveys have been delivered. Wantage, Challows and Letcombes all covered but large parts of Grove still to be covered. The Chair stated we cannot cover all missing areas as only 2 weeks before collection. Spare leaflets to be on counter at Brett's Chemist in Grove.

7. NAG Publicity- Website/Facebook:

686 people have seen survey online.
We now have Sweatbox on board so will re-launch survey.
Website working well now

8. Report from Youth Members:

Last Sunday in Letcombe Regis Beatbox held a fund raising event and raised approximately £200.
Sweatbox is having Rock in the Park on 13th and 14th July as a major fund raising event.
There are 6 places to fill on the Sweatbox committee.
ITV came to Sweatbox to do preliminary filming. They were very impressed and may include Sweatbox in a documentary on youth.
Coming up is a Sweatbox person of the year award.
T Shirts and hoodies with Sweatbox loco on are being made.

9. NAG contributions to neighborhood updates:

Contributor agreed for August

10. Any other Business:

1. Zebra crossing at Bay tree. Various members of the community have complained about drivers not being fully aware of it. It has been suggested that it should have been traffic light operated. Highways and Police have checked and passed it as ok.
It was suggested we should try educating people by putting details in local publications.
Will put into newsletter and into Grove newsletter
2. It was proposed that Liz Jenkins join the NAG; all present agreed.

11. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday July 24th 2013, 7pm
Venue to be confirmed. Chair will contact everyone