



Earley Neighbourhood Action Group Community Forum Meeting Minutes
Monday 22 March 2021
Zoom

Present

Jim Willis	Chair & Resident
Phil Marsh	Resident, Marefield
Alan Jutson	Woodley and Earley Lions Club
Jean Hackett	Earley Community Orchard
Zoran Matic	Community Engagement Officer, WBC
Chris Bassett	EASI
Ian Jobson	Laurel Park Football Club
Linden Morgan	Resident Elm Road
Julie Susel	Thames Valley Police
Karen Collins	Thames Valley Police

Apologies

David Hare	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, David Hare and Andrew Mickleburgh.

2. Minutes from previous Zoom Meeting 15 February 2021:

Jean had commented on the link to Wokingham Borough Council's website on the minutes, which has now been fixed. The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Police Priorities

a) Road Safety & Speeding

Karen advised that Community Speedwatch is currently being assessed with a view of resuming following the lockdown roadmap from 12th April.

b) Burglary

5 x Residential – Hambledon Close, Ramsbury Drive, Skelmerdale Way, Hartsbourne Road and Wokingham Road.

c) Anti Social Behaviour

Julie advised a number of the reported anti-social behaviour and criminal damage incidents are connected to neighbourhood disputes.

10 x Report of ASB – Little Horse Close, Hilmanton x 3, Aldbourne Avenue, Highfields, Wokingham Road, Collins Drive, Hornbeam Drive and Felstead Close.

7 x reports of Criminal Damage – Compton Close, Allonby Close, Wokingham Road, Courts Road, Barkby, Ilfracombe Way and Tinwell Close.

3 x Thefts from Vehicles – Kennedy Gardens x 2 and Aldbourne Avenue

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

Julie advised the Neighbourhood team hope to make an arrest regarding the Thefts from Vehicles due to CCTV footage and stolen credit cards evidence.

There are still large numbers of domestic incidents and neighbourhood disputes occurring and the teams are spending a lot of time on problem solving measures. TVP have also spoken to ADSA regarding concerns around a lack of social distancing and large numbers of shoppers being in the store.

5. Covid-19 restrictions – relaxation going forward

Jim asked whether the Police's Covid Car would be continuing to patrol.

Ian advised that football training can start from 29th March and games can restart from 3rd April. There are plans to run all teams through to June. The club will be checking the pitches and providing a litter clean-up of the area this weekend. Plans for Laurel Park Fun Day will be finalised next month, and a provisional date has been set for 26 June.

6. Anti-social behaviour in area

Jim mentioned that Liberty House had been having issues with people coming in, but this has now improved. There has also been an increase in groups of youths congregating at the end of Strand Way.

7. Update on Travellers in the area

Julie advised the travellers at Dane Hill had left and the site should be cleared soon. There is currently one traveller incursion in the Bracknell Southern Industrial area.

Any other business:

Alan advised the Woodley and Earley Lions Club held their online quiz evening and raised £500.00. The Fireworks Committee will be holding a meeting during the first week of April to discuss this year's event and they will be able to cancel at no cost prior to the 1st of July.

Julie confirmed her last shift with TVP will be on 30th April.

Linden commented it was claimed that the lighting issues had been resolved on Chalfont Close, but this does not seem to be the case. He also advised that Hartsborne Road is still not sorted. Jim advised he will chase this up.

Chris advised there is an EASI committee meeting on Wednesday. There are currently 20 streets with vacancies and they are planning to do a letter drop. A Keep Britain Tidy event is being proposed for the end of June.

Jean advised they are expecting to plant in two vacant plots at the Orchard during the summer/autumn.

Zoran reiterated that lateral flow testing is available at Shute End, Thames Valley Park and there will be a third site in Sindlesham. He advised that although March 21st was Census Day, it can still be completed.

The meeting closed at 20:15pm.

Next meeting 26 April 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. 26 April 2021 1 June 2021 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>	