

## ACTION NOTES

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Princes Risborough LAF</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>25 June 2008 from 7.00pm to 9.15pm</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Lacey Green Millennium Village Hall</b>

<b>Present:</b>	<p>Andy Ralph, Anne Dunbar, Lee Turnham, Thames Valley Police          Alan Turner, Princes Risborough Town Council          Richard Pushman, Dennis Green, Paul Rogerson, BCC          Brian Hill, Princes Risborough NAG          David Davies, David Jarman, Hughenden Parish Council          Miv Hughes, Catheryn Davies, Lacey Green Parish Council          Pam Priestley, Wycombe District Council and Longwick Parish Council          Ken Hale, Bradenham Parish Council          John Hughes, RACA</p> <p>Chairman for the meeting: Paul Rogerson.</p>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Colin Price, Karen Adamson, Chris Garcia, Ian Reed, Maureen Keyworth
<b>Apologies:</b>	John Hambly, David Carroll, Nigel Faux, Judith Good, John Gibbs

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<b>3</b>	<p><b>Action Notes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2008</b></p> <p>Agreed.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Community Speed Watch</b>          Members noted that unfortunately, a donation had not been received from David Devine, as reported at the last meeting.</p> <p>A member expressed concern that the changes in the Area 4 Speed Limit Review had been delayed and would not be done in August. Colin Price will obtain an update and circulate to members</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Colin Price</b></p> <p><b>HGV Issues</b>          Members were informed that a plan was under consideration for lorries to be directed back up the A40 and onto the A4010 rather than travelling through Hughenden. Concern was expressed that more heavy traffic would be directed through Princes Risborough.</p> <p><b>New Think Signs</b>          Colin Price agreed to look into the fact that some PC members had requested that the signs be taken down because there were too many, particularly in Great Kingshill and Hughenden.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Colin Price</b></p> <p>The Chairman apologised that for the majority of the actions set out by the previous meeting there was no officer to report back on progress made and that he would take the matter up with senior officers. With regard to other action points in the minutes, Ian Reed agreed to obtain any information requested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action: Ian Reed to contact Transportation regarding lack of actions on last minutes</b></p>

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### 5 **Chris Garcia, Head of Youth Services – to answer questions on BCC Youth Service**

Chris Garcia is Head of Community and Youth Engagement and also has responsibility for Community Cohesion issues across the County. She had been in post since September 2007. 80% of resources are targeted towards the 13-19 age range with the rest targeted towards 11-13 age range. 80% of the total budget is for staffing which, is mainly for provision of youth workers, with very little spent on back office services.

The Youth Service Management Team has been re-structured in line with the eight local delivery areas for the County Council, which is also in line with Getting Closer to Communities (GC2C). The tiers below the Management Team are structured to reflect the 19 GC2C areas. Princes Risborough has a full-time Youth Worker.

Many of the youth centres are attached to schools and some centres are not necessarily in the right place, but there are not enough resources to re-site them. The Service tries to compensate by providing detached workers on the streets for young people who are not involved in activities elsewhere. Work is also being undertaken in trying to build up mobile provision, i.e. mini buses, particularly to cover rural areas.

The Youth Service is located under Safer and Stronger Communities and its requirements are about providing an informal education service and working with young people outside school time to give them an opportunity to engage in activities and build relationships. It is not a policing service and workers are not there to get young people off the streets. Although it is a universal service, workers tend to deal with young people who are not involved in any other organised activities.

The Service also works with parishes around the county, but currently not with PRTC. However, Katy Moore is currently undertaking some work in the area and has been involved in developing the Risborough Area Youth Matters. With regard to other staffing the Group noted that a senior practitioner has been appointed for Wycombe – Peter Roberts – who will be starting in September. Mary Lewis is the Service Manager for the Wycombe and Marlow area.

Hughenden PC is actively looking at youth issues within the Parish. Chris Garcia stated that although outreach workers can help, it is the detached workers who deal with people causing problems and who do not want to be in centres or engaged in opportunities. Information on such groups is usually passed on from the police, residents, councillors and officers. Investigations are undertaken to see whether such groups meet regularly and if that is the case, the detached workers will work with them. This work is not carried out on a short term basis, but workers will stay long enough with the group to try and encourage them to take up opportunities on offer in the area.

The Youth Service is keen to get communities engaged in supporting their own young people. Part of their work is to try and get partners involved to set up youth clubs locally. The Service would provide training and back up and any necessary information needed to run such a project. It could also provide a youth worker short term until the community is able to look after its own project.

In discussion it was noted that it was important for Parish Councils and the Youth Service to communicate with each other if work was being undertaken in a particular area. The member for Hughenden Parish Council expressed concern that work was undertaken in his area but the results were never communicated to the PC. It was suggested that such information could be shared via email. Outreach workers had been successful in Princes Risborough, but it was also about getting the young people to take more responsibility and create answers themselves.

The Chairman thanked Chris Garcia for her report.

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### 6 Area 5 Speed Limit Review

The Group noted that the internal SLR Board had met and proposed recommendations which will go out for consultation in the summer. This includes some changes to the speed limits on the A4010 and various smaller changes at, for instance, Ellesborough and Meadle. The Chairman urged Parish Councils to respond to the consultation.

Some members of the Group expressed concern that the Board did not appear to be taking into account the wishes of the Parish Councils which were considered by the original SLR Panel. The Chairman advised that it should be noted that in Marsh, a decision was taken by the Panel to not allow a 30mph speed limit, had been over ruled because it was the wish of the local people that the speed limit should be changed. The same had taken place in Ellesborough where the limit was to be retained at 30 mph not increased to 40 mph

### 7 Community Gangs in the Princes Risborough Area

Parishes have been asked to put forward suggestions for work to be undertaken by the local community gangs, such as removal of vegetation and litter, cleaning of signs etc. Parishes were asked to submit their requests via the clerks, who would then send them into the LAT. It was noted that parish clerks were contacted prior to the gangs coming into an area in order that requests can be discussed and submitted.

The Group discussed grass cutting in the area and the possibility of devolving this service to the Parish Councils. In the past Parish Councils could not undertake these services unless they had achieved Quality Parish status, but this is now not the case. Under the Buckinghamshire County council 'New Deal' for Parishes the County Council would be introducing a scheme to allow local councils a level of involvement more suitable to their needs. However, a Parish Council would have to satisfy the County Council regarding qualifications and ability to carry out the work. It was suggested that collaborative working could be undertaken with a number of parishes working together on providing a local service.

The representative from Princes Risborough Town Council reported to the meeting that the Town Council had been unhappy with the standard of grass cutting for many years and under 'New Deal' would be investigating getting the grass cutting service devolved to the Town Council.

Guidance with regard to grass cutting was also discussed. There are rules connected to when grass should be cut and what should be cut, particularly in relation to wildlife. It was agreed that guidance would be circulated to the Group at the next meeting.

**Action: Ian Reed re 'New Deal'  
Mark Averill re Grass Cutting**

### 8 Tranquil Update

A more up to date report was tabled at the meeting.

#### **Gateways**

These are now starting to appear at the entrances to villages in the area and can be put in at the request of the Parish Council, but not until the local area speed limits have been agreed.

A complaint had recently been received regarding a sign and speed roundel at Bryants Bottom which is restricting drivers' vision as they leave the village. It was suggested that the new signs should be put up where the old sign was situated, which would resolve the problem. Colin Price agreed to investigate.

**Action: Colin Price**

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### **Directional Signing**

Aluminium signs will be replaced by directional finger posts and the work will be carried out in October. It was hoped this would help to alleviate the use of rural roads for 'rat runs'.

### **Use of Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (TSID)**

There were problems, particularly with the software, which have now been resolved and it was hoped the TSIDs would appear soon. Invitations will be sent to Parish Councils asking where the signs should be sited.

**Action Colin Price**

## **9 Adult Social Care – Karen Adamson**

Karen has been with the County Council since January 2008 as a Community Development Worker and her background is working with Older People in various areas, such as residential homes, as a care worker and working in care management at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and Aylesbury Team for Older People. She was Manager of Intake Team, which deals with care crisis in the community and facilitates prompt discharges from hospital with a team of carers. Karen is part of the new Prevention Team. Other staff members are:

Simonetta Juniper, who is working with new initiatives on prevention services offered to those who do not meet the criteria for normal social care services for example, contact the Elderly/Simply Walks, and the Mind Befriending Service;

Ann Jenkins, who administers the BucksInfo.net website, which is an online directory of voluntary and community organisations and clubs and societies in Buckinghamshire. This can be used by one interested.

There are three parts to Karen's job:

- Setting up Social Care surgeries in each of the 19 GC2C areas across the County. A surgery will be held on 16 July at Princes Risborough Library. The surgeries will provide a local access point for members of the public to be able to ask for advice and guidance. It is also to raise the profile of the department and allow people to be aware of new and up and coming services that Adult Social Care provide. For example, those referred to the In Touch programme would receive telephone calls three times a year to monitor their needs to prevent people from getting to crisis point. It was also hoped that links would be established with the PSCO so that they can attend the surgeries in order to provide information crime prevention and local policing issues. This has proved to be a success in the Aylesbury Vale Area.
- Recruiting existing members of Adult Social Care staff to become designated representatives for each of the 19 areas so that concerns/issues can be directed to them, as well as their being able to provide information and advice. This is over and above their normal work. Currently six representatives have been appointed and interviews are underway to fill the other vacancies. However, Karen will be happy to continue visiting the area until the vacancy has been filled.
- Community link training will be given to volunteers in each area about what Social Care is and the services it provides. Members were asked to contact Karen if they were interested in becoming a volunteer and receiving training.

**Action: All Members of the Group**

Karen's contact details are: [kadamson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:kadamson@buckscc.gov.uk) Tel: 01296 383847

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### 10 Rights of Way Issues: Off Road Driving – College Plantation, Lacey Green

This item was discussed in conjunction with Item 14.

### 11 Community Police

The Group was informed that Clare Davies, a new PCSO has just been appointed and will work both in Princes Risborough and the outer areas. It was hoped another PCSO would be in post by the end of August. Dave Rawlings will be working full time until September.

With regard to Risborough Festival, Dave Rawlings is taking the lead on arranging a community football match on 5 July in the King George V Playing Fields.

Pub Watch has been launched in Princes Risborough. It is in the early stages, but has proved to be successful so far. Pubs within Princes Risborough are the only ones currently taking part, but others have shown interest.

A public meeting for the NAG was held In Princes Risborough on 12 May. Ten agencies took part but public attendance was disappointing. Priorities for the NAG are:

- 1 Speeding
- 2 Anti social behaviour with regard to parking and litter
- 3 Vandalism

The School Poster Competition was successful, with 250 entries. The winner was from St John's School, Lacey Green and the School held a special assembly devoted entirely to road safety. Wycombe District Council laminated the posters and Briants donated the posts.

#### Community Speedwatch

A sum of £1995 was raised by Princes Risborough Inner NAG, but it has now been discovered that VAT and delivery charges also have to be paid. Further funds have been received and Parish Councils from the Inner and Outer NAGs were asked to contact the police if they wished to take part in the programme.

With regard to insurance of the equipment, It is likely that the equipment will need to be stored in residents' houses prior to it being returned to the police and in this connection, insurance for loss and damage needs to be obtained. PRTC received a quote of £50 for this, which would be costly if each Parish has to provide this cover. It was hoped that blanket insurance could be obtained through the NAG. Volunteers are also required to operate the equipment. A booking system will also need to be set up.

### 12 Princes Risborough NAGs – Inner and Outer

The Chairman, on behalf of the Group, welcomed Lee Turnham, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer. Lee works in the Princes Risborough Inner and Outer NAG. The Group noted that the Chepping Wycombe NAG is being set up and will be the biggest area in the TVPA.

The priorities in most of the NAGs appear to be the same, with speeding the most common. Lee is qualified to use speed enforcement equipment and is able to book out equipment if needed. The Group noted that Hughenden will stay in the NAG cluster with Hazlemere for at least 18 months.

#### Parking Issue at Saunderton

Parking cannot be enforced because there are no markings on the road. The police can only educate would be offenders. Following the Residents meeting in May action had been taken to look for White lining to indicate areas where parking was not encouraged. Also the police were able to issue notices where inconsiderate perking / obstruction was notified.

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Flytipping in the area was also mentioned and members were asked to contact Environmental Services in this connection.

The Group was informed that priorities were set at public meetings and would remain priorities for at least a year or until they had been resolved. Consultation is undertaken, the results of which are then used to set priorities. In some cases concerns may not be real but perceived problems, and these are examined and dealt with if possible. There is a need to ensure that public meetings are well advertised and residents and parish councils be encouraged to attend. It was also noted that these meetings are for problem solving and any specific concerns should be dealt by contacting one of the officers after the meeting.

It was agreed that those people wishing to be advised of dates of NAG meetings should provide Ann Dunbar with their contact details.

**Action: All members and officers in the Group**

### 13 Update on Pathfinder Programme

The Group was informed that from September 2008, under the Wycombe District Pathfinder Community Engagement pilot, there will be two levels of local working:

Level 1: **Community Action Groups**, which will be under the remit of Wycombe District Council. NAGs will be included in Level 1.

Level 2: **Local Community Partnerships**, which will influence and, in time, provide services run by the County Council

The pilots will be run in Downley/Disraeli, and Stokenchurch/West Wycombe/Piddington/Lane End. Community Action Groups will be set up in these two areas between May and August and Local Community Partnerships will run from September. Eventually the pilots will be rolled out across the County. The Chairman stated that he hoped this would not happen until the effectiveness of the pilots had been established.

The meetings will be multi-agency meetings and services such as the Fire Authority and PCT etc., will attend if there is an issue to be discussed.

A member representing PRTC expressed concern that such meetings should not impinge on the work of other organisations such as the NAGs. Members were informed that Getting Closer to Communities was the way the County Council will deliver services at a local level and that was why representatives from Highways and Adult Social Care had attended this meeting. This was part of community engagement.

### 14 Local Issues

#### Item 10 Rights of Way Issues: Off Road Driving

The Chairman had received an email from Mike Walker, Rights of Way Manager, explaining the position regarding BOATs, which the Chairman agreed to circulate to all Parish Clerks and bring to the next meeting for discussion.

**Action: Paul Rogerson**

#### Parking at Saunderton Station

Discussions have been held with the County Council/District Council/Police.

#### High Street, Princes Risborough – Proposed One-way System

With the increase of congestion in the High Street a proposal for a one way system was considered the best way forward to alleviate the situation. The Town Council, Local Member, Police and residents are in favour of a one way system, as are the local business organisations. However, it was noted that the local press had reported that the County

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Council was in favour of such a proposal.

The Town Council has been working on this for some time and a feasibility study has been carried out. The Project is still sound and residents are overwhelmingly behind it, as evidenced by feedback from the Questionnaire, Parish Poll and public meeting. Alan Turner had met with Ann James who suggested a formal approach to the Council. If the project was agreed, it was proposed that a trial period for the one way system should take place after the new parking arrangements are in place.

**The Group endorsed the suggestion that Chris Garcia should take up this issue with officers at the County Council**

**Action: Chris Garcia**

### **Proposed Zebra Crossing – Longwick Road Junction, Wellington Avenue, Princes Risborough**

Currently there are two proposals for crossings:

1. Longwick Road Junction with Wellington Avenue
2. Aylesbury Road between the St Teresa's School and the Playing Field.

The Group asked that priority be given to the Longwick Road proposal. Residents in that part of the Town need to cross the Longwick Road in order to access the shops and the rest of the Town and currently there is a lollypop crossing on the road for the school children going to Princes Risborough School. The Town Council has been proposing a zebra crossing here for a number of years. The school now has a Level 3 Travel Plan in place which was one of the requirements needed to put forward this suggestion. The group noted that RACA consider that both crossings are vital.

It was agreed that pressure should be put on the Council to provide this crossing because it has the support of the Town Council, Local Member, the Police and residents.

**Action: Ian Reed to contact Si Khan and Eric Meek**

### **15 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 17 September at 7.00pm at Great Kingshill School.

Richard Pushman to Chair.