

Neighbourhood Action Group

Winkfield, Cranbourne and North

Ascot

21 January 2008

Priority

1 – Speeding (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3 & 4)

2 – Parking (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3 & 4)

Attendance

Adrian Hoare (Chavey Down Residents' Association),
Jacqui Lovell (Chavey Down Residents' Association),
Stuart Tarrant (Chair), PC Julia Winmill

Apologies

Ian Boswell

Dates of Future NAG

To be confirmed

Dates of Future Neighbourhood Forums

To be confirmed

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1. Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

2. Feedback from NAG Chairs' Meeting

The meeting of the NAG Chairs held on 17 January 2008 had focused on the main issues surrounding speeding and parking in the Borough and had detailed the various approaches that could be taken to tackle these areas of concern. Each chairman had been asked to provide details of the main concerns in their neighbourhood and these would be mapped against a range of potential solutions by the Borough Council's Highways Section and would be looked at during future Chairs' meetings. It had been stressed that evidence would be required before any actions could be considered and that the NAGs would be a link in this process. In addition if the NAGs had ideas about how a problem might be tackled then these would be welcomed.

For Winkfield the areas of concern mentioned were: Longhill Road, Winkfield Row (the street) and the Maidens Green Crossroad.

3. Feedback from Meeting with the Borough Council's Director of Environment and Leisure

Winkfield Parish Council representatives had attended a meeting on 17 January 2008 with the Borough Council's Director of Environment and Leisure and Transport Development Manager to discuss concerns around speeding and parking.

During the meeting concern had been expressed about:

- The lack of communication between the Borough Council's Highways Section and the Parish Council; a situation that had resulted in the Parish Council receiving late or incomplete highways plans or plans being sent to the wrong place and a general feeling that the Borough Council were paying lip service to consultation
- The mismatch between the roads that the Borough Council and the Parish Council considered to be a concern

4. Update on Priorities

Speeding

a) Maidens Green Crossroads

The Borough Council currently had no plans to install traffic lights at the cross roads due to the limitations of the land available however the Council's Executive Member for Planning and Transport had requested that this decision be revisited as it was considered to be a particularly dangerous junction. It was agreed that representations would be sent to the Council from the Police to add weight to the case for altering the junction. **Action: Julia Winmill**

b) Longhill Road

The Borough Council currently had no plans for Longhill Road. The suggestion that Archers Strips be used to monitor traffic speeds had received a positive response from the Director of Environment and Leisure and this would be followed up. It was noted that to ensure that an accurate picture was obtained it would be necessary to ensure that the strips were not installed during school holidays.

Action: Julia Winmill

c) Winkfield Row

Speeding was a particular problem on the B3017 in the vicinity of the Lambrooke Hailey School and Winkfield St Mary's Primary School. Three VAS signs had been installed on one side of Chavey Down Road but no traffic calming measures were in place in the opposite direction and the possibility of hiring an independent traffic engineer to provide a technical evaluation of the situation was raised.

A query was raised over whether the Safe Routes to School initiative applied to a private school of over 400 pupils and it was agreed that clarification would be sought from the Borough Council. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

Julia Winmill had completed her Speed Gun Refresher Training course and would be carrying out regular speeding activities across the neighbourhood for the foreseeable future. **Action: Julia Winmill**

Observations had shown that the volume of speeding incidents in the area tended to occur between 7 am and 8.30am in the morning and between 5.30 and 7.30pm in the evening on weekdays and it would be more effective if Police action could be deployed at these times.

Congestion

Congestion on Lovell Road continued to be a problem particularly in the vicinity of the school and it was noted that the recently appointed head teacher would be reconsulting parents on the problem in the near future.

5. Any Other Business

Neighbourhood Forum

It was agreed that representation from the Borough Council's Highways Section would be essential at the Autumn Neighbourhood Forum in order to provide residents with feedback on the priorities. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

Feedback would also be given on the speed enforcement activities that had taken place in the neighbourhood since the previous forum.
Action: Julia Winmill

Publicity

It was felt that Julia Winmill's recent item in the local press had provided a useful insight into the work that was taking place in the area and it was hoped that this would be repeated on a regular basis.