

**Kents Hill and Monkston  
Safer Neighbourhoods - Neighbourhood Action Group  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 7.00pm at the Monkston Community Centre, Monkston**

**MINUTES**

Julie McPheat (TVP)  
Claire Hutley (MKC)  
Tim Puleston (TVP)

Graham Clark (Parish Council/Chair)  
Robert Barnes (Parish Council)  
Amanda Wilmot (Clerk)

Stuart Warden (resident)  
Enas Alwan (resident)  
David Carey (resident)

**Apologies:**

Sharon Smith (Parish Council)  
Peter Laws (Parish Council)  
Mary Arro (Guinness Midsummer)  
Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa (Ward Councillor)  
Sam Crooks (Ward Councillor)  
Tom Gott (TVP)

**1. Members present and apologies**

Apologies were accepted.

**2. Group membership**

Sharon Smith confirmed by email that she would need to step down from the NAG due to transport issues. David Carey reported that he would need to step down for approx. 6 months due to time commitment issues.

**3. School representation**

No school representation at the meeting. No reply has been received to the letters sent. Await feedback from Peter Laws following next schools cluster meeting.

**4. Priority issues – rubbish, glass and trolleys**

It was reported that since the bins have been installed in Kingston, there are fewer bags left on the grass verges in the area. In Monkston Park litter picking seems to be happening regularly and overall there has been a marked improvement in the litter situation. It was agreed that an updated litter EVA should be conducted for all areas as a snapshot of current situation.

**Action: Amanda to send the relevant EVA and ENCAMS forms to those to complete the EVAs.**

**Action: Julie and Enas to complete an EVA for Kents Hill.**

**Action: Robert to complete an EVA for Monkston Park.**

**Action: Julie and Tom to complete an EVA for Brinklow and Kingston.**

**Action: Graham to conduct an EVA for Monkston.**

Trolleys. The problem of abandoned trolleys was discussed and the group agreed that action needs to be taken. Attempts to address the problem with Tesco over the past 3 years seem not to have improved the situation. It was therefore agreed that a letter to Tesco is drafted, threatening action, formally requesting them to consider a £1 slot mechanism, and informing them that the magnetic boundary seems not to work.

**Action: Amanda to draft a letter to Tesco.**

A newspaper article to be drafted about the problem and Tesco's apparent lack of interest in the impact on the community.

**Action: Amanda to draft a newspaper article.**

Amanda suggested that it would be beneficial to contact the other NAGs near to where large supermarkets are based. Amanda to contact NAGs in Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Westcroft and Wolverton.

**Action: Amanda to contact NAGs for input.**

Graham/Robert agreed to take this issue to the NAG Chairs' event on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Action: Graham/Robert to take this issue to the NAG Chairs' event.**

Litter bins for the area. Claire agreed to chase the order for the 8 litter bins to be installed in the area.

**Action: Claire to chase the order for litter bins.**

**5. Priority issues – parking**

The findings from the Easby Grove parking trial will be available at the July meeting.

**Action: Claire to present the findings at the July meeting.**

Amanda reported the findings from the Parking Partnership Fund preliminary report, i.e. that potentially 18 parking bays could be sited around the Blanchland Circle area, each bay would cost £3,800. Amanda reported that the Parish Council has resolved not to go ahead due to the high cost/limited value of such a project.

Parking signs at football matches. It was reported that at recent football matches held Monkston signs have been displayed to encourage visitors to park at the school. The group agreed that this was good practice and the results have been positive.

Parking on verges and the proposed Verge and Pavement Parking Order. Claire to follow up with Paul Harrison regarding the progress of this.

**Action: Claire to follow up.**

Police pavement parking issues. The TVP accepted ruling is that if a car is parked with two wheels on the pavement, allowing pedestrians with a double buggy/mobility scooter to pass then the parking is OK.

Robert reported that the parking leaflet has been distributed in Monkston Park and it will be interesting to track the impact of this information on the parking behaviour in the area.

Parking on a chicane. A situation was described to Julie and she agreed to visit the owner of the vehicle to give a warning and advice of correct parking. Members discussed other areas where obstructions are regularly seen. It was agreed that if the parking advice is not followed parking tickets will be issued.

**Action: Julie to pursue.**

## **6. Community social event**

Julie reported on the progress of the project so far.

It was agreed that Amanda would contact MK Wanderers to see about location for this event, and that Julie would contact Monkston Community Centre.

**Action: Amanda to contact MK Wanderers and Julie to contact Monkston Community Centre.**

Amanda to check half term dates for May/June 2010 so that the event can be scheduled for the weekend at the end of the May/June half term.

**Action: Amanda to check half term dates for May/June 2010 and to circulate them to the group.**

Amanda to link this event to potential Parish Council/resident events proposed.

**Action: Amanda to link this event accordingly to avoid duplication of efforts.**

At the treasure hunt event the NAG would then be able to solicit the opinions of local people to verify the community priorities and to consult on perceptions of current situation.

Julie and Enas to talk to students at Oakgrove school about the concept of Junior PCSOs.

**Action: Julie and Enas.**

## **7. Communications and 'quick wins'**

### **a) NAgezine**

Robert prepared a NAgezine. The group agreed that this should be forwarded to the Safer Communities communications team and should be used for the Parish newsletter.

**Action: Robert to forward the NAgezine.**

Tim will continue to develop a monthly update which can also be incorporated in the Parish newsletter/website.

**Action: Tim Puleston to continue to send the monthly update to the Parish Council.**

### **b) Greenvoice**

Agreed that this initiative is not for the NAG.

### **c) Anti-litter stickers**

Anti-litter stickers were discussed in light of the PCSO powers to give penalty notices for flyposting. It was agreed that Amanda should contact Pele Bhamber and ask for permission for using the lampposts for this initiative. Claire agreed to contact ENCAMS for permission to use their poster images.

**Action: Amanda to contact Pele Bhamber at MKC.**

**Action: Claire to contact ENCAMS.**

## **8. Minutes of the last meeting**

**Minutes 27/04/09 carried forward.** Amanda confirmed that she had written to the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors to Oakgrove School to invite them to attend this meeting (and future meetings). So far no response has been received. It was agreed that Peter would raise the issue of litter in schools with Sue English and at the cluster

schools meeting. He will invite the Head and Chair of Governors via this meeting, as well as raising the issue with Linzi (Extended Schools Co-ordinator).

**Action: Peter Laws to invite Oakgrove representatives to the NAG via the Cluster Schools meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting on 27/04/09 were agreed.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Amanda was asked to add Sam Gregson's email address to the NAG group distribution.

**Action: Amanda to add Sam's email address.**

Robert reported noise pollution/ASB. It was suggested that for all incidents of unreasonable noise a diary is kept to demonstrate that the noise is unreasonable.

#### **10. Next meetings**

The next meetings are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	7.00pm	Church of Christ the King, Kents Hill
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00pm	Monkston Community Centre
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	Monkston Community Centre
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	Church of Christ the King, Kents Hill
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	7.00pm	Monkston Community Centre
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Church of Christ the King, Kents Hill

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.