



Crowthorne Neighbourhood Action Group
26 May 2009
10.30 - 11.45 am
**Howard Palmer Room, St Sebastian's
Memorial Hall**



- Present:** Derek Williams, Chair
John Baster, CVAG
Ian Boswell, Bracknell Forest Council
Carole Doran, Crowthorne Village Action Group
PCSO Graham Edwards, Thames Valley Police
PC Alex Hillan, Thames Valley Police
John Horner, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
PCSO Ivana Houska, Thames Valley Police
Zarron Phillips, Community Warden, Wokingham Borough Council
Angus Ross, Councillor, Wokingham Borough Council
Peter Sturgess, Wokingham Without Parish Council
Tom Thomas, Wokingham Without Beat Officer
Sgt Graham Thorne, Thames Valley Police
Councillor Bob Wade, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Michael John Withers, Crowthorne Parish Council
- In attendance:** Amanda Roden, Bracknell Forest Council
Katharine Simpson, Bracknell Forest Council
- Apologies:** Martin Caesar, Churches Together Crowthorne / Crowthorne Baptist Church
Jane Carpenter, Edgbarrow School
Wendy Crosson-Smith, Place and Neighbourhood Service, Wokingham Borough Council
Councillor Jim Finnie, Bracknell Forest Council

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 26 February 2009 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Greenwood Road Parking</u></p> <p>There would be a report coming out for consultation.</p> <p><u>Easthampstead Road – Old Wokingham Road Junction</u></p> <p>It was reported that work was underway to improve the junction but there had been difficulty in obtaining permission for work to be carried out from a land owner</p>

	<p>on the corner of the site and this would be followed up. (Action: Bob Wade/Angus Ross)</p> <p><u>Play Area at School</u></p> <p>The play area at the school would be closed for a few weeks as some of the play equipment base needed to be replaced. This would be followed up. (Action: Angus Ross)</p>
2	<p>Update on Priorities</p> <p>The Group considered the priority profiles for Crowthorne and the following points were noted:</p> <p><u>Priority Profile: Speeding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been arrests on Pine Hill Road. • Bracknell Forest Council and Wokingham Borough Council would put double yellow lines on Ravenswood Avenue. This would be followed up. (Action: Bob Wade/Angus Ross) • Speed enforcement exercises had taken place on Nine Mile Ride but not many people were found to be speeding as there was a tendency for people to slow down when they saw the Police. There was the possibility of using a tripod to catch people speeding from a further distance. • Wokingham Borough Council would be contacted to see if Archer Strips could be installed on the Nine Mile Ride and this would be followed up with Wendy Crosson-Smith. (Action: Angus Ross) • There were three speed surveys to be carried out: on Nine Mile Ride by Wokingham Borough Council, on Old Wokingham Road and on Bracknell Road. The Principle Engineer at the Borough Council and Wendy Crosson-Smith would be contacted regarding feedback on the surveys. (Action: Derek Williams) <p><u>Priority Profile: Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council had agreed to install electronic timed gates to the Morgan Recreation Ground car park by 27 May 2009 and the Police would monitor the gates by camera. Restrictions would be in operation when the gates were closed but there would be access to the car park via a footpath. • Churches Together in Crowthorne had established a youth outreach programme which was operating on two Fridays and two Saturdays a month, with a youth drop-in centre one afternoon and one evening a week on a trial basis at the Morgan Centre but a more permanent base was being considered. • Alex Hillan had been running a boxing club at Owlsmoor Community Centre since April 2009 and the club was hoping to gain funding for a boxing ring. The club took place on Tuesdays but there was a possibility that this could be extended to Thursdays as well. • Ivana Houska would be running youth activities during the summer. • Lidl's had submitted an application to extend their opening hours and there was concern that this could aggravate the litter problem in this area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise had been reported from the vicinity of Circle Hill Woods which crosses the border with Wokingham. <p><u>Priority Profile: Environmental Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bigshot Field had been reported as a problem area for litter despite bins being available for use as this was a popular area for barbeques. • CADIS figures showed a rise in the number of incidents of fly tipping from 3 in 2007/08 to 15 in 2008/09 but it was noted that this could be because incidents were being reported more. CADIS figures could be found on the Borough Council's website. • The website www.fixmystreet.com could be used to report fly tipping and dumped rubbish. • At Honey Hill a lorry was reported to have dumped rubbish on the bend in the middle of the road. • Ambarrow Lane and the Morgan Centre were reported to be problem areas for fly tipping. • Wokingham Borough Council were organising litter picks to take place every two to three months which were open to members of the public to join and would focus on hot spots for litter. • Crowthorne Parish Council dates for litter picks were 1 August 2009, 3 October 2009 and 5 December 2009 starting at 10am at the Morgan Centre. • Ian Boswell would identify specific hot spot locations for litter picks. (Action: Ian Boswell) <p>It was suggested that an action plan was needed to be measured by the following meeting of the Crowthorne NAG. Derek Williams would approach Thames Valley Police and obtain a list of dates for a problem solving training meeting to discuss the priority profiles. (Action: Derek Williams)</p>
3	<p>Feedback from Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 29 April 2009</p> <p>The Group considered feedback from the Neighbourhood Action Group Chairs' Meeting on 29 April 2009 and the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn Morgan was a new NAG Administrator at Thames Valley Police. • Positive feedback was needed from NAG's. • Another Neighbourhood Survey would be carried out in Bracknell Forest and there would be a meeting to discuss the content of the survey. There was reported to be a low response from Crowthorne from the last survey. • There was notification of Officer changes at Thames Valley Police. • There were just three parking attendants from the Borough Council to cover the whole Borough.
4	<p>Any Other Business</p>

	<p><u>Post Office Closures</u></p> <p>The Royal Mail Sorting Office was now closed in King's Road.</p> <p><u>Cycling on Pavements</u></p> <p>People had been noticed cycling on pavements. This was reported not to be an offence but would be if someone was cycling carelessly or cycling without lights or a bell.</p> <p><u>Crowthorne Magazine</u></p> <p>The next copy date for the Crowthorne Magazine was 11 July 2009. It was suggested that information on the NAG Forums could be included in a future issue of the magazine and any particular articles for inclusion in the magazine could be forwarded to Derek Williams.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: All)</p>
5	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was noted that future meetings of the Crowthorne NAG would take place on:</p> <p>Monday 20 July 2009 at 10.30am at The Morgan Centre, Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 10.30am at St. Sebastian's Memorial Hall.</p>