

# Basingstoke M.A.G. Minutes

06/01/2011



## Rep Keith:

Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks to all who made it to the Christmas Run, Christmas Party, Christmas Meal and New year eve's party. A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL.

Christmas Party we raised £102.66 to which goes to MAG Central and BASIC.

## Emails:

## Related stories

**Two measures to "make life easier" for motorists in England have been announced by the government.**

It is lifting a restriction, introduced in 2001, on the number of parking spaces allowed in developments of new homes.

And it will no longer instruct councils to set high parking charges to encourage the use of other transport.

Ministers said they were "ending the war on the motorist" and that the rules "unfairly penalised drivers".

The Department of Communities and Local Government said the new measures would mean councils and communities would be free to set parking policies that are "right for their areas".

This will include "proportionate parking enforcement", taking into account the effect of parking charges on the "vitality of their local economy and local shops".

The government now believes councils should be free to set charges to attract shoppers to town centres, without interference from Whitehall.

The restrictions also led to more aggressive parking enforcement and increased on-street parking congestion, ministers said.

To deflect criticism that the announcements are environmentally unfriendly, ministers have also said charging points for electric cars on the street and in car parks will now be allowed without the need for planning permission.

With the New Year heralding renewed dynamism, optimism, enthusiasm & drive, the campaign continues to spearhead its way to exposing the greedy, self-serving bureaucrats and ridding our community of the vile tax which we have so successfully quarantined in Westminster.

Quite simply, ladies & gentlemen of the NTBPT Campaign, this war is there for the winning, and it is simply down to you. Lets please donate the final £10,000 (yes! we are already half way there!!) sort code 40-40-35 a/c 11411047, and ensure that we, as a community show the whinging cagers what they should have done instead of simply moaning & accepting.

Let us start with a Call to arms...for which our man in the studio, Charlie, has prepared a suitable video-short. It can be viewed from this link [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7PDa7Jp4z4&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7PDa7Jp4z4&feature=player_embedded) which you are encouraged to share with as many people as you can.

### **Ace to Ace "Circulars" run - this Sunday 9th January 2011**

As part of our trilogy of fund-raising demo ride-outs prior to the Court case in March, we are calling on you all to commit to joining your fellow campaigners this Sunday, arriving early enough at the Ace Cafe London to fuel yourself & your machine (whatever size bellies both you & it are sporting) ready for a 10.30am departure.

We will also have a limited number of the NTBPT high vis buffs for sale at £10 each. In addition to being quite the fashion statement, they help you to be visible to other road users and stay warm in these cold spells. As we all know a warm and visible biker is a safe biker so arrive early to get yours and avoid disappointment.

### **Saturday, 5th February 2011 - Villiers Street to Excel Motorbike Show**

The second will start at Villiers Street (affectionately known as the "Bat Cave" by regular WMBC & WESC-ers) and will depart at 11.00am on a route around the West End before heading off toward Docklands and the Excel Arena. More details to come.

### **Saturday or Sunday (TBC), 5/6th March 2011**

Our third will be on the first weekend in March for which the route and assembly points are yet to be confirmed. However, please mark the date in your diaries.

## WMBC & WESC

We are delighted to announce the return of the clubs on Wednesday 12th January 2011. If you haven't taken part in one of the clubs, you are encouraged to see them for yourself, and meet fellow, like-minded bikers with no other agenda save defeating the parking charge. This single aim has been such a tremendous binding force that it is impossible not to feel welcome amongst friends for any newcomer attending.

And for the dwindling number of detractors, it should be noted that even the Student demo organisers have been so impressed with the lawful, safety-led, non-confrontational persistent stance adopted by us, they have sought our assistance in their own plight. Another ringing endorsement of what we are about.

## Legal News...

As the Court of Appeal Hearing draws ever closer, it has been our continued probing of the blatant misrepresentations from Ali G & the conspiratorial head of legal, Peter Large pertaining to the illegitimate use of the Pay-By-Phone framework contract by others that has opened the door for us to consider whether a successful private prosecution of both these despicable characters could now be sought.

If you haven't seen the forum detailing an exchange of emails, then please [click here](#) and enjoy

Whilst our charge against both men is that of Misconduct in Public Office, it is important to realise that, unlike Malfeasance in Public Office which is a claim of criminal activity, the principles for establishing Misconduct are:

- a) *"A public officer acting as such"* - safe to say that applies to both
- b) *"Wilfully neglects to perform his duty and/or wilfully misconducts himself"* - again, lying to both the EU Commissioners & the PIP Board in writing should safely satisfy this second principle
- c) *"To such a degree as to amount to an abuse of the public's trust in the office holder"* - well, we are all members of the public. Do we think that their lies have caused us to lose trust in their offices?
- d) *"Without reasonable excuse or justification"*

## Why not simply hand the evidence to the CPS and allow them to prosecute?

We certainly have not ruled this out as being the proper first step. That said, the advantage of taking a private prosecution is that we can govern exactly what aspects of the case come under Court examination, whereas the CPS would simply concentrate on the acts that could constitute misconduct.

To elaborate, we have long suspected (and are yet to see any evidence to the contrary) that the actual plan concocted by Mssrs Gilchrist & Chalkley was to amass a huge database of information regarding motorists' movements, gained by knowledge of where and when they park their vehicles. Payment by the "registered" motorist using their mobile phone allows such detailed knowledge to be monitored. And such information is hugely prized by large retail consortiums & marketing executives - a fact well known to Ali G during his time in the mobile phone industry.

By enticing all the other Councils to sign up to WCC's chosen supplier, Verrus UK Ltd, the stipulation in the PIP contract is that the data is to be owned by Westminster alone.

### How would Ali G & Chalkley benefit personally?

Now you will understand why a Council, which is fully permitted to trade like any other business, suddenly had a need to create a private company called Westco Trading Ltd, whose Directors were...Mssrs Gilchrist & Chalkley. Whereas the Council has a duty to lay bare its accounts to public scrutiny for 20 days a year, a private limited company, even if 100% owned by the Council, does not have the same condition imposed. So, what better to give "Bonuses" to the staff than through private company like Westco Trading Ltd?

Well, that's what the BBC suggested, see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-11609489>, and was flatly denied by WCC.

What better opportunity to examine the accounts of Westco Trading Ltd then a private prosecution?

Suffice to say, no decision will be made until we have received the Barrister's opinion, but we can say that we have had genuine offers of financial assistance from some highly unlikely sources. Looks like Ali G has made some serious enemies.

See you Sunday

Warren & the Committee

Hi All,

Just got this through.

Think we have an alli on the speed bump issues. Some useful arguments used! Might be worth circulating for everyone's info!



eNewsletter - Greg  
Knight MP.PDF

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## Network:

### **05-11-2010 is road safety a temporary issue in Devon?**

In south Devon it would appear that road safety is only a temporary issue!

Signs in the county that asked drivers to check for bikers in their mirrors have been put into storage.

Accident rates dropped after the signs were put up on the A380 Newton Abbot to Kingkerswell road, demonstrating that Information aimed at drivers really makes a difference, as incidents with a 3rd party still accounts for the majority of Motorcycle accidents.

South Devon MAG believe that as the nights draw in and the weather deteriorates, it is even more important that motorists should "Think Bike". Because of this, there will be an awareness raising event in the Romany Jones layby on the A380 this **Saturday 6th Nov between 11am and 1pm**, highlighting the Council decision to remove the signs.

The press will be there to cover the story, so go along and offer some support if you are in the area. No one wants to be a casualty- help MAG ensure everyone should "Think Bike"

See South Devon MAG's facebook page for more information or contact Clive on 01803 551227.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Devon-MAG/124025457642374>

**Julian Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what assessment he has made of the effect of the introduction of 20 miles per hour zones in **(a)** towns and **(b)** villages.

**Mike Penning:** Decisions about setting 20 miles per hour zones are for local authorities, who are best placed to assess all the factors in individual cases.

The independent Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) has published several pieces of research, including TRL Report 215: Review of traffic calming schemes in 20mph zones and TRL Report 363 Urban speed management methods. Additionally in September 2009 the Department published a review of how 20mph speed limit zones are implemented in England. It is available on our website at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/research/rsrr/theme4/20mphzoneresearch.pdf>

In addition to the above, the Department has researched the effects of the introduction of widespread 20 mph limits in Portsmouth and published the findings on our website at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/speedmanagement/20mphPortsmouth/pdf/20mphzoneresearch.pdf>

**John Woodcock:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what assessment he has made of the likely effects on maintenance standards on the strategic road network of reductions in funding for the Highways Agency.

**Mike Penning [holding answer 28 October 2010]:** The Highways Agency is responsible for the maintenance, repair and

renewal of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of State. The agency is undertaking a review of its routine and winter maintenance standards to ensure that it maintains the SRN in a safe and serviceable condition, while seeking to reduce costs and drive value for money from its supply chain.

The review is expected to be completed by April 2011. The revised standards will be introduced into new and existing maintenance contracts as appropriate. Maintaining the SRN in a safe condition will remain a priority for the agency.

**Mark Lancaster:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what recent representations he has received from motoring organisations in support of increasing the speed limit to 80 miles per hour on controlled stretches of motorway.

**Mike Penning:** There have been no recent representations received in support of increasing the speed limit to 80 miles per hour on controlled stretches of motorway.

**Rebecca Harris:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what assessment his Department has made of the likely effect on the number of road accidents of the introduction of daylight saving time throughout the year.

**Mike Penning:** An update of the 1998 TRL research, published 21 April 2009, suggests that an estimated net 80 deaths and 200 serious casualties per year would be avoided if single/double summer time was adopted (based on 2003-07 casualty levels). This takes into account the possible increase in casualties in darker winter mornings as well as the greater reductions expected in the lighter evenings, when more casualties occur. More recent estimates suggest the savings may currently be slightly lower-around 70 deaths and 190 serious casualties. This is due to the recent reductions in overall casualties.

**Mr Watson:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport when he next plans to review MOT test fees; and if he will make a statement.

**Mike Penning:[holding answer 28 October 2010]:** The Department for Transport does keep MOT fee levels under regular

review and officials will be meeting with representatives of the MOT test trade next month where this issue will be on the agenda.

The fee maxima for the various classes of MOT test were last increased on 6 April 2010. The maximum fee for a car class test increased from £54 to £54.85. The proportion of this fee that goes to VOSA to cover its costs in administering the MOT scheme increased from £2 to £2.05.

**Scottish Parliament - Road Safety**

**Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Executive what the reduction in crashes, injuries and deaths has been since the introduction of road safety cameras and what the estimated financial savings have been.

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**Stewart Stevenson:** Road safety cameras were introduced in 1990. Reported road accidents fell by 43% between 1990 and

2009, all severity injuries fell by 45% and road fatalities fell by 60%. These reductions will be due to a number of factors (including road safety education and engineering initiatives) and not the introduction of road safety cameras alone.

Had casualty levels remained the same as in 1990, it is estimated that the cost to the Scottish economy could have been around £70 million per year (in 2009 prices).

**Penning Supports Average Speed Cameras:**

**A.O.B.**

**Red:** Looking for ideas for doing a calendar for 2012. As our group or as a regain. Also may look at doing Christmas cards as well. Ideas in by end of March.

Maggie Gwynne has a new campaign close to her heart She has supported, with her friends, a lot of MAG events it would be nice to support her in her new cause - improved security for us all, she is raising funds for more sniffer dogs.

She has organised a fund raising event on the 19th of March 8pm at the Empire Hall in Totton, Fish and Chips and the band Bone Idle playing for just £10 a head. Please spread the word.

**Keith:** Basingstoke MAG have been invited to a party at The Soldiers Return this weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> Jan From 7.30pm.

15<sup>th</sup> Jan is Salisbury AGM. I am going to go and if any one wants to go on their bikes please let me know.

Mr Mutchie sent out a plea, does anyone in your area have something for sale to put in the small ads of The Road?

## 2011 Events

### **Sunday, January 9, 2011 - Mid Lincs MAG AGM**

**Organiser:** Mid Lincs MAG

*Annual General Meeting starting 7pm prompt. Nominations required for all the usual jobs. To our new postal address: PO Box 8, Horncastle, Lincs, LN9 9AJ please.*

**Location:** The British Sugar Sports and Social Club, British Sugar Hollow Road Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP32 7BB

**Enquiries:** Herb - Tel: 01284 724273

**Web:** <http://Face book B.S.E Mad Cows>

### **Sunday, January 30, 2011 - Western Region MAG AGM**

**Organiser:** Western Region MAG

*Regional AGM hosted by Bristol MAG. Bring your Membership cards, no card, no vote!*

**Location:** The Lamb Wotton Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS17 9UZ

### **Friday, February 4, 2011 - Sunday, February 6, 2011 - The 25th Frozen Nuts Rally**

**Organiser:** Dangermouse Rally Club

*Same site, live band and disco. £12 pre book or £15 on the gate send cheques to: PO Box 582, Enoch House, Scotia Business Park, Stoke on Trent, ST6 4RG contact Orko on: 07960451573 or Bones: 07990500688 or Rich: 07812580337.*

**Location:** Bignall End Cricket Club, Boon Hill, Bignall End, Stoke On Trent, ST7 8LA

**Web:** <http://www.dmrc.co.uk>

### **Saturday, February 5, 2011 - Fred Hill Run**

**Organiser:** Thames Valley MAG

*Annual memorial run into Oxford. Depart 1200pm.*

**Location:** Depart Chieveley Services, J13 M4, 1200pm.

**Enquiries:** Any queries, please call Rob - 07905 003585

### **Saturday, February 5, 2011 - Thames Valley Regional AGM**

**Organiser:** Thames Valley MAG

*3pm. Follows Fred Hill Run. All members from region welcome. Please remember to bring your current MAG Membership card. No card - no vote.*

**Location:** H Cafe. Berinsfield, Oxfordshire, OX10 7LY

**Enquiries:** Any queries, please call Rob - 07905 003585

### **Sunday, February 6, 2011 - Fred Hill Memorial Run**

**Organiser:** MAG Cornwall.

*Ride around Cornwall to remember Fred Hill, finishing at Truro War Memorial for laying of flowers and explanatory poster.*

**Location:** 10am Smokey Joes cafe near Blackwater Cornwall.

### **Saturday, February 19, 2011 - East Anglia Regional AGM**

**Organiser:** East Anglia MAG

*Arrive from 14:00 for a 14:15 start Remember your Membership card - no card, no vote.*

**Location:** 11 Short Drive, Manea, Nr. March, Cambridgeshire PE15 0GF

**Web:** <http://east-anglia-region.mag-uk.org>

**Basingstoke MAG 2011 AGM.** 24<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.

**Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM.** 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.