



Earley Neighbourhood Action Group Community Forum Meeting Minutes
Monday 4 March 2019
Council Chamber, Earley Town Council, Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading Berks

Present

Jim Willis	Chair, Resident
John Armstrong	Resident, Earley Town Council Councillor
Bill Luck	Resident & Earley Town Councillor
Rav Heer	Resident, The Manor
Mike Bradshaw	Vice Chair/Resident/ Laurel Park Football Club
Stewart Walton	Earley Town Council Officer/Resident Lower Earley
Millie Farquhar	University of Reading
Mike Mackenzie	Salcombe Drive, Aldrington Governor
Heather Cresswell	Resident, Adams Way and MS Society
Jean Hackett	Community Orchard & MERA
Brian Wooldridge	Resident, Reeds Avenue
Helen King	Resident, Marefield
Hazel Bell	Resident, Marefield
Sarah Chaplin	Resident, Sibson
Julie Susel	Thames Valley Police
Karen Collins	Thames Valley Police
Clive Jones	Resident, Wokingham Borough Councillor

Apologies

Alan Jutson	Woodley and Earley Lions Club
David Chopping	WBC & Earley Town Councillor
Matt Foskett	Thames Valley Police
Sarah Gardner	University of Reading
Tom Currie	Resident, Aldbourne Avenue & NHW Co-ordinator
Rose Kayani	Resident, Ramsbury Drive
Joyce Stoner	WBC

NB: These minutes are a record of what happened in the meeting, what was said, what was discussed, and what action would be taken where appropriate. Some items remain as ongoing from meeting to meeting so that they can be monitored at every meeting. Please be advised that no laptops will be allowed to be used in the Council Chamber and mobile phones will only be allowed to be used by the Police in emergencies.

Points from the Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence:

Jim welcomed the attendees to the meeting and reminded everyone that the minutes were being recorded for accuracy. Apologies were received from Joyce Stoner, Rose Kayani and Peter Soul. They were also received from Alan Jutson, David Chopping, Matt Fosket & Sarah Gardner but these were omitted from being read out.

2. Minutes from previous meeting 14 January 2019:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

3. Matters arising:

Community Orchard - Jean advised that no date had been given for the result of the public consultation on the play area. Earley Town Council have been in contact with her, but there has been no further contact from Wokingham Borough Council. Jim advised he would contact Deanna Humphreys and Peter Baveystock to request results of the public consultation.

Jim thanked Bill Luck for his involvement in arranging the refurbishment of the phone box which was picked up in the visual audit at Maiden Place.

4. Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team:

1 Burglary

15 x Residential – Elm Road x 5, Pasture Close, Pimento Drive, Amber Close, Measham Way, The Delph, Mays Lane, Markby Way, Carland Close and Dene Close x 2.

2 Anti-social behaviour in the parks

Julie advised that a 17 year old had been arrested in connection with the arson of the Maiden Place youth shelter and in connection with 2 counts of criminal damage and a section 40 public order offence.

3 Theft of cycles

4 reported: Chalfont Close, Markby Way, Chalfont Way and Shinfield Road.

33 instances of criminal damage: Collins Drive, Elderberry Way, Gipsy Lane, Rushey Way x 5, Burwell Close, Cannock Way, Culford Close, Hawkedon Way, Wokingham Road x 3, Durand Road x 2, Cutbush Lane, Marefield, Farnsfield Close, M4 Junction 10 x 3, Southwold Close, Mawbray Close, Barn Croft Drive x 2, Collegiate Square, Aldbourne Avenue, Moor Copse Road, Sutcliffe Avenue, Beaconsfield Way, and Moorhen Drive. Julie reported the damage is affecting both cars and property and is happening across the area with no pattern.

23 Thefts from Vehicles: Harcourt Drive x 2, Flaxman Close, Delamere Road, Chalfont Way, Salcombe Drive x 4, Falstaff Avenue x 2, Wilderness Road x 2, Elm Road, Silverdale Road, Suttons Park Avenue, Wokingham Road x 2, Measham Way, Chelwood Road, Maiden Place and Ramsbury Drive x 2. Julie advised that two people have been arrested in connection with thefts from vehicles offences and reminded everyone to double check that their cars are locked.

7 Thefts of motor Vehicles: Maiden Place x 4, Elm Road, Chalfont Close and Langdale Gardens.

Julie advised that Sgt Matt Foskett is transferring to Custody and the neighbourhood teams will be welcoming a new Sergeant. Clive suggested Jim write a letter on behalf of the NAG thanking Matt for his support over the years. Julie thanked the members of the NAG who were posting TVP information in their magazines and on their group Facebook pages. Andrew suggested that 3-4 bullet points are posted on the Earley Residents Discussion Board after each NAG meeting.

Jim mentioned he was concerned about the recent news concerning knife crime in the country and Julie confirmed that although Wokingham is considered a safe area, knife crime does occur and people do carry knives in the Wokingham area.

5. Report back from the NAGs Chairs meeting 12th February 2019

Jim advised he feels this meeting is a very valuable forum for the NAGs across the area to discuss the issues they are facing. One of the main issues is that attendance for many of them is very low and there should be greater involvement from their respective communities.

6. Results of Visual Audit 8th January 2019

The refurbishment of the BT phone box was mentioned in Item 3 - Matters Arising. The next visual audit is scheduled for 09:00 am on 5th March, meeting in Chalfont car park by the church. The audit will cover areas around the ASDA complex and car parks.

Hornbeam Close and Elderberry Way were suggested as possible locations for future visual audits.

7. Select another date & time for 'Have Your Say'

20th April was the suggested date with the 'Have your Say' between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, split between ASDA, Maiden Place and Silverdale Road to ensure best coverage of the area. Volunteers will be needed to help man the stands and to ask the public to complete surveys to help the NAG determine the community priorities. Karen will send a copy of the previous HYS questionnaire to Sandi by email. ASDA is unfortunately unavailable so the 'Have your Say' sites will be Silverdale Road & Maiden Place.

8. Earley Residents' Notice Board/Facebook

The group discussed the suggestion that the NAG post information regarding what they are doing on local social media notice/discussion boards. Mike suggested that the NAG increase the number of admins on their Facebook page.

Any other business:

There are a number of roads across the area suffering from potholes. Please report them on the WBC website as some additional funds have reportedly been allocated to cover this issue.

Laurel Park Fun Day will be held on 29th June and Mike advised he will be stepping down as Chairman at their AGM in May. The club has been working with ETC on improvements including moving the defibrillator outside the clubhouse and improving lighting and CCTV.

The group discussed Peter Baveystock's suggestion to trial leaving the car park gates open. A suggestion to improve and increase the car park signage was made.

Emma Pilgrim has been asked to clear brambles before the litter pick on Sunday 24th March.

The Fire Service have been checking resident's smoke alarms in Reeds Avenue.

The University will be starting elections this term.

The Liberty of Earley House on Strand Way has been sold to the Reading Alms Charity. There is a proposal to convert it into 37 flats with car parking. The proposal for flats on Danehill off Cutbush Lane has been adjourned for further information.

The meeting closed at 8:52 pm. **Next meeting 29 April 2019.**

1009B	NAG website is up & running. Constitution has been posted along with our terms of reference. In addition the mission statement of the NAG has been inserted. www.earleynag.org	Message posted on the Earley Residents' Forum – 964 members of Forum	All minutes are now available for viewing online.
0909F	McDonalds Litter – McDonalds have CCTV. The fly tipping has been resolved for now with signs being provided by Wokingham Borough Council. Peter Baveystock has been asked to keep a close eye on this.	Regular meetings will be held with the Area Manager and Health & Safety Representative from the Franchise Head Office. The Management has been reminded of their litter picking commitments. The fly tipping issue has now reduced with the CCTV signs, which have been placed on lamp posts leading to the back yard.	We are grateful for the attendance of staff at our meetings and it is clear that the litter issues are improving across the area. The restaurant is also taking registration numbers of any vehicles entering in to the back yard and recording them in to their daily log. No further fly tipping at present. We will keep under review.
1204C	Community & Youth Meeting - our minutes are now being used as part of the report to this committee.	Meetings: TBA	Chair/Vice Chair to attend when available
0909C	Date, Time & Location of next meeting: Meetings will be held monthly on a Monday at 7.30 – 9.00 pm at the Council Chambers Room, Earley Town Council, Radstock Lane, Earley, RG6 5UL. Following dates have been booked. 29 April 2019 20 May 2019 24 June 2019	Please note the new meetings dates, times and location Agenda issued a week before the meeting if you would like to add a discussion point please email to jw@bankingadvice.co.uk	NB: It is imperative that if you are concerned about an issue ie litter or pot holes etc please call Wokingham Borough Council on 0118 9746000 where they will be happy to help. If you are suspicious or a crime is being committed call 101 (01865 841148), if it is an emergency dial 999 . If in doubt report it.
1704A	Reading University Community Event – The next event to be advised in due course. The University are very welcoming and it is a good opportunity to look around the University and ask any questions or raise concerns with senior staff ie parking.	Sarah Gardner - Community Relations Officer	The NAG continues to welcome the support of the University of Reading and would be pleased to see students litter picking around the boundary of the University.
0310C	Community Payback – If there are any areas in the community that members feel need clearing, tidying, the Project Community Payback may be able to assist (offenders doing community service). A caution has been placed upon usage as Health & Safety will often be a barrier.	AV would request that the Community Payback scheme is engaged to whitewash the subways at Marefield & Gypsy Lane.	Community Payback & young offenders are being used to clear litter on Lower Earley Way East & West.

0310F	If any members that have any problems with rubbish fly tipping etc, they can contact Peter Baveystock, Waste Services Wokingham Council – WDCT: 0118 9746000	It has been identified that the litter and fly tipping has increased around the area. If you see any please report it to Peter immediately who will arrange for it to be removed.	This service is very effective and efficient and should be used at every opportunity.
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