

Safer Neighbourhoods

Rural West Neighbourhood Action Group Notes of

meeting held on 14th July 2009 at Haversham

Present

Dorothy Courtman
Andy Perry
John Sweetland
Anthony Mobley
Sheila Mobley
Gavin Lancaster -
Gerald Stimpson

Apologies

Eric Dodworth
John Earp
Philip Ayles
Sonal Beconscot
John Keane
Dave Hine
Mike Fagan

It was also noted that Karen Knott has resigned from Haversham Parish council and that the council meets on Monday 20th July 2009 at which time a replacement will be appointed.

Item	Notes	Action
1	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.	
2.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair RL took the Chair for the this part of the meeting RL reported that he had received one nomination for the post of Chair and one for the post of Vice Chair. Dorothy Courtman had been proposed as Chair by Andy Perry and Rob Lawrence had been proposed	

as Vice Chair.

RL said that although he was grateful for the nomination he was unable to accept and asked for his name to be withdrawn. This was agreed by the group.

Andy Perry then formally proposed that Dorothy Courtman be re-elected as chair and this was seconded by Gavin Lancaster. On being put to the vote it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that Dorothy Courtman be re-elected as Chair of the Rural West neighbourhood Action Group.

RL then handed the chair of the meeting back to DC.

It was then agreed that the election to the post of Vice Chair be held over until the next meeting and RL will contact all members asking for nominations as required by the Constitution. **RL**

3 **Matters arising**

Dog Fouling - Haversham Parish Council is handing out dog poo bags. RL said that if more were needed the Parish council should contact him and more can be supplied. **RL/GS**

Traffic problems in Haversham - GS reported that the Parish Council had met with Ian McGregor from MKC Highways to discuss the trees that are causing vision problems in the village. GS reported that MKC is going to write to the landowner to request the trees: 1t are reduced by 2 metres

GS also reported that MKC will not accept the erection of mirrors in the village but that they are trying to devise a system to solve the problem in the centre of the village.

EVA

The EVA in Castlethorpe has been completed by Michelle, the new PC SO for the Rural West area.

4. **Priorities**

ASB - following the last meeting DC has out an article in the Hanslope Parish Council Newsletter encouraging residents in the village to report incidents of ASB to the Police non emergency

number. The group discussed possible visits to the school in Hanslope and it was decided that the best time to approach the school would be at the beginning of the Autumn term when there would be a new intake of pupils. DC will speak to the Head Teacher in September. **DC**

Burger Van in Hanslope

DC has emailed RL with the details of the land owner and RL reported that colleagues from the enforcement section are monitoring the site and will take the necessary action once evidence gathering is completed.

DC and GL reported that the Parish council has asked for the road to be de-regulated but they are unsure about who in MKC will make the decision on this matter. They asked if Environmental health could be requested to visit the burger van and RL said he would talk to the Food Safety Team and report back at the next meeting. **RL**

It was added that a planning application has now been submitted for the old bus garage to build 9 properties on the site.

After general discussion" RL was asked to check if the burger van operator needed planning permission to operate on the site. **RL**

5. **NAG E-zine and Survey**

The Group offered it's thank to Michelle, the new Rural West PCSO, for the excellent work that she has put into the questionnaire and the publicity for the NAG. AP said that he had the responses from the questionnaire and the group discussed these. RL asked AP to let him have a copy electronically so that the results could be sent out with the minutes of this meeting. **AP/RL**

RL was also asked to check with Lisa Emmanuel as to how many times the annual budget for the NAG could roll over. **RL**

6. **Police Report**

AP gave the group the latest crime figures for the Rural West Area. RL will circulate these to members with the minutes. **RL**

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Any other Business

AP was asked if Newport Pagnell Police Station was up to strength with personnel. AP said that it was and that it is highly unlikely that changes will be made.

GL reported on the Hanslope Parish Plan

Hanslope Parish Council has produced a Parish Plan and will be giving jobs to the NAG and will set its priorities.

There are 5 issues for the NAG to discuss

- Dog Pooh bins
- Parking
- Speeding
- Vandalism
- Horses

The meeting asked RL if failing to clear up horse droppings was an offence. RL replied that it was not and never has been.

After general discussion RL was asked to speak to Lisa Emmanuel to see if the budget could be used to fund a couple of additional dog pooh bins for a trial period of about 1 year. **RL**

RL was also asked to check with LE if the budget could be used to reimburse Parish Councils for the costs of hiring halls. RL said that he understood that this was what the budget was for amongst other things but he would check with LE. **RL**

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Date of Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed for Tuesday 15th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Haversham village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm