

Neighbourhood Action Group

**Martins Heron, The Warren and
Harmanswater**

4 December 2007

Priority

1. *Environmental Matters (Borough Council Medium Term Objective Priority 2)*
2. *Speeding (Borough Council Medium Term Objective Priorities 3 & 4)*

Attendance

Fiona Heston (BFBC), Cllr Trevor Kensall (BFBC), NSO Angelina Martin, Lisa Oates (The Wayz), Chris Turrell (Bracknell Town Council), Roger Whiteford-Mulkern (Martins Heron & The Warren Community Association)

Apologies

Rebecca Foster, Cllr Shelagh Pile, Sgt Noel Thackaberry

Dates of Future NAG (Closed Meeting)

29 January 2008, 11.20am, The Wayz, Bullbrook

Dates of Future Neighbourhood Forums

To Be Confirmed

Local Publications

Name:	Next publication deadline:	Contact:
Town and Country	March edition – Article deadline 4 th January July edition – Article deadline 25 th April	Ben Funning – Communications Officer ben.funning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

1. Review of Previous Year's Work

Inconsiderate and Illegal Parking

A Parking and Waiting Restriction Order has been issued for the Martins Heron and the Warren areas and an implementation date would be advised shortly; confirmation of a date for installation of yellow lines would be sought from the Borough Council's Highways Section.

Action: Trevor Kensall

PCSO Steph Elvin was regularly patrolling the neighbourhood and issuing tickets where appropriate. On 29 October 2007 the Police had carried out parking enforcement activities which had resulted in nine vehicles being clamped and the removal of three additional vehicles and this would become a regular occurrence. **Action: Angelina Martin to circulate future dates**

Harmanswater Road Traffic Calming

Work was taking place to develop a single package of traffic calming measures including waiting and parking restrictions on the Wellington Drive Harmanswater Road junction and the possible installation of a VAS sign on the approach to the pedestrian crossing.

2. Consultation Results

The results of a questionnaire, distributed to every household in the Borough, asking people to identify the top three priorities for their neighbourhood were circulated. Overall 1576 response had been received from across the borough; of which 86 related to matters of concern in Martins Heron, The Warren and Harmanswater and the top five areas of concern identified were:

<u>Martins Heron, The Warren & Harmanswater</u>		<u>Bracknell Forest Wide</u>	
Parking	39%	Parking	21%
Speeding	24%	Speeding	20%
Litter/Dog Mess/Broken Glass	16%	Litter/Dog Mess/Broken Glass	15%
Trees/Hedges/Bushes	13%	Youths	11%
Mini Motorbikes	8%	Trees/Hedges/Bushes	8%

Initial analysis of the consultation results showed that although a greater response had been received through the use of a questionnaire than had been achieved through neighbourhood forums the out turn was still very low and acknowledgement would have to be made that not

everyone wanted to communicate their concerns and that although people were prepared to complain amongst themselves many were not prepared to take action to address the problems.

3. Selection of Priorities

Environmental Matters

A number of references related to trees and shrubs obscuring signs and street lights and it was agreed that it would be necessary to identify where this was happening and what rubbish each reference in the consultation related to before firm actions could be agreed upon. However it was agreed that it would be useful for members of the Borough Council's Environment Team to be involved in the NAG.

Action: Trevor Kensall

The Wayz Youth Centre would be running an environment focused project during 2008 and would be able to tie in with this piece of work. In addition the Council's Take Pride initiative would be able to provide resources if necessary.

Youths

It was agreed that it would be essential to understand the kinds of things that people were concerned about before any decisions were made and that it would be helpful to have input from young people when dealing with this particular area and it was agreed that the local secondary schools would be approached for assistance. **Action Angelina Martin**

The timing of meetings made it difficult for young people to attend NAGs and it was agreed that until a solution could be found the young people who attended the Wayz would be asked if they wanted anything to be discussed at future NAG meetings. **Action: Lisa Oates**

Parking

It was agreed that although parking was still a significant concern work was taking place to address the matter and it would no longer be the NAGs main focus; however a watching brief would still be kept on the matter and the Police Priority Profile would be brought to future meetings. **Action: Angelina Martin**

Parking concerns were thought to relate to weekends when both the rugby and football clubs played matches ran at the same time over the weekends and cars were forced onto Calfridus Way. **Action: Chris Turrell to discuss with the Town Council**

Speeding

It was agreed that getting people involved in community SpeedWatch would be a useful initial step to try and tackle the problem of speeding and ways of publicising the activity would be investigated. **Action: Trevor Kensall**

4. Membership of NAG

It was agreed that local businesses would give useful input into the NAG's work and that the businesses in Harmanswater Shopping parade would be approached. **Action: Angelina Martin**

5. Special NAG Meeting

It was agreed that rather than scheduling an additional meeting discussion of the constitution, terms of reference and Police Priority Profile would be added to the next agenda. **Action: Katharine Simpson**