

## **Laddenbrook - Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)**

### **Minutes**

A meeting was held for the above group on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008, commencing at 7.30pm.

### **Venue – Wickwar Town Hall**

#### **Attended:**

Mr H Gawler – Chairman  
Mrs P Trull - Secretary  
Mr William Kwok - Community Engagement Officer (Rural and Parishes)  
Sergeant Craig Ogborne – Avon & Somerset Police  
WPC Lee Bainbridge – Avon & Somerset Police  
PCSO Haley Harrison - Avon & Somerset Police  
PCSO – Noweeda Berridge - Avon & Somerset Police  
PCSO – Sean McKinnon  
Mr Eric Briggs – Rangeworthy NHW  
Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Council  
Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar Resident  
Mr T Proffitt – Wickwar Parish Council  
Mr P Revill – Wickwar Resident  
Mrs A Revill – Wickwar Resident  
Miss Bridget Thompson – Iron Acton NHW  
Mr Philip Bennett – Iron Acton Resident  
Mr D Bryant – Iron Acton Resident  
Mrs Carole Dickson – Iron Acton Resident  
Mrs Jenny Collett – Iron Acton Resident

#### **Apologies**

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.

Residents attending were invited to put their views and concerns to the meeting.

- a. Resident said she would like to see more Police presence in Iron Acton.
- b. NHW co-Ordinator Miss B Thompson stated she would like to a police co-ordinator for NHW to encourage further dialogue.

- c. Mr P Bennett – Noted the amount of fly tipping in the area surrounding Iron Acton.
- d. Iron Acton Resident has noted the Police seen in the village and was extremely pleased.
- e. Concerns were raised regarding lorries using Latteridge Lane. The Lane is very narrow in places and lorries have to straddle both sides of the road in places in order to get through. Residents and road users are very concerned about this and the amount of lorries that use the road.  
*The Police and Councillor Gawler expressed their concerns and will be looking into this matter*
- f. Bus Route – Iron Acton. Councillor Gawler informed residents from Iron Acton Bus service 328, will be X27 in the future. The bus will not take the High Street route and will be a faster service into Bristol.
- g. Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar resident expressed her dismay at the lack of a good bus service to and from Wickwar. This only encouraged local residents to use their cars; she also wanted information on the proposed park and ride service into Bristol from Nibley. Councillor Gawler said this project had been shelved for the time being.
- h. WPC Lee Bainbridge informed everyone attending that there has been increased fuel thefts in the area. Diesel taken from lorries and from central heating tanks.

## 2. To discuss Community issues

The Group were asked to list their priorities for action on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008: The following items were discussed at this meeting: -

- Traffic Speed – Wotton Road (B4058)  
*WPC Lee Bainbridge says that this issue is being dealt with by Police undertaking speed enforcement.*
- Review of warning lights Rangeworthy School, there's a need to re-position the speed visor sign near the Rangeworthy CofE School.  
*This is an area of community concern for residents. Speed enforcement is being undertaken by the Police. Funding may be available from the Local Authority to enable the Police to do speed checks in this area.*
- Safety Camera partnership to be more active in the Laddenbrook Area.  
*The Safety Camera Partnership can only undertake speed enforcement in authorised areas. The police have raised residents concerns over increasing the areas and the frequency of the partnerships work in South Gloucestershire.*
- 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 *The Police, Local Authority and the Trading Standards Office are looking into this issue, to improve the quality of life for residents.*
- Avon Crescent – Wickwar. Lighting needed for public safety along a dark footpath used mainly by elderly residents. *Local residents have been proactive by contacting the SSCG about lighting issues. Mr W Kwok says he will be looking into this matter and will report back at the next meeting.*
- Public footpath to be installed along both sides of the road through Wickwar traffic lights. Public safety issue. *Councillor Gawler will report on this matter at the next meeting.*
- 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). *This is an issue that affects all South Glos Residents. PCSO S McKinnon has been collecting dumped rubbish and has been looking through the bags. Convictions for fly tipping have been successful due to PCSO McKinnon finding names and addresses in the bags.*
- Issue of narrow road near Hardwicks (Manor Road Footway). *Councillor Gawler will be dealing with this matter.*
- Foot-`way` (not path) along Sodbury Road / Frith Lane *Councillor Gawler has managed to get this issue on the South Glos Council task register. The cost of the footpath is in the region of £20,000.*
- **Wickwar Weight Limit (Lorries)** *The Police and the Trading Standards have been targeting Wickwar, and have been very successful in getting convictions for divers ignoring the weight limits.*

Taking into consideration the list of priorities taken from the 10<sup>th</sup> March 08 meeting. The Group discussed issues raised. It was decided by the group attending that the following issues will be taken forward.

- a. **Fly Tipping**
- b. **Wickwar weight limit (lorries)**
- c. **Lorries using Latteridge Lane**

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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008, Iron Acton (venue to be decided) commencing at 7.30pm.