



**Earley Neighbourhood Action Group Community Forum Meeting Minutes
Monday 9 May 2022**

Present

Phil Marsh	Chair & Resident, Marefield
Helen Elderfield	Resident, Marefield
Hazel Bell	Resident, Sibson
Sarah Chaplin	Resident, Marefield
Jean Hackett	Community Orchard & Resident, Beech Lane
Alan Jutson	Woodley and Earley Lions Club
Paul Norman	Woodley and Earley Lions Club & Resident, Aldbourne Avenue
Ian Jobson	Laurel Park Football Club & Resident, Trusthorpe Close
Linden Morgan	Resident Elm Road
John Eastwell	ETC Representative & Resident, Culford Close
Heather Cresswell	MS Society & Resident, Adams Way
Brian Wooldrige	Resident, Reeds Avenue
Colin Mair	MERA & Resident, Lakeside
Molli Cleaver	Community Relations Manager, University of Reading
Karen Collins	Thames Valley Police & Resident, Pavenham Close

Apologies

Norman & Pauline Jorgensen	Wokingham Borough Councillor & Resident
Andrew Mickleburgh	ETC Representative & Resident, The Delph
David Hare	Town & Borough Councillor & Resident
David Canning	Resident, Aldbourne Avenue
Simon Botham	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:

Prior to the start of the meeting, Park Warden Clive Buckland addressed the attendees. Notes were taken and will be passed on to any relevant agencies accordingly.

Phil welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Apologies are listed above.

2. Minutes from previous Meeting 14 March 2022:

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Matters arising:

In relation to Linden's difficulty accessing the NAG's website, Phil explained that the old website was hosted on Google's platform and can still come up as an option on Google searches.

4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Police Priorities

a) Road Safety & Speeding

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 <https://earleynag.org/entries/general/community-speedwatch-uk>

b) Burglary

3 x Residential Burglaries – Frieth Close, Ratby Close and Conygree Close.

No reported Business burglaries

c) Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

11 reports of ASB – Hillside Road, Silverdale Road, Courts Road, Mill Lane, Phillips Close, Kilnsea Drive, Dennose Close x 2 Measham Way, The Delph and Wokingham Road

6 reports of Criminal Damage – Mays Lane, Church Lane, Dennose Close, Silverdale Road, Beech Lane and Wickford Way

9 x Thefts from Vehicles – Aldbourne Avenue, Wokingham Road, Salcombe Drive x 2, Whitenights Road, Collins Drive, Elm Road, Frieth Close, and Redhatch Drive.

1 x Theft of Vehicle – Maiden Place

9 x Thefts of Pedal Cycles – Shinfield Road x 3, Bridport Close, Chalfont Close, Pepper Lane, Whitenights Road and Meadow Road x 2

Karen presented a Police update compiled by Sgt Simon Botham: TVP continue to encourage Community Speedwatch but with the understanding that we will still assess each incident and where required, intervene. We retain a mobile speed enforcement capability which is best utilised in conjunction with local speed initiatives.

School parking continues to be an issue and we are working with local residents, schools and road safety officers. There has been some interest around Silverdale Road, where a lad was hit by a car last week. A Neighbourhood Police Officer attended and it appears that the children were playing games not necessarily for public domain.

A community event is being held at the Oakwood Centre on 24th of May in response to recent burglaries involving Family gold and jewellery. We have seen a cross border team targeting both commercial and estate outbuildings looking for garden tools so this is a reminder to keep outbuildings locked and secured. The Summer months bring an increase in ASB and TVP will continue to target hotspots, working with local schools. WBC have a new ASB team and TVP have already run joint operations with them.

In relation to County Lines, there is ongoing work with our Tasking Team and MetPol. Neighbourhood teams work with individuals at risk of Child Drug Exploitation and shutting down locations/premises used by drug gangs.

There is ongoing work around enforcement for E-Scooters.

5 Feedback from the chair on the Zoom meeting with new WBC ASB Team and for FYI the TVP information on ASB/Trespass.

Phil set up a Zoom meeting with Councillor Bill Soane's ASB team, David and Alan found useful. For ASB where a crime is not being committed, residents can call the ASB team and they will send someone out if they are available. Contact details for ASB team asb@wokingham.gov.uk or on 0118 974 6000 during business hours. It was noted that reports of: a) crime are [logged by the Police](#) and; b) ASB by [the Council](#). Such reports are used to plan resource and reviewed by the Council's Safety Advice Group (SAG) when considering application for events.

6 Woodley & Earley Lions – Fireworks

Alan confirmed the date for this year's event will be Saturday, November 5th. Advance-tickets will be available as well as contactless payment on the night. The formal debrief with TVP following last year's event has now taken place. The debrief went extremely well and no formal or official complaints had been received by either party. Alan advised there has been a massive increase in the price of fireworks and transport from China. Road closures will be in place again this year. Many volunteers are needed on the night and any members of the NAG who wish to help are very welcome. Phil has circulated a request for volunteers and will repeat this in September. Alan advised a laser show is included in the cost of admission.

7 Current Traffic and Car Parking issues at Laurel Park on Weekends – Ian and Pauline had a meeting regarding the proposal around an entrance/exit off Rushey Way. Viability and pricing is still being reviewed. Phil advised there are concerns around traffic flow on Rushey Way during match change over times and proposals will need to look at the impact on the football season. Ian confirmed the club encourages everyone attending Laurel Park to park elsewhere and walk.

8 Orchard – anti-social behaviour update

Jean advised there had been no further damage - which tended to occur over the weekend period. The litter pick on 3rd April was very successful.

9 New Speedwatch process – A proposal for Community Speedwatch to be 'hosted' by ETC will go to the Policy and Resources Committee on the 31st May and, if approved, a recommendation made to the Full Council on 15th June. Until then it is simply a proposal.

Phil suggested the NAG facilitate a Zoom meeting with the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

10 Street Parties – Queen's Platinum Jubilee - updates

The cut-off date for applications is 15th May.

11 Any other business:

- Linden advised the drain covers he reported at the last meeting had been fixed, but not the lights. Phil asked him to email the ticket/reference number and he will chase it up.
- ACER (Whitegates Residents Association) are hosting a Fraud Prevention presentation at St. Peters Church hall on Wednesday 6th July at 6:45 for 7pm.
- Issues at Maiden Lane Centre – The caretaker has advised of an increase in ASB. Illegal car parking at Sainsburys is affecting access for disabled community members. Andrew has looked into this and the Highways Group has now agreed to ticket cars parked on the double yellow lines.
- Gates at Laurel Park – John to find out the latest status for the handover from WBC.
- Pushbike passing distance warning bars (1.5mtr) are these something that can be used? Karen will speak to the Neighbourhood Policing teams.
- Reading University is currently reviewing how it approaches community engagement and hope to reinstate their community forums. UOR to be added to the NAG agenda.

The meeting closed at 8:39pm.

1009B	<p>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</p>	<p>Message posted on the Earley Residents' Forum – 964 members of Forum</p>	<p>All minutes are now available for viewing online.</p>
0909C	<p>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.</p> <p>The following dates have been booked.</p> <p>11th July 2022 12th September 2022 14th November 2022</p>	<p>Please note the new meetings dates, times and location</p> <p>Agenda issued a week before the meeting if you would like to add a discussion point please email to chairperson@earleynag.org</p>	<p>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.</p>
1704A	<p>Reading University Community Events 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</p>	<p>Molli Cleaver - Community Relations Manager</p>	<p>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.</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>	