



**Minutes for 20/06/17**  
**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 (SB)	(FPC)
Richard Rampton (RR)	(FPC)
Sgt Lorna Rivett (LR)	(TVP)
PCSO Ann Marie Graham (AMG)	(TVP)
Stephen Eddy (SE)	(Resident)
Rod Clay (RC)	(Resident)
Wendy Harcourt (WH)	(Resident & Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)
Barbara Wojna (BW)	Nine Mile Ride School Governors
Peter Jansen (PJ)	(Resident)
Mark Tomkinson (MT)	(WBC) - Community Warden
Stuart Hood (SH)	(Resident)
Karen Collins (KC)	(TVP) – Temporary minute taker

**1. Apologies –**

Alison Munroe (AM)	(WBC) Community Development Worker
Joyce Stoner (JS)	(WBC) Engagement Support Officer
Betty Mold (BM)	(Resident)
Rev Hannah Higginson (HH)	(Church and Gorse Ride Governor)
Roger Woof (RW)	(FPC)

**2. Minutes** from 4 April 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Updates to items and actions raised in the previous meeting.

- a. *RS to contact WBC highways and ask that the VASs be set to trigger at 10% +2mph* - RS and SB confirmed they have spoken to the WBC traffic team regarding the Speed activated signs and that they will chase this up for recalibration.
  
- b. *Residents IM and RC to discuss obtaining photographic evidence with their neighbours regarding HGVs parking on the 327 Reading Road and sending it to Katy at Finchampstead Parish Council.* – RC advised that IM made two attempts at obtaining photographic evidence and he tried once, but the photographs were not very clear. RC also advised he went to see the manager of the lorry company involved in the issue. There has been a reduction in the number of lorries parking dangerously, but there is still a perceived speeding issue in that area. The Manager confirmed to SW that they have a policy and procedure in place regarding parking and this has been sent to all their suppliers. SW believes the manager will take this in hand and the NAG should keep this issue under review and revisit it in the autumn. SW advised he has done some speed monitoring on Reading Road and barely 3-4% are exceeding the speed limit. RS thanked RC for his contribution to this issue.
  
- c. *RS to write to the new estate planners asking them to consult with the police on the design.* – RS confirmed he has been in touch with the designers and there are people in place monitoring this issue.

**4. Road Traffic Matters (To include Park Lane, St James' Road and Gorse Ride North)**

- a. SW advised that Park Lane (from the far end of NMR to where the road joins the A327 near The New Mill) has a width restriction and is being used by lorries. (Any lorry 3 tonnes and above should not be using this road unless they are making a delivery). Some local residents are using cameras to obtain evidence and are continuing to write to companies who are using the road. They understand it is a low priority for the police, they have requested that the signage is renewed and they are keen to have some sort of monitoring operation here. Local companies have been visited and reminded of the restrictions. SW confirmed they are going to use a data logger to determine which vehicles are using the road and advised he might ask the police to participate in an operation to remind people of the restrictions. There are also roadworks planned for the near future in relation to the footway to Bohunt School in NMR and Park Lane. SB suggested we could purchase a vehicle movement activated cameras to capture information. SE advised he has contacted several local companies regarding the driving skills of some of their drivers and has had some positive feedback from companies who confirmed they have spoken to their drivers. SB suggested he could set SE up with a finchnag.co.uk email address so his personal details are not divulged.

**SB to set up a finchnag.co.uk email address for SE to use**

- b. St. James' Road. AMG confirmed the motor cycle transporter vehicle has recently moved. SB advised he has conducted a survey and the vehicle on the road is very large, but has a valid MOT, is taxed, insured and parked legally. We understand that local action was taken by some residents to encourage the owner to park elsewhere. SB advised that Ditchfield Lane currently has an issue with parking. SW advised that Finchampstead has the second largest ownership of cars in the country. RS advised he will deal with this as a ward matter.

**RS to speak with highways regarding this matter**

- c. Gorse ride north - SW confirmed the speed limit is 20mph and the police don't generally enforce these as traffic calming measures should be in place. He also advised they will do some SID sessions. SB advised he has spoken to the police and they are happy to send out letters even though this speed limit is not normally enforced. SH suggested signage could be improved to help make people aware of the 20mph speed limit. SW advised he will do some research to determine whether there have been any issues on the road. LR confirmed TVP do not normally enforce 20mph speed limits.

**SW/SB to investigate accident data for this road and organise a SID session there**

- d. Recent session results – B3016 Finchampstead Road near the surgery (between 7&8am) - 42 vehicles were reported in 1 hour, 2 got away and 10 were in excess of 40mph. B3016 Longwater Road – 27 vehicles reported in 1 hour 10 mins. B3430 NMR nr 132a – 32 vehicles in 1 hour. SB confirmed TVP are very supportive where speed issues have been identified using data loggers and SIDs.

**5. Thames Valley Police Update**

AMG advised that crime is down in Finchampstead. ASB is at an all-time low and the only recent problem is related to mini motos. This issue is on their tasking and problem solving plan. They hope to seize them through Section 59 (Seizure of Vehicles) orders. Nothing else to report currently. SW explained that once a section 59 is issued, the vehicle can be seized if the bike is seen again. LR confirmed the section 59 is applied to the person and vehicle, so if they are seen on another vehicle, they can be prosecuted.

## 6. Plans for attendance at summer events

Two summer events are currently being planned: The Parish Fete will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Finchampstead Memorial Park from 1200-1600 and the WBC Tenants Community Fun Day with Emergency Services will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 1000-1400 at the FBC Centre. LR advised that the police will be represented while SB and SW confirmed the parish council will be represented. RS advised he will also be there and asked whether the NAG need to conduct surveys. SB advised they are planning to conduct surveys to determine what the local issues and priorities are. SE asked if they can be issued with badges and SB confirmed he would look into this. RS advised that the Anglican Regiment will be represented at the event and the parents of Captain David Hicks, a Finchampstead soldier who lost his life serving in Afghanistan, will also be attending. RS advised he will be launching a competition with local primary schools who will be asked to design the Mayor's Christmas card and the winning schools will each receive £500.00.

**SB to investigate FinchNAG badges**

## 7. Any other business

- a. SB provided an update regarding the signatories at the bank and suggested that he become the administrative Secretary of the NAG in order to complete this process (this didn't include taking minutes). RS proposed that SB be elected secretary, the proposal was seconded by SW and was unanimously approved by the NAG.

**SB to sort out new FinchNAG signatories at the HSBC bank**

- b. WH reported on current Neighbourhood Watch issues. At the bus stop on Barkham Ride, school children have been hitting the nearby bungalows with balls. They are also throwing crisps and packets on to the ground. AMG confirmed she will be contacting the local schools regarding their behaviour and the police are monitoring this situation. Cars are being driven in a way that causes their tyres to screech on St. James' Road. The drivers of two cars in Woodside Close were arguing and shouting at each other (This is not a FinchNAG issue).
- c. PJ asked for an update on the construction of the path to Bohunt School This is the greenway from the FBC to Bohunt. SW confirmed it should be open at the beginning of September and the pathway should be constructed from a rubberised material. They have also announced that the speed limit will be lowered from 40 to 30mph in NMR from Warren Lane to Park Lane and from 60 to 30mph in Park Lane between 100m south of the NMR junction until 170m past Hogwood Industrial Estate. SB advised he has been told that speed calming measures will be implemented on the road; notably, that items will be painted on the road to make it look like something is sticking up, but it will actually be flat.
- d. SE advised that 473 written objections were submitted to WBC regarding the planning application for 80 houses to be built on the land adjacent to Sand Martins Golf Club opposite Washington Fields. 600 further objections were received and there were 2243 names on a petition.
- e. SW confirmed they are expecting to receive a planning application for 180 new houses on NMR just beyond California Country Park and one in Finchampstead Village, near the Eversley boundary – no numbers have been confirmed at this point.
- f. SE asked for an update on fly-tipping in the area. SW advised it appears to have stopped in his area. RC confirmed he has reported 3 incidents recently. SE said there have been 3-4 incidents reported in his area (the northern end of Range Road at Sandhurst Road end) recently with 50% of incidents being cleared promptly; the incidents he reports seem to be cleared more quickly than others. SW advised fly-tipping is still one of the main issues in the area.



- g. LR asked if the police update could be moved to item 4 in the future to allow the police to leave the meeting earlier so they can resume their duties as required.

**8. Date of the next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

The future meeting dates for 2017 have been set as: -

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

All meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the FBC Centre Library

The meeting closed at 9:02pm