

Laddenbrook - Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above group on Thursday 25th September 2008, commencing at 7.30pm.

Venue – Iron Acton Parish Hall

Attended:

Mr H Gawler (Chairman)
Mrs P Trull (Secretary)
Mr S Shield - South Glos Council
Sergeant C Ogborne – Avon & Somerset Police
WPC L Bainbridge
Mr E Briggs – Rangeworthy NHW
Mr T Proffitt – Wickwar NHW
Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar Resident

Apologies:

PCSO H Harrison
Mr W Kwok - Community Engagement Officer (Rural and Parishes)
Mr P Revill – Wickwar NHW
Mr S Kendrick - Avon Fire & Rescue Service
Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Councillor
Mrs H Gray – Merlin Housing

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 welcomed all those attending this meeting.

2. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 12th June 2008.

- **Concerns were raised regarding lorries using Latteridge Lane.**
Chairman Mr H Gawler says there are over 650 lorries using this route. It seems that not a lot can be done about this situation at the present time.
Action - Chairman Mr H Gawler and the Police will be monitoring the situation.
- **Traffic Speed Wotton Road (B4058)**
WPC L Bainbridge along with PCSO H Harrison has been undertaking speed checks on this area and will continue to do so.
Action - WPC Lee Bainbridge
- **Review of warning lights Rangeworthy School**
No action on this matter as yet,
Action – Chairman Mr H Gawler

- **Safety Camera Partnership**
It was agreed by the group that pressure should be put upon the Partnership to enforce and monitor traffic speeds in South Gloucestershire at sites identified by the public and the SSGC Group.
Action –Mr S Shield
- **Lorries using Rangeworthy Village as a detour; this is also a problem along nearby villages**
The state of the roads is still deteriorating in Rangeworthy. Sewage overflow is an ongoing problem. Wessex Water are investigating this issue. South Glos Council are keeping the area monitored with repair and inspection.
Action – Mr S Shield
- **Avon Crescent – Wickwar. Lighting needed for public safety along a dark footpath used mainly by elderly residents.**
This issue has been addressed by Wickwar Parish Council, South Glos Council, Merlin Housing and PCSO H Harrison.
The area has been inspected by Mr A Porter (SGC) and an estimate of work to install the light has been submitted to SGC, and a funding grant has been applied for from the Safer & Stronger Communities. The SSGC group now awaits the outcome.
- **Public footpath to be installed along both sides of the road through Wickwar traffic lights. Public safety issue.**
South Glos Council says they have addressed this issue and there is no room for a footpath on both sides of the road.
Action – Chairman Mr H Gawler to get SGC to undertake a further safety inspection of the area.
- **Fly tipping**
SGC fly tipping strategy has been put out for consultation.
SGC – Street Care section will identify problem areas. Cameras will be installed in certain areas to try and catch persistent offenders.
Avon & Somerset Police have been successful in identifying fly tippers and have had successful prosecutions. The Police believe in a robust approach to the matter to catch and deter offenders.
Action – Ongoing
- **Manor Road Footway**
The new footway is going ahead with the first phase along Tanhouse Lane, in this financial year.
- **Frith Lane (Wickwar)**
This issue is still ongoing, but it is on the register and will be completed by South Glos Council as and when funds become available.
Action - Ongoing
- **Wickwar weight limits (Lorries)**
WPC Lee Bainbridge and PCSO's have been monitoring the situation and have effected many prosecutions for lorries breaking the weight limit restrictions.
Wickwar Parishioners have been noting registration numbers of lorries and these have been passed to the police.
Action – WPC L Bainbridge

Agenda for this meeting

Discussion on local community issues

- Chairman Mr H Gawler has been discussing problems with a parishioner who lives in the Engine Common area, regarding building supplies stolen on three occasions. The parishioner has now installed electric gate on his property. It is unsure if this problem was reported to the Police.
- **Downs Road – Dangerous bend in road**
Wickwar Parish Councillor Mr R Stimpson requested that the Chairman for the Advanced Motorcyclists drive along the road and make his comments and recommendations to the Councillor.
In his opinion travelling at more than 20MPH (speed limit along the stretch of road is 30MPH) is too fast.
Mrs K Stimpson asked if there could be a maximum recommended speed, black and white reflective chevrons on the right hand wall approaching the bend?
Action – Mr H Gawler
- **Vandalism to Wickwar Village Hall**
Reported to the Police
Action WPC Lee Bainbridge
- **Vandalism - Rangeworthy**
WPC Lee Bainbridge reports that this spate of vandalism appears to be abating. This area has been targeting this area.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm

The date of the next meeting will be on Thursday 8th January 2009, at Wickwar Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.