

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016
at the Parish Council Offices, Great Kingshill

Present: Brian Naylor (Chairman), Anna Young (Treasurer); Andrew Hodge (Hon Secretary), ,
David Jarman, Lucy Partington, David Davies

In attendance: Paul Nicholls, Phil Brooks (Part)

Apologies: Trevor Bateman, John Golledge, Simon Bradley

Minutes of 3rd May 2016 meeting: The Minutes were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Officers' Reports

Chairman: Brian Naylor (BN)

- *Village walk* - The chairman (BN) thanked all involved in the success of the Village walk on 2nd May and a mention was put into the chairman's report for the summer edition of the GKRA magazine.
- *MacMillan Cancer Care coffee morning* - BN met with Eileen Brooks re continuation of this event. Eileen has approached a friend "Jenny" to take it on. The event is national and would be on Friday 30th September in the Village Hall. GKRA were asked if they could promote the event in the GKRA magazine
The committee agreed and Andrew Hodge (Hon Sec) agreed to check that the village hall is booked.

Action AH to talk to Carol Sammut to confirm a booking has been made for this event

- *Village Fete* - BN mentioned the idea of a village Fete in his newsletter for GKRA magazine. The question as to whether the village has an appetite for an event, when would it be held as the cricket fixtures are set well in advance and who would lead and recruit volunteers. It was agreed that the committee would judge the response to the newsletter and raise at the next meeting.

Treasurer - Anna Young (AY)

Balances - Balance per cashbook is £6,163.55(includes petty cash of £75.23).

Income & expenditure -

Income

- Income of £505 from advertising.
- Village cinema - £151
- To date £350 has been banked for the wine tasting evening

Expenditure

- £865 for expenses for the wine tasting evening sale or return wine from Majestic wine.

Secretary - Andrew Hodge (AH)

- *Youth Behaviour* -AH reported that there had been a complaint re youth behaviour re damaging trees in a wood off Hatches Lane where youths had also attempted access to a property - see article in GKRA magazine. This has been reported to Dave Carroll. The resident requested that a watchful eye was kept for such activity, which extended beyond normal youthful behaviour.

The Chairman of parish council suggested a call to 101 could be made and this would alert the authorities and the more frequent the reports then the more attention it would receive. This came within the Princes Risborough Police Office.

Action AH to respond to the resident in Hatches Lane

- *Defibrillator* - see below

Secretary web site link -

Action The Secretary needs to set up an email connection to GKRA website

Planning - John Golledge (JG) - via e-mail

- *Uplands* - the BCC Development Officer has lodged comments requiring a footpath between the site and Cryers Hill. He states that "from the technical details and site visits I am satisfied that there is sufficient scope and space within the existing highway in order to accomplish this." Final decision is still awaited.

Action JG to seek clarity re: the proposal

- *Laburnum Cottage* - A new application to build a pair of semi-detached cottages on the site has been submitted. GKRA previously objected to this due to increased traffic onto Cockpit Road at a dangerous junction. It was agreed that a similar complaint be lodged although the village would benefit from more affordable smaller houses.

Action JG

- *No significant new applications*

- *Cockpit Lane* - will be closed in the next few weeks for sewage repair work. Traffic lights will be installed - Jill Jackling to be informed to add to the GKRA web site

Action AH

- *WDC* are currently investigating possibility of building on Green Field sites. There are no current proposals for Great Kingshill or Cryers Hill. Widmer End will change reviews are under way re use of Green belt for development.

Action JG to support the preservation of green belt when ever possible on behalf of GKRA.

Events and Activities - Anna Young / Brian Naylor

- *Cinema events* - 2 more events are planned in the Autumn one for adults and one on a Saturday morning for children

- *Notice board* - Sweet Charity is to be approached for a grant for a notice board

Action -Anna Y to keep the committee informed as to the progress and type and location

Village Maintenance and Improvements

- *Defibrillator* -AGE the electricians will inform GKRA as soon as the machine is delivered, either David Davies or David Jarman will supervise access to the village hall for fitting.

Action AH to inform AGE of contact details for access to the Hall

AH to discover the availability of the Video demos

AH to contact Bob Davey the first responder re a responder kit and training

- *Best Kept Village in Bucks competition* - Posters have arrived AH to distribute around the village asap

Action AH to raise village clean up pre judging at the July meeting

- *Village planters and Pipers School* -SB reported that Pipers would continue to support the planters and also wish to contribute £400 to the funds for anew MVAS speed monitor.

Action SB to thank the school and get a cheque raised to GKRA.

- *Speeding report NAG* - David Davies presented a report on speeding and the use of MVAS machines This is planned to be sent to residents. There is a need for more volunteers to carry out police assisted speed checks and to change the batteries on the fixed site MVAS. AH and Lucy Partington volunteered to change batteries AH volunteered to go on the manned checks.

Action DD to contact AH and LP to train on the changing of batteries - see attached report

Appendix 1

- *School speed reduction poster competition* – it was agreed that GKRA would run a competition in the 2 schools in the catchment area with 2 prizes for each school. One prize for key stage one entries and 1 prize for key stage 2. The prizes will be presented by GKRA chairman and judged by GKRA committee members with no interest in either school. The prizes will be funded by GKRA and will be to the value of £20 each in the form of Amazon tokens. The closing date will be 30th June. AH agreed to create the brief and ask Simon Bradley to talk to his contacts at both schools. AH will collate entries for judging at the next committee meeting.

Action AH – see attached proposal / brief **Appendix 2**

Parish Matters – Paul Nicholls

- *Cryers Hill Parking* – meeting to be held Monday 13th June
- *Cricket Pavilion* -Lease still to be agreed on hold until the status of Help For Labouring Poor (HFLP) charity is clarified.
- *HPC require new councillors* - Volunteers for the Parish council are being sought
- The GKRA committee congratulated Paul Nicholls in his new role as chairman of the HVPC

GKRA Plan for 2016

A planning session was postponed until June meeting.

Action: Add planning to July agenda

AOB

Speed issues in Spurland End Road

Mr Brooks a resident of some 33 years made a complaint re the traffic speeds along the stretch of road within the 40mph limit. It was pointed out that no speed watch activity had been carried out on this fast stretch of Road. NAG representatives David Davies and David Jarman agreed that areas within the 30mph were concentrated on in the villages. It was agreed that NAG representatives should speak to Stan Jones the Chair and raise the issue with a view to possible some speed watch activity subject to calibration of the monitors.

Influencers in the area to contact would be David Carroll and Stan Jones.

With regards to a future reduction in the speed limit – the Chairman of the Parish council Paul Nicholls explained the difficulty in changing speed limits – the costs involved and the lack of budget within Bucks CC. and lengthy process. There is no reason why some signs of the landowner could be used to indicate the dangers – but not on parish land unfortunately. There is a great awareness of speed issues in the 2 villages and a poster competition for the schools is to be run by GKRA.

Mr Brooks volunteered to help with speed watch and his telephone number is to be passed on to NAG.

The Committee thanked Mr Brooks for his input.

Action

NAG (DD / DJ) to investigate possibility of monitoring speeds in the 40mph limit in Spurland end Road

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.30pm HPC Offices

Signed..........Date.....4/7/16.....

Great Kingshill Speed Watch Update.
Help Required

David Davies NAG – Letter to Residents

During the last few years the Neighbourhood Action Group NAG has been attempting to reduce the traffic speed throughout the roads of Hughenden Parish. Each village provides volunteers to man the monthly Speed Watch at up to 3 locations in their area where they have excess speeding.

Each month on a random day, teams of up to 3 people, including usually PC Lee Turnham, log the speeds of vehicles travelling at 35 MPH or over. Speed, Time, Colour, Make and Model and number plates are noted. The Speeders are notified of their error and if they offend 3 times, they receive a visit by a Police Officer.

When the scheme started, over a 100 speeding cars were caught in an hour and usually over 60 cars an hour were logged. Since then in Great Kingshill that number has reduced to around 30 cars an hour, often less and also the average speed of the offenders has also reduced to under 40 mph.

To keep this improvement up we will need more volunteers to monitor the speeds.

Through various reasons such as health, age and family reasons we are needing new volunteers to come forward. Just 1 or 2 hours a month when you have time firstly on weekdays but also we need to have some Saturday volunteers to do some checks to remind week end drivers through the village that we need them to slow down.

On the village entry on the Main Road we have one permanent speed indicator (we hope to have a second in the next 12 months at the Prestwood end of the A 4128). This indicator needs to have the batteries changed regularly. We would like volunteers to come forward to help with looking after that.

Volunteers contact Secretary GKRA



Residents Association

Speed awareness poster competition

Closing date 30th June 2016

Great Kingshill Residents Association (GKRA)

Chairman- Brian Naylor

Hon Secretary- Andrew Hodge

Dear Head of School,

Introduction

Great Kingshill Residents Association, including Cryers Hill (GKRA) is concerned with the speed of traffic throughout both villages. Children walking or their parents delivering or collecting children to and from school are subject to speeding vehicles. This has resulted in some serious accidents over the years and there is always an impending danger whilst drivers are inconsiderate and constantly break the law.

(See Appendix)

GKRA would like to offer your pupils a prize for designing a poster, which would be impactful on drivers, either to thank them for obeying the speed limit, or draw their attention to the fact there is a limit.

It should always be remembered that the speed limit is an absolute maximum – “20 is plenty where people live” has been used in some areas where it is not possible to change a limit.

4 prizes are available 2 for each School in the villages.

Key Stage 1 - £20 Amazon Voucher

Key Stage 2 - £20 Amazon Voucher

The Brief and some points of note

- Produce an A4 size poster that can be mounted on Telegraph poles on each lane and main road entering the villages.
- The poster should be able to be read by drivers and as such large text is preferable.
- The poster can be an acknowledgement that the driver is aware and abiding by the limit or can be a message to slow them down.
- The areas where the posters will be displayed will be within the 30mph signs.
- Those designing the posters should remember 30mph is the very maximum a driver should travel at.
- An awareness of Children travelling to school are in possible danger
- The villages also have a large elderly population who maybe less mobile than the young and are also vulnerable.

- Children should write their name on the back of their entry with their age and school so that they can be put into the correct Key Stage group

Judging

- The Judges will be the Chairman of GKRA and those committee members who have no connection to either School.
- The competition closing date is 30th June 2016.
- All entries should be sent, or delivered by hand from each school by the closing date to: -

Andrew Hodge
Hon Secretary GKRA
The Dairy House
Hatches Lane
Great Kingshill
Bucks HP15 6DS

- The competition will be judged on Monday 4th July at the monthly GKRA meeting.
- Prizes will be awarded during the judging week by the chairman GKRA – Brian Naylor.
- Prizes will be in the form of an Amazon voucher worth £20, one per key stage group 1 and 2 in both local schools.

Summary

GKRA sincerely hope that you will encourage your pupils to enter the competition and make parents and all road users aware that GKRA and the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) take the safety of your pupils and all our residents seriously.

If you do need further information, please contact me:

Andrew Hodge (Hon Sec GKRA) –
Tel : 07831 645050
Email : thedairyhouse25@gmail.com

Appendix

Background information re: speed watch in Great Kingshill and Cryers Hill

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David Davies NAG