



Earley Neighbourhood Action Group Community Forum Meeting Minutes
Monday 26 April 2021
Zoom

Present

Jim Willis	Chair & Resident
Phil Marsh	Resident, Marefield
Alan Jutson	Woodley and Earley Lions Club
Jean Hackett	Earley Community Orchard
Helen King	Resident, Marefield
Mike McKenzie	Resident, Salcombe Drive
David Hare	Town & Borough Councillor & Resident
Ian Jobson	Laurel Park Football Club
Linden Morgan	Resident, Elm Road
Anne Hutchinson	Resident
Julie Susel	Thames Valley Police
Simon Botham	Thames Valley Police
Dan Bunting	Thames Valley Police
Karen Collins	Thames Valley Police

Apologies

Clive Jones	Town & Borough Councillor & Resident
Sarah Gardner	University of Reading
Andrew Mickleburgh	ETC Representative & Resident, The Delph

NB: These minutes are a record of what happened in the meeting, what was said, what was discussed, and what action would be taken where appropriate. Some items remain as ongoing from meeting to meeting so that they can be monitored at every meeting. Please be advised that no laptops will be allowed to be used in the Council Chamber and mobile phones will only be allowed to be used by the Police in emergencies.

Points from the Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence:

Jim welcomed the attendees to the NAG's Zoom meeting. Apologies were received from Sarah Gardner, Clive Jones and Andrew Mickleburgh.

2. Minutes from previous Zoom Meeting 22 March 2021:

Two corrections were raised by Jean Hackett: Hartsbourne Road had the 'u' missing and Danehill is all one word. The minutes were reviewed and accepted with the corrections.

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Police Priorities

a) Road Safety & Speeding

Karen advised that one Speedwatch volunteer had come forward to help resume sessions. Julie advised a session was planned for 27th April.

b) Burglary

2 x Business – Danehill and Wokingham Road.

There were no reported Residential burglaries.

c) Anti Social Behaviour

Julie advised a number of the reported incidents of ASB were related to parking disputes between neighbours.

12 x Reports of ASB – Church Road x 2, Huntingdon Close, Wokingham Road, Red Hatch Drive, Thorney Close, Hillside Road, Fair Lawn Green, Maiden Place, Phillips Close, Heather Hill Close and Moor Copse Close

8 x reports of Criminal Damage – Wokingham Road x 3, Courts Road x 2, Mill Lane, Rushey Way and Rosemary Avenue

6 x Thefts from Vehicles – Church Road, Maiden Erlegh Drive x 3, Beech Lane and Wilderness Court

2 x Thefts of Pedal Cycles – University of Reading on Shinfield Road and Chalfont Way.

Julie advised there is an unauthorised encampment at Bulmershe containing 16 caravans. A suspected murder in Bracknell has also been keeping the neighbourhood teams busy. Julie will be retiring at the end of April after 27 years as an officer. She said she has really enjoyed being a part of the NAG and thanked everyone for their support over the years. PCSO Dan Bunting will be attending the NAG meetings for the foreseeable future.

5. Anti-social behaviour Maiden Place

Julie advised the PCSOs have been patrolling Maiden Place following reports of increasing amounts of ASB and littering in stairwells. There has been an improvement and this area will stay on the patrol plan.

6. Laurel Park – update from Football Club

Ian advised they will be playing through to the first week of June and the goal posts will stay up until the week commencing the 7th of June. There were complaints from residents two weeks ago regarding parking and Ian confirmed they send messages out on all channels regarding parking and actively encourage attendees not to park

inconsiderately. The club walk the pitches after the games and perform litter picks. The Laurel Park Fun Day has been cancelled, but they may do some mini events. The property at number 1 has had permission to start building work.

7. Abandoned vehicles and empty properties

Jim expressed concerns that there are a number of empty properties in the area which may attract problems.

8. Julie Susel

The NAG members expressed their individual thanks to Julie for her support over the years and wished her all the best for her well-earned retirement. Simon advised that she cannot be replaced and that new officers aspire to be like her.

Any other business:

Alan advised the Woodley and Earley Lions Club fireworks are now planned for November 6th after the council received a second lot of paperwork.

Ian confirmed he checked that the padlocks are on the overhead barrier at Laurel Park.

Linden asked whether there were any updates regarding lighting and Jim advised he will send a reminder.

The meeting closed at 20:17 pm.

Next meeting 7 June 2021

1009B	NAG website is up & running. Constitution has been posted along with our terms of reference. In addition the mission statement of the NAG has been inserted. www.earleynag.org	Message posted on the Earley Residents' Forum – 964 members of Forum	All minutes are now available for viewing online.
0909F	McDonalds Litter – McDonalds have CCTV. The fly tipping has been resolved for now with signs being provided by Wokingham Borough Council. Peter Baveystock has been asked to keep a close eye on this.	Regular meetings will be held with the Area Manager and Health & Safety Representative from the Franchise Head Office. The Management has been reminded of their litter picking commitments. The fly tipping issue has now reduced with the CCTV signs, which have been placed on lamp posts leading to the back yard.	We are grateful for the attendance of staff at our meetings and it is clear that the litter issues are improving across the area. The restaurant is also taking registration numbers of any vehicles entering in to the back yard and recording them in to their daily log. No further fly tipping at present. We will keep under review.
1204C	Community & Youth Meeting - our minutes are now being used as part of the report to this committee.	Meetings:	Chair/Vice Chair to attend when available
0909C	Date, Time & Location of next meeting: Meetings will be held monthly on a Monday at 7.30 – 9.00 pm on zoom at the present time. Following dates have been booked. 2 August 2021 20 September 2021 22 November 2021	Please note the new meetings dates, times and location Agenda issued a week before the meeting if you would like to add a discussion point please email to jw@bankingadvice.co.uk	NB: It is imperative that if you are concerned about an issue ie litter or pot holes etc please call Wokingham Borough Council on 0118 9746000 where they will be happy to help. If you are suspicious or a crime is being committed call 101 (01865 841148), if it is an emergency dial 999 . If in doubt report it.
1704A	Reading University Community Event – The next event to be advised in due course. The University are very welcoming and it is a good opportunity to look around the University and ask any questions or raise concerns with senior staff ie parking.	Sarah Gardner - Community Relations Officer	The NAG continues to welcome the support of the University of Reading and would be pleased to see students litter picking around the boundary of the University.

0310C	<p>Community Payback – If there are any areas in the community that members feel need clearing, tidying, the Project Community Payback may be able to assist (offenders doing community service). A caution has been placed upon usage as Health & Safety will often be a barrier.</p>	<p>AV would request that the Community Payback scheme is engaged to whitewash the subways at Marefield & Gypsy Lane.</p>	<p>Community Payback & young offenders are being used to clear litter on Lower Earley Way East & West.</p>
0310F	<p>If any members have problems with rubbish or fly tipping, potholes etc, there is a page on the WBC website entitled Roadworks and outdoor maintenance:</p> <p>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/</p> <p>Use this to report the problem or see if already reported.</p>	<p>This service is highly effective and efficient and should be used at every opportunity.</p>	