

WANTAGE WEST
MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th January 2014

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** These were approved as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising:**
Action points from previous meeting:
Parking:
A member wrote to the Vale about 2 hour free parking. NAG members will go to meeting at Civic Hall re: Ed Vaisey & Anthony Standsfeld.
The NAG will ask Ed Vaisey to report back to the NAG on parking in Wantage.
Policing priority:
A meeting has been arranged, the report will be given at the next meeting.
Speeding:
The police will put SID out in the speeding hot spots, this item will be left on the agenda
It has been reported that the Letcombe Regis speed limit will hopefully be implemented this year.
Public meeting: Mr Anthony Stansfield.
January 13th Civic Hall
101:
A letter has been sent to the Home office. Feedback carried forward to next meeting
AOB:
Untidy areas
Spraying will be done in the spring. To come back onto the agenda.
Spotted Wantage:
The police has spoken with Sandra Westbrook who works for Sovereign. She is willing to come, possibly next meeting.
Lights:
Wharf area move to next meeting.
3. **NAG Priorities:**
 1. Speeding vehicles: Partly discussed in action points (item 3)
It was still noted as being a problem in Grove
Problem areas to be collated at the next meeting
Traffic advisory meeting next week on speeding.
 2. Litter: Untidy areas , feedback needed
The NAG to be advised of County Council policy for keeping roads , paths etc clear.
 3. Burglary and Rowdy Youths.
It was reported that the Christmas and New Year in Wantage reasonably good. More people with less trouble than last year. Possibly weather related?
4. **Policing Priorities Report:**
A new Neighbourhood PC is now training and then will be based in Wantage
Barnard Way burglary at beginning of January has been dealt with.
Police will be present at Terry Biddlecombe's funeral this Friday.
On 1st February Dog Trust will be chipping dogs.
Poor lighting in Betjemen Lane a member of the NAG to speak with owners of the a adjoining buildings with a view to putting LED lights and also see how much lighting is down the lane.
A summary record was passed around passed around details of overall problems in this NAG area.
Still problems under Sainsbury's car park. Pub Watch very good, very active. Street Pastors have had a positive impact.
Operation moonlight (south and vale) every Friday and Saturday. Foot beat until 4am on these nights.
5. **NAG Publicity- Website/Facebook:**
It was reported as all working well.
6. **Report from Youth Members:**
No Members present. No report.
7. **NAG contributions to neighborhood updates:**
Reports to be given by members
8. **Railway Electrification/Bridge Works and Road Closures**
Following a meeting in Grove recently it was reported that at the time of the meeting Network rail had their application refused. County Council and highways are pushing for baily bridge and no road closures. County Council have put aside £400,000 for improvements to the bridge. County

Council will make sure that after bridge changed that it will still facilitate a station. A338 is designated diversion if there is an accident on the A34.

The NAG will make its opinion on the proposed closure known to the Council.

9. Road Flooding:

Local radio and Oxfordshire County Council keep people informed.

Highways put up signs. Police will do it if water comes up quickly.

As a group we can't do anything.

10. Any other Business:

1. Action Fraud – collating information from computer scams and unsolicited calls.

Details will be posted on the website to make people aware of them.

2. Theft by deception – a Lady was reported as being outside outside a local store and having asked a gentlemen if he could change some money into coins and then she grabbed his bank card.

Members were asked if they were happy for a student pastor to attend the next NAG meeting?

11. The Neighbourhood Action Group wished to convey their thanks to Grove Parish Council for the use of the Old Mill Hall for this meeting.

12. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 19th February at 7pm TBC. Venue: KA's TBC.