

Minutes of Rural West NAG held at Hanslope Village Hall on 27th April 2010

Item 1 Those Present

D Courtman (Chair), T Mobley (Dep. Chair), Sheila Mobley, Gavin Lancaster, John Earp, Phil Ayles, Gerald Stimpson, Michael Fagan, Rob Lawrence (MKC), Kirsty Barnes (PCSO)

Item 2 Apologies

Dave Hinds, Andy Perry (TVP), John Sweetland, John Keane.

Item 3

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

Item 4

R.L. stated that the promised dog bags were now available. Representative from all three parishes expressed their feelings of frustration and concern that the proposed dog bins had not yet been installed. R.L. informed the meeting that the said bins had been delivered but that their actual whereabouts within the council buildings had yet to be confirmed. Although R.L. apologised profusely, it was felt that this ineffectual management of the situation by MKC was not at all helpful. Hopefully the installation of the said bins will take place as soon as possible.

G.S. stated that the problem of bagged dog waste under River Road Bridge at Haversham was escalating. The Parks Trust seems unwilling to deal with this problem. It was suggested that The Chair write to Mr David Foster of the "Parks Trust" in an effort to find a solution to this unsightly and unhealthy on-going problem. The writing of the letter should be delayed until after the General and Council elections.

Item 5 Police Report

K.B. – Actual equipment looked after by TVP. When up and running, a Police Officer or a PCSO will always be in attendance. A list of all volunteers and NAG members will also be kept by TVP.

Re the co-ordination of the Speedwatch usage, P.A. suggested that a rota system should be drawn up on a week 1 2 3 4 rota basis, within the four NAGS. G.L. pointed out that the rota could be varied so that times and areas could not be predicted by the general public. Within each NAG, a committee member would be responsible for compiling the rota for their parishes only. R.L. agreed to take this proposal to the other NAGS involved.

P.A. and G.S. were given advice as to how to go about ensuring that the highly successful "Speed Poster Competition" run by PC Andy Perry in Hanslope School could be replicated at both Castlethorpe and Haversham schools.

Item 6

The completed NAG leaflets were given out. Each parish will be responsible for their distribution. It was felt that the Parish Councils involved would be more than willing to hand them out with the next issue of their Parish Newsletters.

Sarah Neal has informed the NAG that "New Priorities" must be drawn up. She forwarded a template of a "Public Consultation Leaflet" for the committee to view. The general opinion of the meeting was that the leaflet was too lengthy and rather intrusive. There is little interest in Public Consultation Meetings and P.A. stated that too much bureaucracy could result in the loss of the rural NAGS. It was felt that the local issues would be the same. G.L. felt that

shared priorities were not always applicable. Perhaps we ought to have single village priorities? It was suggested that a small tear off section re new priorities be included in a future issue of the Parish Newsletters. D.C. to contact Sarah Neal and inform her that R.W. NAG will delay their decision until September.

Item 7 E.V.A's

T.M., G.S., and D.C. expressed concern that even although NAG members dutifully turn out to conduct EVA's with TVP and MKC, problems that have been identified as far back as eighteen months ago still remain untackled. The problem lies NOT with TVP but with MKC itself.

G.L. and P.A. suggested that an action list with colour coding could be devised. D.C. to relay to Sarah Neal the feeling of frustration and despondency felt by the NAG over MKC's failure to deliver.

G.S reminded R.L. that the revised contact list had not yet been distributed to members of the group.

G.L. – Pre School Parking at Hanslope. Issues of safety have arisen here. R.L. suggested that he contact a Mr Adrian Carden for advice.

R.L. informed the meeting of the closing dates for nominations for election of Chair and Vice Chair, which must take place at the June meeting.

Item 8 Next Meeting

Scheduled for 8th June 7.30pm at Castlethorpe Cricket Pavilion.