

Minutes of Rural West NAG held at Haversham Village Hall on 16th March 2010

Item 1 Those Present

D Courtman (Chair), T Mobley (Dep. Chair), Phil Ayles, John Sweetland, Sheila Mobley, John Earp, Gerald Stimpson, Pam Furness, PC Andy Perry, Rob Lawrence

Item 2 Apologies

Dave Hinds, John Keane and Mike Fagan.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Item 3 Matters Arising Items 1-6

DC reminded RL that the Free Dog Bags previously promised to the NAG had not yet been delivered. RL to honour this request but he also stated that this would be the very last issue, as MKC could no longer afford to fund this. If, however, Parish Councils wish to continue with such an initiative, RL can supply name and charges of MKC supplier to Parish Clerks.

RL informed group re: cost of purchasing and installing dog bins in appropriate positions within the three parishes. Seven bins have been requested at a purchase cost of £350, with installation at £230. Decision to go ahead with purchase proposed and seconded. PA requested that this be done by 12th April if possible. Same contractor to empty all the bins throughout the RW. NAG. RL to liaise with Sarah Neal re: filling in of Application For Funding Form.

R.L gave small presentation re other items available connected with “dog-fouling” issues.

R.L also suggested that after bins had been installed, a member of his team would be available to visit the three parishes with a stall promoting various methods of dealing with the dog-fouling problem.

D.C. presented an R.W. NAG Contact List to all members. This was corrected/ amended where necessary. Hopefully members will now be able to liaise more easily.

Item 4 Police Report

A.P. reported on Speedwatch Device. T.V.P and Community Wardens have already completed their training. Information given re Training Session to be held on Saturday 20th March 2010 10.30am at Newport Pagnell Police Station. NAG members plus volunteers welcome. More session will be held.

A.P. also gave details of poster competition about “speeding” which he ran in Hanslope School. Three winning designs were framed so they could be placed in the school entrance. Posters were viewed by all NAG members present. A.P. and D.C presented the prizes on Friday 19th March 2010. Castlethorpe and Haversham expressed a wish to be involved in a similar competition. A.P. more than willing to oblige. On behalf of NAG, D.C. thanked A.P. for his excellent input.

P.A. informed group about MK website which opened on 1st March, where crime figures, which are updated regularly, can be viewed.

Item 5 Draft Leaflet

D.C. handed out a draft leaflet promoting the NAG. Suggestions were made as to possible inclusions. D.C. to complete leaflet and forward it to Sarah Neal for approval. Final copy to be brought to next NAG meeting. Cost of printing to be met from NAG funds.

Item 6 A.O.B.

John S. inquired re Cold Calling Zones. A.P. said no such zones existed within R.W. NAG.

G.S. informed group re the fact that parking in front of dropped kerb areas would now be deemed an offence by MKC.

He also said that the current Lorry Weight Restrictions surveys had been thrown out.

New survey to be initiated at some stage.

Item 6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Tuesday 27th April at Hanslope.