

## Minutes of the

### Ashdown Forest Villages Road Safety Partnership

1000, 21 November 2005, Ashdown Forest Centre

Present John Gramolt (Withyham PC), Hanno Fry (Maresfield PC), Hew Prendergast (Conservators of Ashdown Forest; minute taker), Arabella Sackville (Withyham PC), Keith Sinden (ESCC), Robert Watson (Forest Row PC)

Apologies None received

The meeting had no formal Chairman.

#### 1) Minutes of meeting of 5 October.

These were approved.

#### 2) Matters arising

##### a) One-pager

Hew reported that the one-pager had been approved by John Stevens (as Chairman) and sent to Parish Clerks. Only Withyham has so far acknowledged receipt and has offered to publish an edited/shortened version in the next parish magazine. (N.B. It emerged later that John had not forwarded the one pager to the Danehill Parish Clerk; this has now been done. Robert has also reported that the one-pager will appear in the next Forest Row magazine issue.)

##### b) SIDs

Keith reported that Graham Beattie, the ESCC SID coordinator, has been doing risk assessments on possible sites for SIDs on the B2026 and elsewhere, for example on the C3 (between Nutley and Duddleswell) and outside the Forest Centre. He said that it was important to build on existing local commitment to traffic issues. SIDs, he added, can only be used as an educational tool, not for enforcement, although recent research by the University of Reading has shown that they can have more effect than speed cameras.

It was noted that the Police do not want to do speed enforcement on the Forest, although a local newspaper reported that one motorist had recently been fined for speeding on the A275 between Wych Cross and Chelwood Gate. The meeting backed a suggestion from Keith that Mark Dunn, Police Traffic Management Officer, be asked to attend the next meeting.

Hanno said that Maresfield PC is planning a Speedwatch exercise on the B2026 at Fairwarp. [In Speedwatch, volunteers record the speed of passing traffic with laser guns, identify times when excesses occur, and inform the Police of individual vehicles that persistently exceed the limit. The Police issue notices to 'offenders'.] The meeting supported Robert's proposal that Graham Beattie liaise with Maresfield PC to reduce any risk that Speedwatch and SID may, in effect, compete for the services of volunteers.

The SIDs used in the Partnership will be manned by volunteers. Forest Row has already agreed to commit £112.50 for 2005-2006. John said that Withyham does not yet have a SID.

c) 'Slow down ... give space' flier

Extensive comments were made and noted down by Keith. Hew agreed to redraft the back page.

### **3) Next meeting**

It was agreed that publicity for the launch of the Partnership should be discussed. Date: Tuesday 10 January, 1030, Ashdown Forest Centre.

The meeting closed at 1300.