

Neighbourhood Action Group

Crowthorne

30 April 2008

Priority

- 1 – *Speeding (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3 & 4)*
- 2 – *Youths (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3 & 4)*
- 3 – *Environmental Matters (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priority 2)*

Attendance:

PC Natalie Barette, Jane Carpenter (Edgbarrow School), PCSO Graham Edwards, PCSO Hilary Hyslop, NSO Amanda Price, Elizabeth Ritchie (Local Resident), PC Andy Roberts, Angus Ross (Wokingham Borough Council), PCSO Tony Smith, Bob Wade (BFBC), Derek Williams, PCSO Ben Workman,

Apologies

Steve Bottwright (Neighbourhood Officer), PCSO Ivana Houska-Mitchell, , Graham Ritchie, Tom Thomas (Wokingham Without Beat Officer), Sgt Graham Thorne

Dates of Future NAG

16 July at The Spot, Sandhurst

10 December at Crowthorne Methodist Church Hall

Dates of Future Neighbourhood Forums

6 November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Morgan Centre

Local Publications

Name:	Next publication deadline:	Contact:
Town and Country	October edition – Story ideas deadline 18 th July December edition – Story ideas deadline 26 September Copy deadline 2 weeks after idea deadline	Ben Funning – Communications Officer ben.funning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Crowthorne Eye	Deadlines 15 July, 16 October	Bob Wade Bob.wade@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

1. **Appointment of Chairman** – Derek Williams introduced himself to the meeting. **AGREED** that he be appointed Chairman. Derek would contact the local press to introduce himself and to give a press release. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
2. **Feedback from NAG Chairs' Meeting** – Feedback from the NAG Chairs Meeting on 11 March and 16 April was tabled and noted.
3. **Update on Priorities**

Speeding

- Bob Wade raised the question on the lack of information on the BF website about the process to engage the use of the Speed Indication Device. There had been the suggestion that Crowthorne Parish Council might purchase a device for their use but Bob Wade was reluctant to pursue that avenue until a process had been agreed. A mobile SID was available from Wokingham Police Station, the use of which could be requested through the NAG Chairman. The need for a process to engage Speedwatch volunteers was raised. Information would be obtained for the next meeting from Sandhurst's Speedwatch Co-ordinator. **ACTION: Amanda Price**
It was agreed that clarification was required on the deployment of the SID and the process to engage volunteers. To be discussed with the Police and the two Borough Councils. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
- 4 vehicle activated signs installed along Dukes Ride appeared to have had an effect on vehicle speed. Archer strips could be installed for monitoring purposes at a cost of £250. The Police thought the cost for Parish Council use should be £100. To be investigated. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
- Noted the concern which had been expressed over pedestrians using the speed humps in High Street as crossing points.
- Noted that by 2011 all A and B road speed limits would be reviewed against new Department of Transport guidelines.
- Enforcement action taken in –
 - Church Street – no tickets issued
 - Dukes Ride – no tickets issued
 - Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst – 3 tickets issued
 - Waterloo Road – 1 reported and 3 tickets issued. This area will be focused on.
- Report to next meeting on speed enforcement in the Wokingham area. **ACTION: Tom Thomas**
- Other issues – Old Wokingham Road and New Wokingham Road.

Youths

- Flyers had gone out for the summer scheme and there had been a good response.
- Edgbarrow School had contributed to the scheme.
- Wokingham Borough Council's Youth Service had provided a significant amount of support to the scheme however Bracknell Forest Borough Council had been less forthcoming and Bob Wade had taken this up with the Youth Service. There had been no feedback and Bob would chase. **Action: Bob Wade**

Environmental Matters

There had been an article in the Crowthorne Eye on Crowthorne Cares, a scheme to tackle the problem of litter and improve Crowthorne's environment which had been set up by Crowthorne Parish Council. Concern was expressed about the enormous amount of overlap between this scheme and the NAG. Wait for the feedback from the questionnaire before considering any action.

Priority Profiles – These were on BF website. Bring copies to the next meeting. **ACTION: Amanda Price**

4. Any Other Business

NAG Constitutions

- It was thought that Graham Thorne had signed the Crowthorne NAG constitution. To be clarified. **ACTION: Katharine Simpson**
- Copies of the constitution to be sent to all members. **ACTION: Katharine Simpson**
- Angus Ross referred to the fact that the NAG had adopted Bracknell's way of working. He would ascertain the Wokingham contact for the chairman. **ACTION: Angus Ross**

CADIS

- Bracknell Forest CADIS information could be viewed online on BF website by the end of May. Angus Ross was not aware of any arrangements between the Police and Wokingham Borough. The Chairman would make contact with Wokingham to introduce himself and to enquire who would deal with these arrangements. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
- Agenda item next meeting. **ACTION: Katharine Simpson/Derek Williams**

Supporting the NAG Process

Funding had been obtained for a part time post to support the NAG process. It was requested that job description and advertisement be sent to NAG chairs. **ACTION: Katharine Simpson**

Representation at NAGs

- The chairman's role included contacting interested parties to the NAG process.
- Concern was expressed at the lack of representation from Crowthorne and Wokingham Without Parish Councils. Make contact. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
- Other possible representation from –
 - Edgbarrow students (exam time at the moment)
 - Wellington College
 - Paul Krawte, Youth Services
 - Specific people for specific agenda items

- Community Wardens, Wokingham Borough Council
- Primary Schools/Governing Bodies
- Crowthorne Business Association
- Crowthorne Traders Association
- Crowthorne Rotary
- Broadmoor Hospital

Environmental Audit

An environmental audit had been carried out and documentation submitted to the Council. Much of the tipping, graffiti and damage had been rectified.

Future Meetings

- A request was made for an agenda for future meetings. **ACTION: Derek Williams/Katharine Simpson**
- Edgbarrow School would be delighted to host a future meeting. **ACTION: Katharine Simpson**

Publicity for the NAG and Neighbourhood Forum

- Put an article inviting residents to the November Neighbourhood Forum in the Crowthorne Eye. Editor – Bob Wade. Deadline for items – 15 July. **ACTION: Derek Williams**
- Put information about the Chairman of this NAG on the website, and articles in the Crowthorne Eye and local newspapers. **ACTION: Derek Williams**

Meeting closed at 11.50am