



Minutes for 11/10/16
Held at
Finchampstead Baptist Church Centre - Library

Attendees-

Rob Stanton (RS)	(WBC Councillor) – Chair of FinchNAG
Simon Weeks (SW)	(WBC Councillor) – Deputy Chair of FinchNAG
Steve Bromley (SBro)	(FPC)
Steve Bowers (SBow)	(FPC)
Roger Woof (RW)	(FPC)
Stephen Eddy (SE)	(Resident)
PC Paul Bentley (PB)	(TVP)
Wendy Harcourt WH)	(Resident)
Catriona Macmillan (CM)	(Community Development Worker – WBC)
Betty Mold (BM)	(Resident)
Karen Collins (KC)	(TVP) – Temporary minute taker

1. Apologies –

Tim Woolford	(TVP)
Mark Tomkinson	(Community Warden - WBC)
Joyce Stoner	(WBC)
Peter Jansen	(Resident)

2. Minutes from 9 August 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Updates to items and actions raised in the previous meeting: -

- Financial position - a grant application from the Parish Council for £250 has been made. This is to cover the litter pick refreshments, website and other items as required. SBro advised his action to obtain information on how many hits the website is receiving is ongoing. The grant goes before the council for consideration tomorrow night. The NAG hopes their request for the grant will be approved. A question was asked regarding the whereabouts of the NAG chequebook.

Action – RS to determine the location of the chequebook and take ownership of this item.

Action – Sbro to find out website hits

- RW asked if there was an update on the £2000 Safety Partnership grant; this is ongoing, SW and SBro hope to meet soon with Inspector John Donachy at his suggestion. They would like to purchase a pole mounted flashing SID sign which can be moved around the parish. The Parish Council would take ownership and the NAG would assist in using it. PJ expressed the opinion that they are effective in other areas.
- Regarding Nash Grove Lane speeding, RS believes there is an issue with the roundabout at Waverley Way which is contributing to dangerous driving. SBow asked if the roundabout could be raised however this was not felt to be feasible due to cost. RS asked PB to investigate this issue.

4. Road traffic matters.

- SBro reported that the NAG currently does SID sessions each week. Some of the recent results: -
 - Longwater Road 23 August, 28 reported in 1 hour;
 - Longwater Road 31 August, 44 reported in 1 hour 20 mins;
 - Nine Mile Ride 6 September, 23 reported in 1 hour 15 min;
 - Finchampstead Road 21 Sept, 51 reported in 1 hour (with one Berlingo Van caught for the 4th time since January).

- b. SBro asked whether the Speedwatch letter that is sent out could reflect the actual speed the cars were doing. The NAG expressed that speeding is a major issue for them and they are very grateful for the support they are receiving for the Speedwatch initiative from local neighbourhood police and roads traffic police.

Action - PB to investigate if the wording of the Speedwatch letter can be amended.

- c. SE asked whether the policy for GATSO cameras has changed. SW advised that multiple deaths and injuries need occur in order for a standard GATSO to be situated in an area. SBro advised that the cameras do not always have film in them due to running cost constraints.
- d. SE asked for an update on the request for speed roundels on the road reminding the public that NMR is a 30 mph road; SW confirmed this request cannot be approved due to current legislation.
- e. SBro advised he has received a complaint via TVP from a resident in Carolina Place. A Speed Data Recorder (SDR) was placed in this area in 2013 and also a run done more recently as a consequence of the complaint. The results show that speeds have increased marginally between 2013 and 2016 and SBro asked the NAG for their opinion. SW advised that the police's policy is that they do not enforce 20 mph limits as they are considered to be self-regulating. The NAG expressed the opinion that this issue (1mph above the speeding threshold) is not as much of a priority as enforcing and doing SID sessions in other areas where the speeding threshold is consistently broken by 9-15 mph. The NAG feels it is important that feedback should be given to the resident.

Action - PB to feed back to the resident that the NAG has debated this issue.

5. TVP Update.

- a. PB reported that the police have performed speed enforcement on Longwater Road and also on Finchampstead Road by the surgery over a weekend and caught one offender. SBro advised they need to be by the doctor's surgery on a weekday sometime between 6-8 am. This is when there is a serious problem
- b. A new complaint has been received from a resident on Nine Mile Ride regarding speeding; a gentleman has complained directly to the Standards Department. The NAG agreed there is a speeding issue there, they are already aware of it and speed enforcement is being done at the moment. SW suggested contacting the resident and inviting him to participate in the Speedwatch sessions.
- c. SBro advised that FBC has been approached by other local parish councils to come and see how they conduct their speed enforcement.
- d. PB confirmed there has been ASB in the area concerning motorbikes and 2 people are currently on section 59 orders. SBow advised this issue is making some residents miserable and is now becoming a priority on the estate as increasing numbers of people are reporting it to the council. PB advised that the police need to have it reported to them as soon as the bikes are seen.
- e. There have been a few reports of scary clowns in the area recently. In the summer there were a few thefts from vehicles and a garage was broken into.
- f. PCSO Chris Taylor is leaving next week to pursue new opportunities and PCSO Elena Ispas has joined the team. PC Kate Cooper has been transferred to another position until May next year. SW confirmed there is still an issue with fly-tipping on unlit roads and in the usual locations of Lower Sandhurst Road and Dell Road.
- g. SBow asked about the report of a possible distraction burglary with people dressed as police officers. PB confirmed that this is being investigated.
- h. BM advised there has been fly-tipping of piles of wood and metal drums in Greensward Lane. The NAG advised that this location is in Arborfield not Finchampstead however the issue needs to be reported to WBC who will deal with the matter.



6. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The NAG asked how active the scheme is and should more areas get involved? WH confirmed there have been some issues in the woods in St. James' Road where boxes of clothes have been left. KC gave some figures covering the NW scheme in Finchampstead: total population is approx 10977, total registered users in the area 538 with the largest age group is 25 to 34. The NAG discussed whether it would be worth pursuing this further as someone would need to champion it and run it. RW requested that the NAG speak to the NW and see if there might be some interest.

Action – KC to have a discussion and do some research with Christine Seal regarding NW and linking the NAG meetings to the messaging system.

7. No Cold Calling Zone Scheme

The NAG discussed whether they are effective. WH confirmed her area is a NCCZ and it is very effective. SW suggested that it might be worth members of the NAG obtaining feedback from residents living in a NCCZ. RW will check if Katy can put something in the parish newsletter and CM advised it can be put in the community letter. RS will put this on his agenda for when he goes out canvassing. SW is going to do a trial in his road to see if anyone is interested.

8. Civil Parking Enforcement – update on progress.

RS read out the news release regarding the final prep for WBC's civil parking enforcement application. RS also mentioned he received the Minutes from the NAG Chairs meeting and wanted the NAG to be aware of the existence of the Community Safety Partnership.

9. Any Other Business

- a. WH advised that the neighbour in St. James' Road who was having sandwiches thrown over her fence has had an improvement and asked if it would be possible for no. 15 Woodside to have branches taken off some overhanging trees. RS asked WH to send him details of these problems outside of the NAG meetings
- b. SBow and CM confirmed the Community Forum will be held on the last Monday in November and Inspector Jon Donachy should be attending.
- c. SBro confirmed he was contacted by a resident via the NAG website and has passed information regarding syringes and beakers found at the back of the FBC to the police. He has fed back their response to the resident. He advised he has emailed 38 of the 105 names on the NAGs distribution list as previously agreed and has had no responses as yet.

10. Date of next meeting: 13 December 2016 - FBC Centre Library at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9:11 pm