



Laddenbrook – Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)

A meeting for the above group was held on Wednesday 18th January 2012, at Wickwar Town Hall 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor H Gawler – Chairman
Mr T Proffitt – Vice Chairman
Mrs J Ward – SGC – Liaison Officer
Inspector Mr A Workman – Avon & Somerset Police
WPC L Bainbridge – Avon & Somerset Police
PCSO H Harrison – Avon & Somerset Police
Mr M Summers – Wickwar Parish Council
Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar NHW
Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Council
Mr K Clausen – Wickwar Preschool (Chairman)
Mr E Temple – Avon Fire and Rescue
Mrs S Jaques – Community Care & Housing
Mrs R Sayeed – South Gloucestershire Youth Services
Mr J Way - Parishioner
Mrs P Trull – Secretary

Apologies:

Mr P Revill – Wickwar NHW

The Safer & Stronger Community Group is a partnership between a number of organisations driven by South Gloucestershire Council and Avon & 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 will be identified for action.

1. Chairman's welcome

Chairman Mr H Gawler welcomed all those attending this meeting. The meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

2. Avon Fire & Rescue

Mr E Temple gave an update on the Laddenbrook area. There have been no serious fires or RTA's covering the Christmas and New Year period.

Mr Temple would like it noted by the group that 'cats eye' road markers were missing in places along the Wickwar/Sodbury Road, they may not have been replaced when the road was part resurfaced. Also, 'cats eyes' and lane white marking missing on the Downs Road.

There is funding for smoke detectors. A note to this effect will be put in the Rangeworthy and Wickwar Parish News.

3. South Gloucestershire Youth Services

Reehana Sayeed SGC Youth Services attended this meeting to give an update on Youth Services in South Gloucestershire, notably Wickwar.

Wickwar Parish Council has always supported Wickwar Youth Club but feels that communication has diminished over the past year, and is keen to re-establish the link and good relationship. Ms Sayeed said she would endeavour to re-establish links and would be very happy to come and talk to the Parish Council about the excellent work undertaken by the Youth Services, working with local junior and senior schools.

Working with local Junior and senior schools in the area.

The Police are very proactive and are known to have a good rapport with local youths, and make visits to Wickwar Youth Club on a regular basis.

4. First Contact Scheme

Sue Jaques, SGC Community Care & Housing. Ms Jaques is promoting the 'First Contact Scheme'. The scheme is in the form of an easy to read questionnaire booklet, which can be completed by a householder or carer to ensure that people over 60 are making use of all the facilities and benefits available to them, to enable independence and peace of mind.

Wickwar PC Clerk will distribute these booklets and place a note in the Parish Magazine regarding the scheme and who to contact for further information.

5. Avon & Somerset Police

Inspector A Workman attended this meeting and introduced himself, and explained to the group his role in neighbourhood policing.

PC L Bainbridge said there had been a spate of distraction burglaries in recent months. There is a scheme to help people, to nominate a 'password' for the utility companies to use when calling. This would reassure people, when the correct password is repeated back by the caller. The password would not be passed on to anyone else. Information about this scheme will be published in the Parish Magazine for Wickwar & Rangeworthy, along with contact details.

Local (Wickwar) people have complained to the Police about callers possible targeting elderly people with leaflets 'cash for gold'. The Police have spoken to local residents about buying and selling goods from their doorsteps. Door stickers have been given out, stating to callers that occupants do not buy or sell from their property.

The Police and Wickwar residents are still monitoring lorries (over 18T) travelling through Wickwar Village. All information passed on to the Police by residents is followed up and companies and individuals are contacted by the Police.

Wickwar Residents have reported what they consider to be poor driving from other motorists at this meeting; the Police encourage residents to report such actions to the police with as much information as possible.

Rangeworthy

The Camera Safety Partnership has agreed a site for their speed safety operations to take place along the Wotton Road. The road speed limit has been reduced from 40 MPH zone to a 30 MPH zone.

Wickwar NHW co-ordinator Mr T Proffitt stated that it would be useful if new Wickwar residents were given an information pack by the local NHW representative. Do the Police still have these packs and could more be ordered? **Action PC L Bainbridge**

Wickwar Speed Watch has been successful in their bid for funding for a new Speed Gun. Wickwar Speed Watch is known to be the most successful and long running Speed Watch in Laddenbrook area. Wickwar Speed Watch will be recruiting new Speed Watchers from April 2012.

6. Community Issues – discussed at the last SSGC Meeting

12 th October 2011	Location	Issue
Buthay Public House	Wickwar	Landlord has now left the premises. Planning issues regarding the play equipment has yet to be resolved. 18.1.2012 Premises are now vacant. Police aware Monitor
Castle Bridleways Group	Wickwar	SGC Officers investigating and assisting. Monitor
Weight Restrictions - Lorries	Wickwar	On-going problems with overweight lorries. Monitored by community, Police and Trading Standards Officers. 18.1.12 It has been noted that overweight (+18T) lorry activity has decreased. Monitor
Community Speed Watch Gun (Wickwar)	Wickwar	A grant has been applied for, SSCG Community Fund. New improved Speed Gun. 18.112 Successful Grant bid from the SSGC fund. Wickwar Speed Watch

		will liaise with Police and SSGC. Resolved
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7. Actions & Priorities

Priorities carried forward to 12 th October 2011	Location	Action
Alexander Hosea Primary School	Wickwar	Suitability of proposed style of school fencing Fencing has now been erected.
Pre – School	Wickwar	New Committee members needed, fundraising and grants are being applied for. Monitor
HGV B4058	Rangeworthy	Situation being monitored by the Police and SGC. Speed limits under consultation. Monitor
Road Works	Bagstone Road, Rangeworthy	Quality of work undertaken. HG has been in contact with SGC Streetcare and will be discussing areas of concern. Action HG
Signs	Wotton Road, Rangeworthy	30MPH signs are not repeated in a 30MPH zone. Resolved

8. Community Issues raised at this meeting

Priorities 18 th January 2012		
Speed limits	Charfield/Bagstone road 4058/ 4059	To be reduced to 30MPH
	Latteridge Road Copies of the Latteridge Road Action Group were made available at this meeting.	To be reduced to 30MPH

Wickwar Pre School	To enable Wickwar to keep a much need village facility, this is in need of financial assistance to keep functioning.	Grants discussed at this meeting. Mr Clausen to speak to J Ward and take advice. Action J Ward
Wickwar Allotments	Theft of vegetables	Contact details of the Chairman of the Allotments Assoc. to be passed on to the Police. Monitor
Patching tarmac Sodbury Road, Wickwar	Patching has sunk, alongside Wood Yard, and 50 yards towards Chipping Sodbury. Residents not happy with the quality of work.	Action JW
Footpath	Sodbury Road towards Frith Lane	HG says he is discussing this with SGC Highways. Safety issues, with frequent use. Action HG

9. Priorities at this meeting

‘Cats eyes’ missing on Sodbury Road and Downs Road. White line missing along Downs Road	Safety driving problems	Action JW
Allotments	Thefts	Action Police
Sodbury Road, repairs	Question quality of works	Action JW

10. Any other business

Nomination forms available for the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the SSGC Laddenbrook Group.

Secretary Mrs P Trull has resigned as secretary, but would continue to support the SSGC Group. Mrs Trull thanked the group for her leaving gift.

The date of the next Laddenbrook SSGC meeting will take place in Rangeworthy Village Hall, on Wednesday 11th April 2012, commencing at 7.30pm.

