

# Minutes of the Ashdown Forest Villages Road Safety Partnership

10.00, 25 February 2008, Ashdown Forest Centre

Present: Robert Watson (representing Forest Row PC and acting Chairman), Alison Beck (Withyham PC), Graeme Beattie (ESCC SID Co-ordinator), Matt Elder (East Sussex FRS), Ray Galley (Maresfield PC), Hew Prendergast (Conservators), Keith Sinden (ESCC Road Safety Officer), Mike Wales (Danehill PC). Minutes taken by Tracy Buxton.

## Action:

### 1. Apologies received.

No apologies were received. However, it was noted that John Gramolt, Chairman of this Partnership, had recently resigned from Withyham Parish Council. The acting Chairman expressed how much Mr Gramolt would be missed and hoped he would be able to attend in a co-opted capacity in the future.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes were adopted.

### 3. Matters Arising.

It was noted that, in future, press releases could be forwarded to Mike Taggart at ESCC Press Office. Press releases would be drafted regarding the next SID day in April by Keith Sinden and Hew Prendergast and forwarded to Mike Taggart.

Matt Elder reported that his enquiries regarding finances had shown no funds were currently available.

Hew Prendergast asked if the Police had been stopping and enforcing at the October SID week. Keith Sinden stated that he would contact the Police to ascertain the number of drivers they dealt with.

There was a short discussion regarding the simple pro-forma used by the Withyham volunteers that had been discussed at the last meeting. This was tabled and it was noted some minor amendments were required. The form would be made available for volunteers to use in April. It would also be attached to these minutes and circulated by e-mail.

There was a short discussion regarding the missing data from Hartfield from the October SID week. There was also a short discussion regarding getting greater detail out of the SID machines and it was agreed that, even though they could do more, it was demanding on time and required excellent IT skills.

**It was agreed Hew Prendergast would make the appropriate contact in order to find the missing data and work with Graeme Beattie to prepare it for the press release.** HP/  
GB

Thanks were extended to Mike Wales for attending on behalf of Danehill. There was a short discussion on the state of contact with Buxted Parish Council and Hew Prendergast offered to make further contact with them. There was a short discussion regarding who would replace Keith Sinden on the Committee on his retirement. There was agreement that his support and input would be greatly missed and it was hoped he would continue to attend in an advisory capacity.

**It was agreed Hew Prendergast would make contact with Buxted Parish Council.** HP

#### 4. Planning for SID day 23 April 2008

The Chairman gave a brief overview of how the SID worked for the benefit of new Committee members and Graeme Beattie offered his support to new users. Hew Prendergast commented that it would be helpful if volunteers thought outside of their parish boundaries and could, perhaps, help out new users of parishes that were short on assistance. Graeme Beattie offered to liaise with the parish coordinators.

Keith Sinden offered to contact the Police to enlist their support and involvement on SID day. He went on to say he hoped that both education and enforcement could take place.

A training session will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 14.00 at the Ashdown Forest Centre (Lancaster Room) for all volunteers, both experienced and new.

SIDs should be collected on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April between 10.30 and 11.30 from the Forest Centre. Graeme Beattie will be available at that time to answer any last minute questions and provide appropriate safety jackets.

Four sites will be covered on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April between 07.30 – 09.30 and 16.30 – 18.30:

- Forest Row – outside the Forest Centre
- Hartfield – Chuck Hatch
- Withyham – Woodeaves
- Maresfield - Duddleswell

A site at Danehill will be confirmed after a site visit and an appropriate risk assessment has been performed by Graeme Beattie. Keith Sinden offered to compile the casualty data to inform the selection of the appropriate site for the SID in the Chelwood Gate area.

SID machines should be returned to the Forest Centre on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April by 13.00 and they will be collected by Graeme Beattie soon afterwards.

When the data sheets are completed they should be returned with the SID machine to Hew Prendergast's office at the Forest Centre. Sheets will then be forwarded to Alison Beck at Withyham. Graeme Beattie stated that he would, with Hew Prendergast, coordinate and analyse the completed data.

There will be a two press releases - one just prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> April containing data about the last SID day and a further one about a month later giving the results from 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Matt Elder reported that East Sussex FRS would attend, fire calls and staffing permitting, at Woodeaves to sign people up to the speed commitment.

**It was agreed Keith Sinden would contact the Police to enlist their support and involvement on SID day.** KS

**It was agreed Hew Prendergast would make contact with Buxted and ascertain who is the representative for the parish.** HP

**It was agreed that HP would forward the completed SID data sheets to Alison Beck at Withyham.** HP

There was a short discussion on widening the scope of this Committee in terms of drivers and anti-social behaviour rather than just speeding and it was agreed that this

should be on the next agenda. Keith Sinden drew the committee's attention to Operation Crackdown and the online report form.

There was a very short discussion on the rural review of speed limits action plan 2008 – 2009 and it was agreed it should be added to the next agenda

**It was agreed that Hew Prendergast would invite the Police to the next meeting, HP and ensure anti-social behaviour and the rural review of speed limits for this part of the county is added to the next agenda.**

There was a short discussion on the next Road Safety Week for Schools and Graeme Beattie agreed to report on this at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday June 18th at 10.00

*The meeting finished at approx 12.00.*