

## Minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

### “RAVEN” – Residents Against Vehicles’ Excessive Noise

**Attendees:** David Priscott (Lavant Speedwatch Group), Bob Taylor (Southbourne), Martyn Bell (Chichester Central), Adrian Moss (Harbour Villages), Lyn Hicks (Southbourne), Heather McDougall (Donnington), Sarah Sharp (Chichester South), Simon Oakley (Chichester East), Harry Potter (Boxgrove), Riach Ryder (Sidlesham), Jane Towers (Chidham and Hambrook), Roy Briscoe (Westbourne), Sarah Lishman (Chichester East)

**Apologies:** Chris Watson (West Itchenor), Maureen Corfield (Chichester North), Jeremy Hunt (Chichester North), Richard Bates (Fishbourne)

1. Introductions
2. Changes were made to the Terms of Reference – final copy circulated
3. The form that Heather put together was reviewed, and changes made by Heather during the meeting. Heather said it would be easy to use the data from the form to make a paper form for distributing through doors. Heather was thanked for her input on this.

<https://forms.gle/2mLF1CVVQdMt1Ery9>

If you want to make any more changes to the form, especially if you think a problem road is missing, please contact Heather on [hsmcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:hsmcdougall@gmail.com).

The intention is to circulate the form to residents via social media, parish websites, local publications, Chichester Observer etc in the spring. The police can then be informed about the issues with data gathered by the form. Showing that noise is a key issue to residents will be very important to encourage the police to act.

4. Links to research are needed to back up campaign, so please send in any more links on the impact of traffic noise on health.
5. Links to local publications were shared from

Lavant

Southbourne

Chidham and Hambrook

Tangmere

Oving

Boxgrove

Action for All: Please send in any more email addresses if you have them.

**Actions for the Group**

MB – Martyn look up contact details of Motorbike group(s) so that they can be informed when the campaign is starting in the spring

SS – Sarah to send the form to Jon Carter and Habib Ramen

## **Overview & Scrutiny Meeting**

All members of the group encouraged to contact [democraticservices@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@chichester.gov.uk) by noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan with questions on noise or other traffic related issues etc for the Overview & Scrutiny meeting on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> where Jon Carter will be present. (If you are unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday at 2 pm, a Democratic Services officer can read out your question.)

## **6) Name for the Group**

RAVEN – Residents Against Vehicles' Excessive Noise

CCANE – Communities against Noise Excesses

The Group decided on RAVEN and MB offered to look into getting a simple logo.

## **7) Invites for next Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7 pm**

Invite Residents Linda Boize, Peter Jordan and a representative from Goodwood to next meeting to learn more about measuring noise.

Sarah Lishman's partner has access to noise monitoring/measuring equipment which it will be useful to investigate.

Provisional date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7 pm (if invitees can make this date)

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- h) Public Space Protection Order
- i) Liaising with Funtington Parish Council who have worked with Local Growers' Association on a Code of Conduct for tractors



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### Minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

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**Apologies:** Jane Tower (Chidham and Hambrook), Bob Taylor (Southbourne), David Priscott (Lavant)

1. Introductions
2. Linda Boize, Peter Jordan, Sam Fairweather and Gabriel Ludlow were invited to speak on the issue of noise from vehicles and the group had an opportunity to ask questions. For more details of the **main** discussion points please see **summary** at the end of the Minutes.
3. Action Points for the campaign:
  - a) Henry wanted to make sure the Westhampnett Parish Council are invited. Sarah to check. (Confirmation after the meeting that the Clerk is included on the list of invitees.)
  - b) Martyn offered to get the name of the group “Raven” added to the logo and to work with “Lollipop” printing shop towards getting the logo in a useable form for the group.
  - c) Name of the group confirmed as Raven “Residents Against **Vehicle** Excessive Noise” – to keep things simple and use the singular.
  - d) Social media sites seen as important to engage with the public and to continue engagement into the future. (Residents need to know that their feedback is valued or counted by the police otherwise they stop reporting as don’t see their efforts going anywhere.) Sarah to set up a Facebook Page and Group for Raven. Heather is also active on social media and will support.
  - e) Website has a small cost. Sarah to cover this when needed. Long-term the group will need to perhaps set up a bank account to access funding from Police and Crime Commissioner. In the short-term different parishes will be asked to fund the, hopefully relatively small, printing costs for leafleting to affected roads. (The paper copy form that Heather put together has a section at the bottom to return to a **local** address which

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could be the parish council or an individual councillor's or A.N. Other's address but must be near to the resident).

- f) Discussion held about when to invite Chief Inspector Bowman. An initial small meeting to be held with Roy, Martyn, Sarah and Heather if possible. Before an invite to the whole group more work needs to be done on what we are expecting from him. We will need a well-structured meeting. Help for planning this will be needed. (Perhaps a pre-meeting meeting). Post meeting note, Riach has sent in a question and Sarah to start to compile a list of questions/topics for this.
- g) Martyn to continue to find the names of people to invite from the Motorcycle Action Group local branch. Invites to follow at an appropriate time.
- h) Roy, Martyn, Heather and Sarah to add quotes to a Press Release. A short article and longer version to be prepared for circulation to press/different publications. Articles to be reviewed by group members in between meetings as appropriate.
- i) Heather to add a QR code to the form.
- j) Photo shoot of everyone who is interested with local press. Date to be arranged hopefully soon.
- k) Mutual support for campaigns. Discussion that the Raven campaign must be cross party and available to those councillors who aren't in a party. Logo can be used by the group members.
- l) A discussion, perhaps for a future meeting whether "Raven" as a group is able to give its support to back 20's Plenty campaigns in different communities.

### AOB

Simon shared two road issues on A27. If you are concerned, please email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Maureen keen to link in with the residents in Shopwyke, part of Oving Parish who are suffering from speeding vehicles due to closure of the Oving crossroads and/or changed road layouts.

**Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm**

### Summary of Discussion Points with our guests

- 1) Wisdoms shared from Jon Carter:

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-need councillor-led action,

-police know what is going on,

-special conditions of A27 round Chichester (roundabouts with 70mph limit encourages speeding and aggressive, anti-social driving)

-need to report frequently or else the police will presume there isn't a problem

-what does success look like?

- 2) Change of personnel in the police. A fact of life that officers will want to move on. A new start with a new Chief Inspector. There has been a handover. We do need to reach out as a group to everyone eg Jo Shiner, Police and Crime Commissioner, not just to local police.
- 3) Noise has got progressively worse since lockdown. Traffic a huge problem. There are disrespectful and law-abiding riders and drivers. Goodwood has strict rules for the circuit, but these rules aren't obeyed on the roads. Flagrant ignoring of rules.
- 4) Motorcyclists can't hear the noise themselves as the helmet muffles the noise. Hence the excessive noise only there to make a statement (annoying other people). Noise on Sunday mornings along from Tangmere a particular problem. Noise also waking residents at night as motorbikes travelling all along the bypass.
- 5) Vehicles adapted to make more noise. Labels saying "not for road use" are hidden. Exhausts swapped at MOT time.
- 6) People on St Paul's Road also affected by tractors and general noise.
- 7) Need to sort out the roundabouts on A27 as these add to problem. More noise in lockdown due to less other ambient noise and clearer roads encouraged more speeding and associated noise. EVs should make things better over time. Foliage from trees will also affect our perceptions of noise. Winter worse for noise for that reason.
- 8) Goodwood has 3 static noise metres and one hand-held. Technology / cameras will be the answer to help solve this problem as police numbers limited.
- 9) Concerns raised about traffic going into Rolls Royce at shift changing time. This could get worse if and when the factory expands. Also speed and style of driving during Goodwood events noted.
- 10) Other parts of the country (Midlands and London) have more speed cameras and lower speed limits. Are we lagging behind?
- 11) Could Neighbourhood Watch groups be used for this work re noise? Are we re-inventing the wheel as there is already a network reporting into the police? Concern expressed that Neighbourhood Watch also suffers from information only flowing way – to the police – without much feedback back to residents. (Good question for the police at future meeting).

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- 12) The police are evaluating new equipment being used in the north of the county along the A272. There is a lot of work to calibrate the equipment. This work is done by a specialist group in the police. Police paid for the camera in Wisborough Green.
- 13) Our job as Raven is to identify the problem to the police – not to provide the solutions.
- 14) Police asked for automatic numberplate recognition technology to be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as part of the Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP). This has now been dropped from IBP as police to finance this from their own precept.
- 15) Offer of a visit to Goodwood to find out about how noise monitoring equipment works. Maureen and Sarah to liaise on trip dates and others welcome to join.
- 16) Police can take action when they have the information – example given from speed indicator device in a parish which is followed up by “police radar van”.
- 17) Useful link: <https://begin-motorcycling.co.uk/motorcycle-exhaust-laws-and-regulations-2021-uk/?nonitro=1>

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