

**WANTAGE WEST**  
**MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7pm**  
**KA's Sixth form and on TEAM**

**Present:** Andrew Forsyth (AF), Sue Humphries (SH),  
PCSO Jamie Horner(PCSOJH), PC Niamh Meaney (PCNM), Jenny Hannaby (JH),  
Michelle Rozier Sweatbox(MR), Dan Charrington KA representative (DChar)  
Guests Alister Hunter Representing St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church .  
Rick Holroyd guest speaker.

Andrew Forsyth chaired the meeting.  
Sue Humphries took the minutes.

1. **Apologies:**  
Roger Humphries, David Clayton, Richard Shepherd
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 minutes were agreed as an accurate record.
3. **Matters/Updates/Action points:**  
Update on minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> July Michelle Rozier is youth manager Sweatbox  
not Rebecca Lawson as stated
4. **Wantage NAG updates from around the area:**  
No report as not enough time at meeting replaced by guest speaker.  
**Rick Holroyd**  
**Presentation on new schools at Kingsgrove and Wellington Gate.**  
Kingsgrove takes children from 2 years to 16 years on 2 sites but  
close to each other. Pupils will now stay all of their education in the same school.  
Total of 420 pupils.  
Primary open and filling up.  
Secondary will start taking pupils from 2025 until February 2026 year by year.  
St John's C of E primary school on the Wellington estate takes children from Nursery to  
year 11.  
Lots more information  
MR said both schools have a very strange catchment area.  
JH said it was fully discussed at council level involving many organisations .  
AF thanked him for an excellent presentation
5. **Correspondence:**  
None
6. **Neighbourhood Watch Update**  
No report
7. **Policing Priorities & Staffing Report:**  
PCSO Bart spends a lot of his time in the Town. New officers are excellent.  
Sgt Simon Da Silva is leaving soon  
Lots of neighbourhood activities, Hare coursing, Lots of Rural crime.  
PCSO Tom Walton Smith working hard on a 3yr local authority permission which he  
needs from the Town council. High priority for him.  
Gave crime reports. Have visited new childrens homes locally.  
JH Issues in Sainsburys underground car par. PCSOJH Police are aware

**8. Wantage Chamber of Commerce (WCC)**

Report sent to AF.

Vape shop.

Police went in with trading standards. Police heard they were closing down.

Owner lives abroad and property managed by an agency.

**9. Street pastors:**

No report

**10. Youth Members Report:**

MR Starting Mondays in September youth club held at Kingsgrove school, so far 40 each time. Sports field lights are being installed by the developers.

KA's Site Friday nights large numbers 120-125. Really good nights

More volunteers needed. MR very challenged at the moment.

Outreach is going well.

**11. KA/Vale Academy trust:**

AF welcomed Dan Charrington back.

DChar.

Pupil mentors to help level up social issues.

Yondr pouches have been introduced to allow pupils to keep their phones so there not any mobile phones that work in lessons creating a mobile free environment.

Phones are magnetically locked in the morning and unlocked when the pupil leaves .

This system seems to have been accepted and is working well.

Last Friday walk went well and weather was dry, perfect.

**12. Any other business:**

1. Alister Hunter. Having a problem with youngsters around the Parish Church
2. SH Afternoon School turn out Major issue in Priory Road with youths riding cycles and scooters at great speed against the oncoming traffic, on the path and weaving in and out of parked cars. All age groups

**Next meeting:**

27<sup>th</sup> November to be confirmed