

Laddenbrook - Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above group on Thursday 1st October 2009, commencing at 7.30pm.

Venue – Rangeworthy Village Hall

Attended:

Mr H Gawler - Chairman
Mrs P Trull – Secretary
Mrs J Ward - Community Safety Support Officer (Rural & Parishes)
Inspector D Rees - Avon & Somerset Police
Sergeant C Ogborne - Avon & Somerset Police
WPC L Bainbridge - Avon & Somerset Police
PCSO H Harrison - Avon & Somerset Police
Special Constable M Taylor - Avon & Somerset Police
Mr S Kendrick – Avon Fire Service

Attended:

Mr D Howard – Wickwar Castle Bridleway Group
Mr P Revill – Wickwar Neighbourhood Watch
Mrs A Revill – Wickwar resident
Mrs Alison Marsden – Rangeworthy Neighbourhood Watch
Mr M Steer – Bagstone resident
Mrs R Steer – Bagstone resident
Mrs L Swanger – Bagstone resident
R Greaves – Bagstone resident
Mr T Watson – Bagstone resident
Mr J Broad – Wickwar Playing Fields Association
Mr J McAleese – Wickwar Playing Fields Association

Apologies:

Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Council
Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar Resident
Mr T Proffitt – Wickwar Neighbourhood Watch

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 H Gawler welcomed all those attending this meeting and opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

2. Introduction and explanations of objectives of SSCG

3. Minutes of the previous meeting
Signed by Chairman Mr Howard Gawler as a fair representation of the meeting held on the 9th July 2009.
4. **Review priorities from previous meeting**
 - **Castle Bridleways Group – Mr D Howard.**
Horse riding improvements in South Gloucestershire
Castle bridleways Group has approx 20 members. Members fundraising events have raised £300. The Group hope to get a press release to promote rider safety.
The Group are going to open up a bridleway for horses and walkers leading from Sturt Bridge (Wickwar) towards Lower Woods. The route needs to be cleared, and made accessible for riders and walkers. The Group will be making representation to Wickwar Parish Council regarding the work that needs to be undertaken.
Mr Howard also asked for signage around Wickwar, to alert horse riders as to the safest routes to ride.

Chairman Mr Howard Gawler, said that (SGC) Public Rights of Way Officer Nicola Chidley has been looking at bridleways safety and how to stop the tracks being used by vehicles
 - **Weight Restrictions**
This problem is ongoing especially in Wickwar and will continue to be monitored by the Police and Trading Standards Officers.
 - Signage for Downs Road, Wickwar. To alert drivers of the dangerous bend in the road. This has been agreed by SGC Highways Department.
5. **Discuss local community Issues**
 - Anti Social Behaviour in the King George V Playing Fields, Wickwar. The Police will make regular visits to the fields and speak to youths, as they deem necessary.
Action WPC L Bainbridge
 - Footpath from King George V Playing Fields, Wickwar onto Downs Road. A reply has been received from SGC Highways Department concerning this matter and has been passed on to the Parish Council for their comments.
 - Funding Application from Wickwar Playing Fields Association. Mr J Broad and Mr J McAleese attended the meeting to request £1400 grant to the demolishing and rebuilding of a wall adjacent and in the curtilage of Hill House Downs Road. This will enable a clearer view of Downs road as vehicles leave the lane leading to the Playing Fields. Chairman Mr Howard Gawler asked those attending for a vote on this issue. There were 10 votes for and 5 abstained from voting. Therefore the grant will be given subject to the relevant planning approval from SGC.

- Consultation on Rangeworthy/Bagstone/Cromhall Speed limits (Wotton Road). Residents from Bagstone discussed the volume of traffic and subsequent accidents due to high speed and poor road conditions around the Winpenny Bridge area. There is a sharp bend in the road that some motorists appear to not to be able to negotiate. The speed limit along this stretch of road is 60mph. Residents have noted the amount of accidents in the last 12 months. This data does not appear to be taken into consideration. Sergeant C Ogbourne said that unless there were injuries or the Police were called then the data might not be kept on record. Sergeant Ogbourne and Mr S Kendrick (Avon Fire Service) said they would look into this. Residents believe that if the speed limit were reduced to 40 MPH then this might make the road safer.

Action Sergeant C Ogbourne and Mr S Kendrick

6. Vote on issues raised

- a. Winpenny Bridge – Speed limit and road surfaces**
- b. ASB- George the V Playingfields.**
- c. Weight Limits. Wickwar, and looking at lorries using the B4058.**

The above are the top three priorities taken by the Group for the next three months.

7. Any other business

- E Collaboration – Jacqui Ward
South Glos Council will have a web page dedicated for each of the Safer & Stronger Community Groups, Agendas and minutes will be posted, as well as information about the Groups.
- Mr P Revill – Wickwar NHW. Regarding crimes and incidents in the local area. All incidents could be reported to the relevant NHW co-ordinator who would then pass the information on.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The date of the next meeting will be 14th January 2010, at Wickwar Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm