



Crowthorne Neighbourhood Action Group

20 July 2009

10.30 - 11.40 am

The Morgan Centre, Crowthorne

Present: John Baster, CVAG
 NO Steve Botwright, Thames Valley Police
 Martin Ceaser, Churches Together Crowthorne / Crowthorne Baptist Church
 Carole Doran, Crowthorne Village Action Group
 NSO Alex Hillan, Thames Valley Police
 PCSO Ivana Houska, Thames Valley Police
 Julie Isaacs, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
 Marilyn Morgan, Thames Valley Police
 Councillor Richard Malcolm Price, Crowthorne Parish Council
 Tom Thomas, Wokingham Without Beat Officer
 Derek Williams, Chair

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

Apologies: Wendy Crosson-Smith, Place and Neighbourhood Service, Wokingham Borough Council
 PCSO Graham Edwards, Thames Valley Police
 John Horner, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
 Roderick Mertens, Community Wardem, Wokingham Borough Council
 NSO Andrew Roberts, Thames Valley Police
 Angus Ross, Councillor, Wokingham Borough Council
 Sgt Graham Thorne, Thames Valley Police
 Councillor Bob Wade, Bracknell Forest Council
 Councillor Michael John Withers, Crowthorne Parish Council
 Tim Woolford, Thames Valley Police

Action Points

Minute	Item
1	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 26 May 2009 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Greenwood Road Parking</u></p> <p>An update was needed from Wokingham Council on this.</p>

	<p><u>Play Area at School</u></p> <p>The play area at the school had been repaired and was open.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Survey and Neighbourhood Forum</u></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Survey for 2009 from Bracknell Forest Council would be delivered during the last week of August by the Electoral Services Team at the Borough Council and the deadline for survey responses was 31 October 2009. It was suggested that the format of the survey could be used for a survey for the Wokingham Without area.</p> <p>The Crowthorne Neighbourhood Forum would take place on Monday 28 September 2009 at 7.30pm in The Howard Palmer Room at St.Sebastians Hall. More information about the Forum would be advertised in the Crowthorne Magazine.</p> <p>Teresa Howlett would e-mail information on the Forum to Carole Doran and John Baster.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Teresa Howlett)</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"> • The Principal Engineer at Bracknell Forest Council, had confirmed to the Chair that a speed enforcement van would be going to Waterloo Road. Sgt Thorne was reported to have carried out a speed enforcement exercise on Old Wokingham Road one morning and would possibly try another exercise one evening. • An update on Bracknell Road speeding between Old Wokingham Road and Crowthorne High Street had been given by the Principal Engineer at Bracknell Forest Council to the Chair. Final analysis work had not been completed but it was thought that a speeding issue did not exist at this location. The hours during which typical speed exceeded the speed limit were very late or very early when the traffic volume was at its lowest. • It was reported that Surrey had a Slowing Down Campaign and posters to encourage drivers to reduce their speed. The Principal Engineer at Bracknell Forest Council had conveyed that there was certain legislation which could restrict what posters could be put up and where. The Chair would speak to Head Teachers regarding the competition in schools and look into the possibility of finding out what legislation Surrey used in their campaign in order to put up posters. <p><u>Priority Profile: Anti-social Behaviour</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Thomas had spoken to PCSO Graham Edwards regarding the anti-social behaviour at Bigshot Field; 19 names and addresses had been

taken from the young people responsible and a letter had been sent to their parents.

- The gates had been installed at the Morgan Centre. There had been a few arrests but there was a slight improvement here. NSO Alex Hillan thanked Carole Doran for her help with the Morgan Recreation Ground.
- Churches Together in Crowthorne had looked at the possibility of using an empty shop unit or the Baptist Church temporarily for the youth outreach programme and were looking into the possibility of funding from the Extended Services Team to help with equipment for the programme. The programme would run once a week from 3.30pm to 10pm from September to Christmas but they were still looking for a more permanent base. There was a possibility that part of the new building could be used as a youth drop-in.
- Young people had been reported to be hiding alcohol in black plastic bags in the bushes behind the Church. Friday nights at 9.30pm-10pm tended to be particular problem times.
- Lidl's application to extend their opening hours was a cause for concern as it was felt that it was too easy for young people to get hold of alcohol. It was reported that Lidl's opening hours were likely being brought in line with the those of the supermarket.
- NSO Alex Hillan would e-mail Carole Doran the contact for complaining about licensing and would look into the possibility of putting up a poster in Lidl's store window advertising that it was illegal for adults to knowingly buy alcohol for under aged children.

(Action: Alex Hillan)

- The Chair would look into finding out more about the temporary extended opening hours of Lidl's from the Licensing Team at Bracknell Forest Council.

(Action: Derek Williams)

- Julie Isaacs of the RBF&RS reported that fires were being deliberately started in the areas of Owlsmoor, Wildmoor Heath and Wellington College and requested that any information regarding these fires be forwarded onto her. Julie covered the Bracknell, Windsor and Maidenhead areas and was based in Maidenhead.

Priority Profile: Environmental Matters

- CADIS figures showed that the level of flytipping and dumped rubbish was below target.
- The Chair had spoken to Wokingham Without and they had appointed a rubbish picker.
- The litter pick due to take place in Crowthorne Parish on 1 August 2009 had been cancelled due to a lack of interest.
- Crowthorne Parish Council were working with Bracknell Forest Council to identify problem areas for litter picks.
- The large amount of litter dropped in Morgan Field would cost more for Bracknell Forest Council. A notice would be going to Edgbarrow School about prosecuting those responsible if caught.
- The recycling centre was now open in Bracknell.
- It was reported that people had been dumping rubbish in the ditch at the bottom of Circle Hill Road.
- A resident had complained about the early time of the glass collection at the recycling bank in the car park at Lidl's due to the noise of the vehicle. The Chair would contact the recycling team at Bracknell Forest Council to

	<p>ask if it was possible for the glass to be collected at a later time than 6.30am when the car park was empty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Derek Williams)</p>
3	<p>Neighbourhood Police Team Update</p> <p>The Chair would contact Angus Ross regarding the report from Wokingham Council about the speed survey on Nine Mile Ride.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: Derek Williams)</p> <p>Tom Thomas would speak to Tim Woolford regarding the speed survey also, and reported that children had been found throwing eggs but that this was being dealt with.</p>
4	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO Ivana Houska would be running youth activities during the summer with sports, arts and crafts. Strawberries and pizza would also be available. • The last day for applications for the Community Cashback Scheme was 27 July 2009. Crowthorne Parish Council would discuss possible ideas to put forward. Possible ideas for the scheme were: a site for a porta cabin or youth facility, and re-vitalising the play area to include three play areas for toddlers, 8-13 year olds and older children. • There were objections to the car valeting service being allowed to use the site where the fish and chip shop used to be, however it was noted that planning permission was needed for this.
5	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>The Group noted the date of the next Crowthorne NAG meeting was Tuesday 8 December 2009, 10.30am, St. Sebastian's Memorial Hall.</p> <p>There would be training on Priority Profile Forms with Sandy Nicholson, 10.30am-12.30pm, on Wednesday 30 September 2009 at Crowthorne Baptist Church. Another NAG meeting would possibly be arranged for after this training and before the December NAG meeting.</p>