

OLD WINDSOR
NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP
Meeting at 10.00 am, Monday 1st June 2009
At The Parish Meeting Room, Church Road, Old Windsor

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Cllr Tony Troughton (TT), NSO Steve Parker, Andy Aldridge (AA), Gemma Stephenson RBWM (GS), Cllr Tony Peach (TP), John Lee (Local Businesses), Jen Sams representing NW (JS), Andy Amor (A.A), NSO Steve Parker (SP) and John Devlin PCSO (JD)

Apologies: Inspector Pete Dalton, Esther Deacon RBWM

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming John Devlin, our new PCSO, to Old Windsor.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (5th May 2009)

The minutes were accepted as being accurate.

2. The proposed Police Post

Tony Troughton asked if there had been any progress with the Police Post. Steve Parker stated that there had been a stumbling block with the lease on the building but he was confident that it would be sorted. He also reconfirmed that the Police are very keen for this building to happen.

Action SP

3. Alcohol Ban

Concerns were made regarding the very poor signage installed at the Recreation Ground to inform people that it was an alcohol free area. The wording on the signs will have to be looked at. Tony Peach stated that there are still large quantities of empty beer cans and spirit bottles being removed from the Recreation Ground on an almost daily basis. Andy Aldridge is going to follow up on the signs.

Action AA

4. Crime Reporting

Tony Peach raised the subject of the difficulty of reporting crime and the time it takes using the telephone system in place. Steve Parker sympathised but stated how important it is for crime to be reported and a URN obtained every time. Residents will continue to be encouraged to report all incidents and crimes.

Action NW/NAG

5. Burglary

No burglaries were reported but it remains a priority with the Police.

Action SP

6. Anti Social Driving

Tony Troughton reported numerous problems with drivers illegally using the one way system at the start of St Lukes Road. Cars driving the wrong way, turning around and going out the wrong way and turning right at the junction with Straight Road were mentioned. Steve Parker stated that a speed survey had been conducted in Burfield Road and the average speeds recorded were below the speed limit in place. Other speed tests

and surveys will be carried out in the village. Tony Troughton had looked into the Speed Watch scheme that is in place in other areas. Andy Amor agreed it was a good scheme.

Action SP

7. Anti Social behaviour

Other than the drinking issues in the Recreation Ground the only other issue was a report of three cars being vandalised in Kingsbury Drive which was witnessed and reported. Unfortunately there was some confusion from the operator who stated that an officer was in St Lukes Road so should be there shortly. The officer was in St Lukes Road but the one in Maidenhead and not the one in Old Windsor. Although the officer got there quickly it was obviously too late and the culprits were long gone.

8. PCSO

John Devlin is our new PCSO. He is an experienced officer and is looking forward to working in the village.

9. AOB

Manor Lodge

Tony Troughton mentioned the recent meeting at Manor Lodge where it became known that Manor Lodge will have to allow access to the Recreation Ground and the Riverside to some residents after it became known that legal action may be sought by the residents using the Human Rights law. Tony made it clear that the villagers are very concerned about this. Steve Parker said that a blanket ban on residents is illegal and a court case last year went in favour of the residents at a different Lodge in the area. He confirmed that certain residents will not be allowed to go to the Recreation Ground and the Riverside but others that are of no risk to the public will be allowed access. A request was made to have a meeting about this with the local residents.

Underage Drinking

Andy Amor stated that test purchases had been carried out in the area and around two thirds of establishments failed and prosecutions are pending. It is understood that the Old Windsor establishments passed.

Tony Troughton stated that he would be away for the next meeting and that it would be chaired by Jen Sams.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 6th July 2009 at 10.00 am
in the Parish Meeting Room, Church Road, Old Windsor.**