



MINSTER LOVELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS STRATEGY REGARDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN RIPLEY AVENUE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2009 IN MINSTER LOVELL METHODIST CHURCH AT 7.30PM

1. Present:

Cllr David Haley (Chairman)	Minster Lovell Parish Council
Cllr Colin Alderman (Vice Chairman)	Minster Lovell Parish Council
Cllr Sue Bicker	Minster Lovell Parish Council
Cllr Chris Jones	Minster Lovell Parish Council
Cllr Tom Smith	Minster Lovell Parish Council
Cllr Jonathan Stowell	Minster Lovell Parish Council
PC Reg Nicolson	Witney Neighbourhood Police Team
PCSO Hilary Rabson	Witney Neighbourhood PCSO
PC Simon Towers	Anti Social Behaviour Manager WODC
Mr Bill Butcher	Crime Prevention Officer WODC

Apologies for absence: None.

2. Background

The meeting was convened to discuss anti-social behaviour by young people in Ripley Avenue. Specifically, and with reference to a particular recent event, how to prevent such an occurrence from happening again, and in the longer term, how the Parish Council could work with professionals to reduce such behaviour in the future.

3. Agreed short term strategies

- a) Residents should be urged and encouraged to report *all* incidents of anti-social behaviour in Ripley Avenue. So far this year the Police had received only 4 phone calls – 2 of which related to the particular incident that triggered this meeting. Such a low level of reporting is not enough to give justification to the Police to invest in ‘targeting’ the area with preventative patrols. To encourage reporting, the Parish Council will, once again attempt to give greater publicity to the Police reporting phone numbers.
- b) The PCSOs (Hilary Rabson) will continue to include Ripley Avenue on her regular evening/night patrols of the Village. She will always speak with any young people that she encounters on these patrols to assess their situation.
- c) Following the failure of two retail outlets in the Village in a recent test purchase operation where alcohol was sold to a young person, the Parish Council will write a formal letter to each outlet expressing its concern.
- d) Should further trouble occur, the Parish Council will encourage *every effort* to identify the names of the young people concerned. These names will then be passed to PC Simon Towers who will take appropriate follow-up action with the parents of those identified.

4. Agreed medium term strategies

- a) That an offer by Base 33 to extend their outreach workers to Minster Lovell should be enthusiastically accepted. PC Towers will arrange a contact between Mark Bennett of Base 33 and Katherine Doughty (Parish Clerk) so that a meeting can be arranged where the Parish Council can discuss ways of supporting this Base 33 work.

- b) The Parish Council will continue to support and work with the Youth Club in the Village.
- c) The Parish Council will write to Burford School to make them aware of the situation and the follow up actions that have been agreed as per this note.
- d) More publicity will be given to the dates of the Police/PCSO 'Surgeries' that are held in the lay-by opposite the Spar Shop. These represent an excellent 'drop-in' opportunity for residents – younger and older – not only to meet the PCSO's, but also to raise any concerns that they may have.
- e) That an update meeting – probably as part of a regular Council Meeting – should be held in 3-4 months time when the situation, and progress, can be reviewed.

Cllr Jonathan Stowell

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes20th April 2009

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Rodney Rose, County Councillor.
Warwick Robinson, District Councillor.
Simon Hoare, District Councillor.