



Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch association

Committee Meeting

Monday 21st August

7.15pm

Southwater Leisure Centre,

Pevensey Road, Southwater, RH13 9XL

Attendees:

Andrew Moffat (AM) – Chairman

Tony George (TG) – Junior NHW

Arthur Carden (AC) – Secretary

Nicky Fuller (NF) – Minutes Secretary

Sgt. Adam Ferries (AF) – Sussex Police

Belinda Hankers (BH)

Ken Broomfield (KB) – Street Coordinator

Pauline Kentall (PK) – Area Coordinator

Steve Guzy (SG) – Treasurer

Martin Bruton (MB) – Street Coordinator

Trisha Lane (TL) – Area Coordinator/JNHW

Barrie Lane (BL) – Area Coordinator/JNHW

Apologies: Michael Neale (MN) – Vice Chairman, John Wright, Derek Pratt, Diane Morrison, Penny Groome, Val Pugh, Brian Jacobs, Peter Carpenter.

1. Welcome

- Welcome from AM to BH: new SC from Christ Hospital

2. Chairman's remarks to the Committee

- Thank you to KB for taking responsibility for Equipment and Street Signs.
- Thank you to AC for setting up the new website.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May

Minutes proposed - AC

Seconded - KB

4. Police Matters

- AF reported:

-Another period of change in policing.

-Prevention Team come into place on November 6th: Prevention will replace Neighbourhood Policing which will cease to exist.

Sergeants: Ian Cooke, Mandy Symes and Peter Allan will run this from Worthing.

- PSCOs based at Horsham:

Ryan Brackpool, Damian Cecil and Andy Reed

Tracey Bicknell, Jack Mulcahy and Sebastian Bell

Erica Baxter, Adrian Bell and James Turner

-Miles Ockwell has been appointed Chief Inspector for Horsham District with Sarah Leadbeater and Alan Lowe as Inspectors.

-PCs based at Horsham:

Adam Ferris, Caroline Bailey, Darren Elgar and Angie Keeley.

- Schools Officer for Horsham Area- Stuart Atkins.

Action Point 1 – AF will send clarification of the new structure to NHW committee

-NHW committee are concerned that the connection between the public and the Police is being lost. AF assured NHW that the team is very committed and he will push to keep the connection.

- AC asked AF to request that he stays as the link between the police and the NHW, despite the fact that he has now reverted to PC from Acting Sgt.

- The quarterly meeting is the connection for NHW to raise concerns with the Police so this needs to happen. Lindsay Wine is going to take over as Public Liaison Officer and will be a good connection.

-AM has written and thanked the Police for the good work by AF.

- **TL and BL raised an issue to AF:**

-Boys racing cars and playing loud music at night in Tesco's car park.

Tescos's have been approached, Jeremy Quinn has been written to.

-Meeting with Tesco's at Horsham Police Station on August 30th to discuss this issue.

- Suggestions from MB:

Talk to The Press and have placards outside Tesco; contact Fire Brigade as dangerous if near the petrol station and spread the word as the more phone calls to the Police, the more likely they are to respond to it.

- **PK raised the issue of 101 to AF:**

-Incident of a cold caller (just out of prison) knocking on a door and a 101 phone call taking 30 minutes. This is not unusual and when the subject of 101 was brought up at a Police meeting it was called a 'Gold Problem'.

Action Point 2 – AF will take on the 101 problem and will speak with James Collis, (Superintendent for West Sussex), to raise the issue. He will find out who is responsible for solving this 'Gold Problem'.

Action Point 3 – AM will invite James Collis and John Wright to the next meeting/ a special meeting to discuss the issue. James.collis@sussex.pnn.police.uk

5. Events and Media Sub- Committee

- **NHW exposure at events**

- The events attended by NHW created 45 responses from people interested in NHW. However, phone calls and e mails on the back of this interest has not yet had a single positive outcome.

- Different approach in Billingshurst with SG handing out forms inviting people to e mail him-zero response. AC said recruiting has more success with follow up when Face to Face.

- Two problems:

People only appear to be interested in their own streets, making AC recruitment more difficult.

Younger people don't have the time to commit.

- Anything the Police can do to help would be appreciated.

Action Point 4 – AM will find out when the next District News is due out and then he and MB will write an article to encourage support for NHW.

- **NHW exposure on Media**

-Not able to discuss Facebook, Website, Articles without MBry. However, it is important to have a temporary website.

Action Point 5 – AM to ring MBry to discuss the way forward with the website.

Action Point 6 – MB to take over responsibility for the new website and to look at ways to migrate information from the old website. Regular action required to keep the site up to date.

Action Point 7 – SG to provide AC with accounts for the year and MB to put on website.

Action Point 8 – AM to speak to John Wright to discuss whether we should have a joint website with Crawley.

- 'Following' NHW information on Facebook is better than 'sharing'.

- Older generation want highly localised information but the Police do not have the manpower to do this. AF said that the appointment of Lindsay Wine, the new Public Engagement Officer, will help.

- NHW need to be careful re duplication The fear is that if respondents receive too many communications, they will simply not read them.

6. JAG and Federation reports

Action Point 9 – AM to find out if MN is going to the JAG meeting on Thursday 14th Sept in Park Barn, Horsham.

Action Point 10 – SG will apply for funds from the Federation.

7. Discussion of Selected Matters

- **Blockers:**

- AC informed the committee that Trading Standards offer free blockers to anyone that applies for one.
- AF said that the Police also give them out to victims after incidents.
- Truecall is the blocker recommended by 'Which'.

Action Point 11 – AC will send out this information to all ACs

Action Point 12- AF will check on the availability of blockers.

- **Weekly Reports:**

-AC will carry on Alert admin but needs regular support from others as lots to follow up and all need to work on this.

- **ID Cards, Names and Photos:**

- No further forward with ID cards.

Action Point 13- AM will ask Greg Charman if he can help with these.

Action Point 14- If Greg agrees then AM to inform committee members.

Action Point 15- Committee members to then send photos to AC ASAP.

- **Street Signs:**

- The order will be ready for collection on August 29th. KB said he needs to find out numbers requested/needed as the Federation have only provided 26 signs for the whole of the Horsham district. If more are needed, they will have to be paid for.

Action Point 16- KB to draft central application form for all to use.

Action Point 17- KB to draft a mail with regards signs to go out to all ACs. He will co-ordinate for all and make sure people know the protocol.

- **AGM (4th September The Capitol , Horsham) Speakers:**

- NF offered to write the minutes for the AGM.
- AM proposed NF to be nominated to join the AGM committee. SG seconded.
- AC will nominate Brian Jacobs to join committee. SG seconded.

Action Point 18- AC to mail all committee members to check they are staying.

Action Point 19- AC to send out three reminders about the AGM between now and the night.

Action point 20- AM to organise everything needed for AGM. AC to make a sign for downstairs to direct people to the right place.

- **JNHW:**

- TL and BL will help at the local JNHW events but would like to step down from the ones further afield.
- TG is hopeful that 3 more people are coming on board.
- JNHW expenses were agreed by AC and AM. Cheque written for TG at the meeting.
- The expenses for the September AGM can be on next year's accounts.

- **Alert Training :**

Action Point 21- AM to speak to MBry re Alert Training for SG and TL

8. Treasurer's Report

Action Point 22- SG to bring Treasurers report to the AGM and to send to AC to forward to ACs.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday November 6th 7.15 start at The Village Centre in Pevensey Road.

Action Point 23- AF to confirm to AM that he can make this date.

10. Any Other Business

Action Point 24– AM to contact Di Ellis re photos at the AGM.

Action Point 25 – NF and KB to assist AC recruiting ACs. AC to send a list of SCs to KB and NF so they can ring round.

- Roger Clarke – will again be AC for Partridge Green on ceasing as HDC Chairman.
 - Billingshurst- SG
 - Amberley- covered
 - Storrington (South) and Rudgwick- ACs still needed.
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- MB suggested we hold an event to get SCs together so we can promote AC positions.
 - AF informed the committee that the Police have been asked to provide a drop in surgery for coordinators at Slinfold.

Action Point 26 – AF to let AM know when this event is taking place so that Slinfold Ac and SCs can be informed.

Meeting closed at 9:55pm

Action Points

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