



**Crown Wood & Forest Park
Neighbourhood Action Group**

10 February 2009

10.10 - 11.15 am

**The Lounge, Forest Park Community
Centre**



Present: Councillor Colin Dudley
NSO Terry McKean, Thames Valley Police
Councillor Robert Osborne, Bracknell Forest Council
PCSO Debbie Preedy, Thames Valley Police
PCSO Matt Wright, Thames Valley Police

In attendance: Katharine Simpson. Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Brian Bell, Resident
Roberta Kaye, Warfield Parish Council

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Last Meeting</p> <p><u>Youth Café</u></p> <p><i>Forest Park Youth Café</i></p> <p>Numbers at the Forest Park Youth Café had dropped off in recent months, due to a combination of the weather and the Christmas break. It was thought that numbers would start increasing again in the coming weeks and a leaflet drop advertising the café had been carried out.</p> <p>A new TV, Nintendo Wii games system and air hockey table had been purchased. It was confirmed that a TV licence would not be required as the TV did not receive a signal however the café's organisers would be investigating the possibility of obtaining a license so sports events and other programmes could be shown.</p> <p>The Borough Council's Executive Member for Leisure had confirmed that the Community Centre should not be charging the café organisers extra for storing equipment.</p> <p><i>Crown Wood Youth Café</i></p> <p>The age limit at the Crown Wood Youth Café had not yet been lowered and the organisers were reluctant to change the café's opening days. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the organisers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Colin Dudley)</p>

It was agreed that the café's opening dates would be advertised in Town and Country and In Touch, the Councillor's newsletter.

(Action: Teresa Howlett)

Priority Update: Environmental Matters

The improvement in the local area following the clear up triggered by the Environmental Visual Audit had not gone unnoticed by local residents.

The weather had delayed the repainting of the bridge at the World End Hill end of the stream however, work had now started and it was hoped that this would be completed shortly.

The vegetation behind the Crown Wood shopping parade needed to be cut back and cleared up and it was agreed that the matter would be followed up with the Borough Council.

(Action: Colin Dudley)

The balancing ponds had now been included in Thames Water's planned maintenance schedule. Some of the rubbish had been cleared from the ponds and the floating boom had been repositioned. However, no attempt had been made to desilt the ponds.

Ward Councillor Projects

If the traffic calming measures proposed by ward councillors did receive funding the Police would not have the resources to enforce 20mph zones and would rather see traffic pads installed to slow vehicles down.

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Review of Priorities

The headline results of a questionnaire, distributed to every household in the Borough, asking people to identify what they considered to be the main concerns for their neighbourhood were circulated. Overall 1,380 responses had been received from across the borough; of which 123 related to matters of concern in Crown Wood and Forest Park. The top three areas of concern were:

Borough Wide

- 1 Speeding
- 2 Police visibility
- 3 Parking

Crown Wood and Forest Park

- 1 Litter
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Police resources meant that it was unlikely that the number of police on the streets would be increased. It was felt that the concerns about police visibility were often based on people's perceptions rather than reality.

It was agreed that the Police Team in Crown Wood and Forest Park did an excellent job in terms of police visibility and police image.

The infrastructure of the neighbourhood and Government parking guidelines meant that parking would remain problematic in certain areas. However, the Borough Council were looking at the problem on a borough wide basis.

	<p>It was agreed that firm priorities for the coming year would be set at the Group's next meeting when detailed survey data would be available.</p>
3	<p>Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' meeting held on 7 January 2009 were noted.</p>
4	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>NAG Chairman</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the election of a new chairman would be added to the agenda of the Group's next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that Robert Osborne would represent Crown Wood and Forest Park at the NAG Chairs' meeting on 12 February 2009.</p> <p><u>NAG Membership</u></p> <p>The Parent Governor representative on the Borough Council's Social Care and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel was a local resident and an invitation to join the NAG would be extended to him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Colin Dudley)</p>
5	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was noted that future meetings of the Crown Wood and Forest Park Neighbourhood Action Group would take place on:</p> <p>Tuesday 12 May 2009, 10.10am, The Wayz Youth Centre Tuesday 21 July 2009, 10.10am, St Paul's Shared Church Tuesday 24 November 2009, 10.10am, The Wayz Youth Centre</p>

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