

## Minutes of Rural West NAG held at Hanslope Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### Item 1 Those Present

D Courtman (Chair), T Mobley (Dep. Chair), Phil Ayles, John Sweetland, Sarah Neil, Inspector Neil Coolman, PC Andy Perry, PC Julian Kendall, Sheila Mobley, Gerald Stimpson, Joe Geary and Gavin Lancaster.

### Item 2 Apologies

John Earp, Dave Hinds, John Keane, Mike Fagan and Rob Lawrence.

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

Get Well e-mail to be sent by DC on behalf of committee to Rob Lawrence.

### Item 3 Matters Arising Items 1-5

Discussion re. AP's initiative re. installation of poo bins and emptying of the same. Parish Councils were concerned about ongoing cost of emptying the bins on a weekly/fortnightly basis. SN agreed to look into the cost of perhaps installing 2 bins in each parish on a trial basis. Other tenders for emptying bins to be considered. £775 left in NAG fund to assist with this. SN to liaise with DC regarding this issue. Thanks were expressed to PC Perry for his continuing good work in Hanslope School re. dog-fouling and Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Old Bus Garage in Hanslope has now been boarded up by MK Council in an attempt to prevent further acts of arson and vandalism.

DC reported that officers from Environmental Health had dealt with the rubbish problem on Forest Road.

The Lighting at Hanslope School has also been successfully dealt with.

Gerald Stimpson (Castlethorpe) expressed concerns that not enough was being done to promote the Rural West NAG. After some discussion SN kindly agreed to assist in producing an informative spreadsheet. This could be delivered to each house in all three parishes. Method of delivery still to be addressed. Frequency may not coincide with Parish Newsletter distribution. Spreadsheet could also be placed in local shops and Doctor's Surgery. Cost to be investigated by Sarah and funded from remaining monies in our allocation. Continuing liaison with Sarah and NAG members.

Parish Websites :- Minutes of NAG meeting can go onto sites but it was agreed that care and integrity should be applied to the wording and content displayed.

New MKC Legislation re. Parking on verges and footpaths brought to attention of members. Castlethorpe has chosen to opt out of scheme.

GS reminded SN that his request for more poo-bags from RB had not yet been met.

### Item 4 Police Report

AP informed the meeting that the police report in its old format was no longer allowed. A new fortnightly report would be sent to NAG chairs and Parish Councils via e-mail.

#### Speedwatch Update:-

The device has now been purchased on a shared ownership basis amongst the four rural NAGs. P.C.s Perry and Kendall will receive initial training and then cascade this down to volunteers. It was decided that the NAG members of Rural West should initially familiarise themselves with the usage of the device. Ultimately, the device will be used in conjunction with PCSO.s, Community Wardens, NAG members and volunteers from the various parishes. Thanks were expressed to Andy and Julian for their sterling work in getting this scheme off the ground. Thanks also to T.V.P. and MK Council for their support..

#### Item 5 A.O.B.

A request was received from PA that the minutes should be sent out soon after the meeting. AP stated that the Speedwatch was a very big success for the rural NAGs. GS requested that a contact list of names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses be made available to all NAG members.

#### Item 6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Haversham.