



**Crown Wood & Forest Park Neighbourhood
Action Group**
12 May 2009
10.20 - 11.25 am
The Wayz Youth Centre



Present: Councillor Robert Osborne, Bracknell Forest Council
Sgt Matt Grey, Thames Valley Police
NSO Terry McKean, Thames Valley Police

In attendance: Teresa Howlett, Bracknell Forest Council
Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council
Katharine Simpson, Bracknell Forest Council

Apologies: Councillor Marc Brunel-Walker, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Colin Dudley, Bracknell Forest Council

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>The election of a chairman would be followed up with Colin Dudley. (Action: Robert Osborne)</p>
2	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 10 February 2009 were approved as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Youth Café</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Forest Park and Crown Wood Youth Cafés were doing well.</p> <p><u>Ward Councillor Projects</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that Police would not have the resources to enforce 20mph zones. The installation of traffic pads would be considered instead and this would be followed up with Colin Dudley. (Action: Robert Osborne)</p>

3

Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 29 April 2009

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) Chairs' meeting held on 29 April 2009 were noted. The main points arising from the minutes were:

- Marilyn Morgan had been appointed NAG Administrator for Thames Valley Police and would be supporting Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- Jo Legg, Birch Hill NAG Chair, would give feedback at the Anti-Social Behaviour Conference on 19 May 2009 regarding the success of Speed Watch.
- Neil Matthews gave a presentation summarising each Neighbourhood's Highways issues of the last two years.
- Inspector Carter gave a presentation on neighbourhood priority profiles and would provide updates on officer changes within the Thames Valley Police.
- Fiona Heston gave an update on Neighbourhood Engagement and the Neighbourhood Survey. NAG Chairs would be meeting at the end of May to discuss the design of this year's Neighbourhood Survey.

4

Priorities for 2009/10 and Initial Actions

The three main areas of concern from the Neighbourhood Survey results for Crown Wood and Forest Park were Litter, Police visibility and Parking. Teresa Howlett would forward a copy of the survey to Matt Grey.

(Action: Teresa Howlett)

The Group received data on the latest Crime statistics and CADIS figures for Dangerous Driving, Dumped Rubbish & Fly Tipping, Harassment, Noise including Domestic, Road Hazard, and Vandalism for the Forest Park and Crown Wood areas. Overall there had been a 37% drop in recorded crime in the last year when compared to the same period in the previous year and a 20% drop in criminal damage in the last year.

	No. of Reported Incidents	
	April – March 2007 – 2008	April – March 2008 – 2009
Dangerous Driving	78	27
Dumped Rubbish & Fly Tipping	97	91
Harassment	68	46
Noise	107	67
Road Hazard	20	11
Vandalism	42	15

The survey results highlighted the perception of drug use and the selling of drugs within the Borough as a problem. The Police regularly patrolled areas that had been brought to their attention but there was no evidence that drugs were a significant problem in the area. Terry McKean would speak to the Police's Licensing team regarding possible searches of pubs in the area.

(Action: Terry McKean)

Speed checks and traffic calming measures were considered for Opladen Way, roads leading to Point Royal, Micheldever Way, Savernake Park and New Forest Ride. Archer Strips had shown no evidence of a significant speeding problem in Opladen Way but it was a designated road for Police Speed Enforcement. The geography of New Forest Ride meant that Police Speed Enforcement would be difficult.

Parking continued to be an issue at Savernake Park and Martin's Heron Station, however it was reported at the Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' meeting that funding was possibly available in the capital budget to help improve parking in residential areas.

It was agreed that the NAG's priorities would be Litter and Street lighting.

First Priority: Litter

There had been a litter pick in Forest Park and the bin area at the shops had been cleared, although there had been fly tipping at Savernake Park. It was suggested that the Youth Offending Team could be contacted to allocate some hours for litter picking in the area.

(Action: Terry McKean)

An Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) would be undertaken to identify problem areas.

(Action: Robert Osborne/Terry McKean/Matt Grey)

Teresa Howlett, as a member of the Take Pride steering group, could be contacted regarding possible litter picks in the area and could provide litter picking equipment on request. Crown Wood Primary School could be used to showcase Take Pride.

(Action: Teresa Howlett/Debbie Preedy/Terry McKean)

Second Priority: Lighting

It was felt that the lighting at the Forest Park shops could be improved. It was queried if there was legislation to enforce the provision of lighting in the shop area. If funding was available a bid could possibly be placed to improve lighting in the area. Robert Osborne would speak to Colin Dudley about investigating this.

(Action: Robert Osborne)

It was suggested that there was insufficient lighting at Savernake Park and the Group considered the cost implication of higher watt light bulbs or extra lamp posts. Also, it was suggested that the vegetation needed to be cut back near the pathways.

A copy of the police profile for the area would be forwarded to Robert Osborne. Information from the profile would go onto the Thames Valley Police website and in their newsletter for the public.

(Action: Terry McKean)

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action were mapping officer's roles across Bracknell Forest Council and contact information on key officers at the Council would be forwarded to Terry McKean for the Thames Valley Police website.

(Action: Teresa Howlett)

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 21 July 2009, 10.10am, St Paul's Shared Church</p> <p>Tuesday 24 November 2009, 10.10am, The Wayz Youth Centre</p>