

# **Ascot, Cheapside, Sunninghill, South Ascot and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Action Group.**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

## **1. Attendance:**

- 1.1. Present: David Hilton (DH), Chair, Wayne Eveleigh (WE), Jacqui Greet (JG), Jayne Strand (JS), Jas Dhah (JD)
- 1.2. Apologies for Absence: George Williams (GW), Francesca Hemsley (FH), Insp. Louise Warbrick (LW), Liz Yates (LY), Sgt Charlie Parker (CP), Jon Brooks (JB),

## **1.3. Minutes from meeting of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

- 1.3.1. The minutes were approved

## **2. Priorities 2018 all figures relate to the period from the previous meeting.**

- 2.1. **All Burglaries** (this includes domestic burglary, non-domestic burglary and theft from shed and garages)

### **2.1.1. Burglaries Dwelling – there were 5 dwelling burglaries in the period.**

- 21/04/2018 Priory Road, Sunninghill  
Forced entry, searched
- 24/04/2018 Abbey Wood, Sunningdale  
Entry gained, messy search
- 03/05/2018 London Road, Sunningdale  
Entry gained, building materials stolen
- 08/05/2018 Charters Lane, Ascot  
Shed Broken into, tools stolen
- 09/05/2018 Murray Court, Ascot  
Keys stolen from garage, entry gained to house via garage.

- 3 **Burglary other than dwelling –** No non- dwelling burglaries were reported in the period.

- 4 **Theft from Motor Vehicle** 12 thefts from motor vehicle were reported in the period.

- 13/04/2018 Royal Berkshire Hotel, Sunningdale  
Motorbike has check vehicles before breaking in and taking toiletries
- 14/04/2018 Carrol Crescent, North Ascot  
Large sum of money left in vehicle, broken into over night
- 26/04/2018 Nash Gardens, Ascot  
Entry gained, no damage – clothing stolen
- 26/04/2018 Wellwood, Ascot  
No damage, nothing taken
- 26/04/2018 Well Lane, Ascot  
No damage, sunglasses stolen
- 26/04/2018 Wells Lane, Ascot  
Vehicle entered, no damage, searched.
- 06/05/2018 Hurstwood, Ascot  
No damage, sunglasses stolen
- 07/05/2018 Woodlands Ride, Ascot  
No damage, vehicle searched, sunglasses stolen
- 08/05/2018 Murray Court, Ascot

- No damage, change stolen
- 08/05/2018 Bridge Road, Ascot  
No damage, change stolen
- 10/05/2018 Upper Village Road, Ascot  
Golf clubs stolen, no damage
- 10/05/2018 St Georges Lane  
No damage, toiletries and sunglasses stolen.

It was noted that in 10 cases there was no damage to the vehicle indicating that the cars had not been locked. WE said that Community Wardens would be running a campaign to get people to lock their cars even if they are in a gated community.

#### **4. Vehicle Nuisance**

There were no reports of vehicle nuisance

#### **5. ASB**

5.1. WE stated that there had been incidents of dog on dog fights had been reported where a husky on an extended lead attacked another dog which required veterinary treatment. In one incident two Alsatians had attacked another dog. The police had been informed via email. WE stated that these incidents were covered by the Dangerous Dogs Act but that the police had suggested that the Council should deal with the problem. WE to seek advice and report back.

5.2. WE stated that he had found more than 100 Nos canisters in Car Park 3 after the Bank Holiday weekend. He also said that if anyone either witnesses the use of Nos or sees Nos canisters on the ground they should advise the police on the 101 number.

5.3. WE provided a web link to a report on the law and effects of inhaling NO.

<http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/nitrous-oxide>

#### **6. Communication of advice to the General Public**

6.1. The information provided by LW at the April meeting was discussed. It was agreed that only professional produced eye-catching material would be read and that this should carry few powerful but simple messages.

#### **7. Pedestrian Crossing on the A332 Windsor Road.**

7.1. At the December 2017 meeting a representative of the Guide Dogs Reading Mobility Team and a number of visually challenged residents attended the meeting with their guide dogs. They asked that a light controlled pedestrian crossing be installed on the A332 Windsor Road.

7.2. In March 2018 a video survey was carried out at two crossing points shown below. A summary of the analysis of the pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road is shown in Table 1.

7.3. The summary shows that average 270 pedestrians and 40 cyclists cross the road in a day which is a very low footfall and our Highways Team say, "Given the relatively small numbers of pedestrians crossing both crossing points, we do not believe that it could be justified and would not recommend that either of the current uncontrolled crossing points should be changed to signalled controlled crossings at this time."

7.4. In response to the following questions.

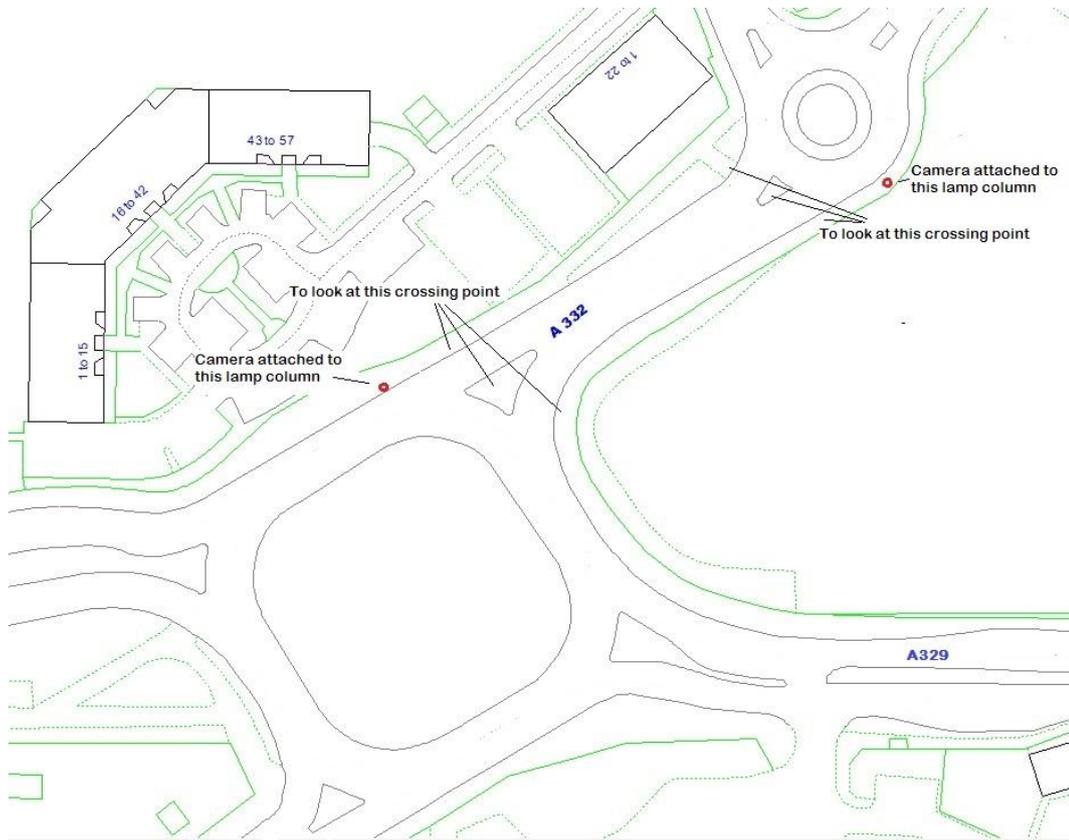
- what level of activity would prompt the introduction of a pedestrian crossing?
- What is the Borough's responsibility to partially sighted people under the duty of care?

7.5. The Highways Team made the following response; I believe that there is no longer any specific calculation to determine formal pedestrian crossing installations. However, it would still have to be shown to be justified at a particular site with regular use throughout the day and on every day. As far as I understand, (each site being different), an uncontrolled “Zebra” pedestrian crossing costs around £15-30K. A signal-controlled crossing costs around £50-80K. As this area is a 40mph limit, uncontrolled “zebra” pedestrian crossings cannot be used here so it would have to be a signal-controlled crossing.

7.6. There is no specific ‘duty of care’ to blind or partially sighted person. Only the same responsibility that the council has, as the highway authority, to make the use of all of its’ roads/footways for all classes of road user, “as safe as reasonably practicable”. (High Court judgement stated case).

7.7. DH will have a conversation with the Lead member for Highways to determine his view but given the very low activity at the location the probability of the Council installing a crossing is low. it will be difficult to win an argument.

Crossing point	Date	Crossing from the racecourse side of the Windsor Road to western side		Crossing from the western side of the Windsor Road to the racecourse side.	
		Pedestrians	Cyclists	Pedestrians	Cyclists
The crossing nearest the Burleigh Road Junction					
	20/04/2018	35	10	39	12
	21/04/2018	43	17	55	13
	22/04/2018	39	18	56	17
Average		39	15	50	14
The crossing nearest to Heatherwood Roundabout and A329					
	20/04/2018	101	5	74	5
	21/04/2018	109	4	72	4
	22/04/2018	106	7	74	9
Average		105	5	73	6



8. JG explained her role as head of Corporate Social Responsibility for the racecourse and how the racecourse was changing its support for charities, in part, through working with the Berkshire Community Foundation. She went on to explain an art competition with local schools who were asked to create pictures that evoked the atmosphere of Royal Ascot. The winning school would receive a prize as would all the pupils who entered the competition. The winning pictures will be exhibited in the tunnel under the racecourse during Royal Ascot.

**9. Meeting dates**

**2018 meeting dates**

The meeting dates for 2018 are as follows.

Month	Monday
June	11th
July	9th
August	13th
September	10th
October	15th
November	12th
December	10th

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Monday 11th June in box 253.  
the Grandstand at the Racecourse

Ascot NAG Action sheet				
Date	Action	Responsible person	Expected completion date	Comments
	The Ascot NAG is following up on comments about the general untidiness of Ascot High Street. DH will find out who looks after the street cleaning for Ascot so that The Borough can become involved.	DH	Ongoing	
13/12/17	Request for a light controlled pedestrian crossing on the Windsor Road	DH	Note, a video survey will now be carried out late March	The survey showed that the footfall was too low for lights. DH to talk to the Highway's Lead Member