

Laddenbrook - Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above group on Monday 10th March 2008, commencing at 7.30pm.

Venue – Rangeworthy Village Hall

Attended:

Mr H Gawler – Chairman

Mrs P Trull - Secretary

Mr William Kwok - Community Engagement Officer (Rural and Parishes)

Ms Lynne Blanchard – Iron Acton – resident

Mr Eric Briggs – Rangeworthy NHW

Sergeant Craig Ogborne – Avon & Somerset Police

WPC Lee Bainbridge – Avon & Somerset Police

PCSO Haley Harrison - Avon & Somerset Police

PCSO – Noweeda Berridge - Avon & Somerset Police

Mr Adrian Fallows - Avon & Somerset Police

Mrs G Briggs – NHW Jubilee Committee

Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Council

Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar resident

Mr B Cox – Resident

Mr Michael Ellery – Rangeworthy Parish Council

Mrs Jenny Cox – Rangeworthy resident

Mrs Mandy Taylor – Special Constable – Avon & Somerset Police

Apologies

Mr T Proffitt – Wickwar Parish Council

Mrs Hazel Gray – Merlin Housing

Mr S Kendrick - Avon Fire & Rescue Service

The Safer and Stronger Community Group is a partnership between a number of organisations driven by South Gloucestershire Council and Avon and Somerset Police regarding community and police issues. It provides an opportunity for the community to ask questions and raise issues of concern to them. All issues will be noted and 3 priorities identified for action.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Mr Howard Gawler welcomed all those attending this meeting.

2. To discuss Community issues

Chairman and Mr W Kwok invited those attending to give their opinions as to the priorities they wish the group to take up.

Sergeant Craig Ogborne says that even though there are Police Officers attending this is not a Police led initiative. This is a Forum for residents, business interests and others in the Laddenbrook Ward to express their concerns. There will be reports made as to the progress of the group.

For instance, fly tipping in some areas is a problem. Recently PCSO Sean McKinnon went through 20 bags of rubbish dumped in Manor Road, Rangeworthy. PCSO McKinnon found evidence of the owner of the rubbish, and they will be prosecuted.

Police Beat Manager L Bainbridge says that the Police are acting in a positive way and are getting results.

The Group were asked to list their priorities for action:

- Traffic Speed – Wotton Road (B4058)
- Review of warning lights Rangeworthy School, there's a need to re-position the speed visor sign near the Rangeworthy CofE School.
- Safety Camera partnership to be more active in the Laddenbrook Area.
- Lorries using Rangeworthy Village as a detour; this is also a problem along nearby villages.
Another issue relating to Lorries are the weight restrictions along road not being heeded especially along Wickwar Road and the B4058 Rangeworthy/Bagstone routes. This is having an impact on the state of the roads and also safety of pedestrians
- Heavy lorries travelling through Rangeworthy may be causing road subsidence and problems with the drainage system. Sewage overflow issues. This is ongoing and is problematic across all villages in Laddenbrook area
- Avon Crescent – Wickwar. Lighting needed for public safety along a dark footpath used mainly by elderly residents.
- Public footpath to be installed along both sides of the road through Wickwar traffic lights. Public safety issue.
- Fly tipping – specifically along New Road Nibley and Downs Road, Wickwar. Nibley Lane Iron Acton and Wickwar Rd Hall End (this is New Rd within Rangeworthy).
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- Issue of narrow road near Hardwicks (Manor Road Footway).
- Foot-`way` (not path) along Sodbury Road / Frith Lane

After the questions and answers session Mr W Kwok asked those attending to list three of their top priorities.

- a. Fly tipping – all Parishes
- b. Speed visor signs – Rangeworthy School (Flashing 20 mph sign)
- c. Lorries – ignoring weight restrictions through Wickwar.

The group will report on any actions and success made regarding the above priorities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 12th June 2008, at Wickwar Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.