



Earley Neighbourhood Action Group Community Forum Meeting Minutes
Monday 14 March 2022
(published 5th May)

Present

Phil Marsh	Resident, Marefield
Hazel Bell	Resident, Sibson
Sarah Chaplin	Resident, Marefield
Jean Hackett	Community Orchard & Resident, Beech Lane
Andrew Mickleburgh	ETC Representative & Resident, The Delph
Alan Jutson	Woodley and Earley Lions Club
Ian Jobson	Laurel Park Football Club (Zoom Audio)
Linden Morgan	Resident Elm Road
Christine Millman	Resident, Egremont Drive
Colin Mair	Resident, Lakeside
Jean Harris	Resident, Harrington Close
Pauline Jorgensen	Wokingham Borough Councillor & Resident
Norman Jorgensen	Wokingham Borough Councillor & Resident
Karen Collins	Thames Valley Police

Apologies

Simon Botham	Thames Valley Police
Dan Bunting	Thames Valley Police

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:

Acting Chair Phil Marsh welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Apologies were received from Simon Botham and Dan Bunting.

2. Minutes from previous Meeting (via Zoom) 22 November 2022:

The minutes were reviewed and approved in accordance with the matters arising in item 3.

3. Matters arising:

Jean advised the discussion point regarding the 3G pitch with the action for Jim Willis **to talk to Ian Jobson about any developments**, should have been included in the minutes.

Linden advised minutes from previous meetings were missing from the NAG's website.

Phil advised he would check into this.

Confirmation of new Chairman: Phil March was proposed, seconded and elected to the role by a unanimous vote. Phil mentioned he has applied for a grant from the PCC and if successful, would require the NAG to have a second signatory in the form of a Vice Chairman.

If anyone is interested in the role of Vice Chairman, please contact Phil.

4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Police Priorities

a) Road Safety & Speeding

The new Community Speed Watch system is up and running and local participation is encouraged. Information and links regarding Community Speedwatch will be added to the NAG's website. If you have any roads or areas you would like to nominate for a session, please add them into the comments box on the NAG's website at <https://earleynag.org/entries/general/community-speedwatch-uk>

b) Burglary

2 x Business – Wokingham Road and Shinfield Road

19 x Residential – Meadow Road x 2, Kerris Road, Hillside Road, Amber Close, Silverdale Road, Saffron Close, Betchworth Avenue, Caraway Road, Mill Lane, Kenton Road, Cinnamon Close, Thanington Way, Radnor Road, Lambourne Gardens, Saleby Close, Mays Lane, The Crescent and Finch Road.

c) Anti Social Behaviour

24 reports of ASB – Marefield x 2, Shinfield Road x 2, Mill Lane, Woodsend Close, Westminster Way, Kilnsea Drive, Chalfont Way x 2, Beech Lane x 2, Pond Head Lane, Nuthatch Drive, Maiden Place x 4, Station Road, Faygate Way, Fordham Way, Gipsy Lane x 2 and Thorney Close.

26 reports of Criminal Damage – Station Road x 2, Maiden Erlegh Drive, Silverdale Road, Chalfont Way x 3, Stanton Close, Turnbridge Close, Trusthorpe Close, Chilcombe Way, Maiden Place, Measham Way, Fleetham Gardens, Wokingham Road, Rustington Close, Robindale Avenue, Launcestone Close, Wickford Way, Tamworth Close, Burwell Close, Hartsbourne Road, Measham Way, Mill Lane, Shinfield Road and Collins Drive.

16 x Thefts from Vehicles – Harcourt Drive, The Delph, Pepper Lane, Sevenoaks Road, Notton Way, Moorhen Drive, Pocket Place, Ratby Close, Stanton Close, Loddon Bridge Road, Salcombe Drive x 2, St. Clements Close, Chalfont Way, Beaconsfield Way and Durand Road.

2 x Thefts of Vehicles – Amber Close and Hilmanton

2 x Reports of Arson – Shinfield Road and Radnor Road

There were no reported Thefts of Pedal Cycles.

Karen advised PCSO Dan Bunting has become part of the recent training intake for Police Officers and a new PCSO will be appointed for the area.

Police update compiled by Sgt Simon Botham: there have been a number of high value family jewellery burglaries in the area and our Priority Crime Team have ongoing investigations and are running a number of cross border operations with neighbouring Police forces in response.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues persist in and around Maiden Place and the Police have identified a number of offenders and are working in conjunction with parents, schools and the Youth Justice Team. Last week was County Drug Lines week and there were a number of warrants executed which resulted in significant cash seizures.

With regards to the potential 3G pitch at Laurel Park, the Police have seen issues around ASB and youths attempting to access pitches at other locations. CCTV should be considered when planning an installation. Resourcing pressures are greater than ever before with Neighbourhood Officers being abstracted to core response.

5 WBC potential proposal for illuminated multi-purpose artificial grass pitch at Laurel Park / Maiden Erleigh School – any Policing concerns?

As mentioned above, consideration of CCTV is strongly recommended with any installation.

6 Current Traffic and Car Parking issues at Laurel Park on Weekends:

Pauline advised the possibility of an entrance off Rushey Way and a car park created by pushing the pitches back, is being evaluated. Residents of Marefield could consider a residents only parking scheme, but this would result in an administrative charge for parking permits. Andrew requested that the green space currently used for overflow parking and Jean requested that the area where basketball is played and the space behind the playground are not impacted by any changes. Andrew asked that the Highways team meet with both residents and the football club to discuss any potential issues prior to planning or consultations taking place. Andrew and Phil mentioned some potential minor improvements to the current car park had been suggested and passed to WBC. Andrew advised he would be happy to send a copy of the email sent to the council to Pauline. Phil suggested creating a working group on Zoom for all interested parties. Ian Jobson confirmed that approximately 200 vehicles cycled in the area on Saturday mornings

7 Orchard and Litter Picking:

Jean advised the orchard is having a monthly maintenance work party on the second Saturday of the month. A few fence posts have been pushed out of position, but most of the trees are thriving. The two trees that were missing for a couple of years have been replaced and all trees now have a label confirming their variety and a slate showing the sponsor's name. Jean and Andrew confirmed the litter pick is scheduled for Sunday 3rd April over two sessions: 10:00am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:30pm. McDonald's have pledged staff to support on the day.

8 Woodley & Earley Lions – Fireworks

Alan advised the Fireworks was a fantastic financial success with much larger numbers than in previous years. Advance-tickets accounted for half of the tickets sold. A debrief of the event is still to be held. The date for this year has been set for Saturday, November 5th. Following feedback from NAG members regarding issues they experienced with attendees at the event, Phil offered to speak to the Residents Association regarding assisting with marshalling. **Phil and Alan will look into the costs and possibility of silent fireworks.**

9 New Speedwatch process – Update

This was discussed in item 4.

10 Street Parties – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Residents can apply for a free street party license as long as it is not on a main road or bus route. The cut off date for applications is 15th May. The link for applications will be included with the minutes.

11 Any other business:

- a. Social media: it was suggested that the NAG post 1-2 items discussed during the meeting. Andrew suggested keeping your home secure and information regarding street parties. Possible sites are ERDB and We Love Earley.

- b. Linden advised there are issues around the area with potholes, lights and a manhole cover on Elm Lane. Pauline advised she will look into the issue with the manhole cover. **Linden to advise the manhole reference number to Pauline.**
- c. Phil mentioned the mini roundabout at the top of Carshalton needs repainting. Andrew encouraged everyone to use the council's Report It online system to make WBC aware of any issues.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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 bi-monthly on a Monday at 7.30 – 9.00 pm at the Earley Town Council Offices. The following dates have been booked. 9th May 2022 11th July 2022 12th September 2022 14th November 2022	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 chairperson@earleynag.org	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.

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>	
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