

Watcombe Community Partnership
Minutes of meeting held 16th March, 2005
5PM Barton Acorn Youth & Community Centre
Barton, Torquay

Present: Sue Smith – Street Warden
PC. Phil Owen – NBM
Cllr Steve Darling
Cllr Gordon Jennings
Marilyn Martin – SWAGTAR/Acorn Centre
Joy Hill, Community Reporter
Martin Brooks, local resident
PC. Steve Stoppart, NBM
Chris Gubby, Senior Highwayman
Chetna Tucker, West Country HA

1. Apologies for absence. Bob Plumb, Insp. Mel Broad.
Vicky Thomas

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters arising

SD circulated a listing of venues and themes for the forthcoming year. It is to be noted that Hele Baptist Church Hall is to be used instead of Barton Baptist for the venue for one of our meetings.

4. Highway Issues

Chris Gubby was in attendance from the Highways Department of Torbay Council to assist the meeting with this topic.

- 4.1 Moor Lane – problems persist here. The schools are to build in additional parking on site. It was also hoped that the new traffic wardens would alleviate the problem.
- 4.2 Jacks Lane – residents remain concerned about near collisions. CG stated that he had difficulty in justifying any works to the road to tackle the issues as there is no evidence of accidents on the road. PO is to clarify with his manager about enforcement.
- 4.3 Happaway Road – CG stated that a transport study is in the local plan to review the best way forward for this road. This must be incorporated into the local transport plan to tackle problems on Happaway Road.
- 4.4 Willow Avenue – speeding traffic – it was agreed that PO will monitor the report sheets from local residents.
- 4.5 Mincent Hill/Dorchester Grove etc lack of parking – CG suggested that “home zones” could be the best way forward. This is to be considered at the Transport Working Party.
- 4.6 Halsteads Road bus/car conflict. The new bus route on Halsteads Road is resulting in bus/car conflict on this road. CG is to investigate ways to resolve this problem.
- 4.7 The bus stop on Fore Street, just below the shops results in the road being blocked. CG to investigate.
- 4.8 SS suggested that there was a parking problem at the junction of Truro Avenue and Hele Road which can result in vehicles pranging. This problem is to be highlighted to the new traffic wardens.
- 4.9 Volume of traffic on Barton Hill Road – this issue was raised by Martin Brooks. CG is to investigate and report back with further information.
- 4.10 It was highlighted that there was poor lighting at the zebra crossing on Barton Hill Road. CG to investigate.

- 4.11 The meeting unanimously agreed that they would encourage tough enforcement by the traffic wardens around the schools in the ward.
5. Action Plans – these were reviewed. However, it became apparent that it would be helpful to improve communications between the street wardens, police and PCSOs. SD to progress.
6. **Date of Next Meeting** – 18th May, 2005 - 5pm to 7pm, Watcombe Community Centre, Medway Road, Torquay. Topic – Young Peoples Issues. Guests to be invited, Sue Cheriton (Culture), Laurie Lain (early years development) and a representative from the Youth Offending Team.