



# Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association

Committee Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

7.15pm

Southwater Leisure Centre,

Pevensey Road, Southwater, RH13 9XZ

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**Attendees:**\* Denotes Committee

\*Ken Broomfield (KB) – Secretary and Street Coordinator

\*Andrew Moffat (AM) – Chairman

\*Arthur Carden (AC) – Liaison Officer

\*Nicky Fuller (NF) – Minutes Secretary

\*Martin Bruton (MB) – Street Coordinator

\*Jackie Reader (JR) - Street Coordinator

\*Barrie Lane (BL) Area Coordinator/JNHW

\*Steve Guzy (SG) – Treasurer and Area Coordinator Billingshurst,

\*Marc Bryant- (MBry) Vice Chair and Coordinator Horsham Trafalgar and Warnham

\*Tony George (TG) – Junior NHW

\*Trisha Lane (TL) Area Coordinator,

Grace Whellams (GW) – Street Coordinator

Peter Allan (PA) – Sussex Police

Val Comper (VC)- Area Coordinator

**Apologies** Tony Eakins (TE) – Street Coordinator, \*Michael Neale (MN) – Area Coordinator, \*Roger Noel (RN) Area Coordinator, \*Pauline Kentell (PK)- Area Coordinator, Mary Irons (MI)- Street Coordinator, Chris Murray (CM)- Street Coordinator, Sara-Jane Stanborough (SJS) – Area Coordinator, Deborah Gilham (DG) – Area Coordinator, Pip McBean (PMb)- Area Coordinator, Sue Jahan (SJ) – Area Coordinator

## 1. Welcome, apologies, Chairman's remarks

- Thanks for everything he does and Happy 90th Birthday to Arthur Carden (AC)
- Introductions from everyone in the room.

## 2. Action from previous Meetings (Ongoing)

Ref 1Q19	Description and <b>Update</b>	Contact
AP2	NF to communicate events happening at Age UK Horsham District to KB to forward on to ACs and SCs on an ongoing basis – <b>KB to be put on communication list from NF at Age UKHD</b>	NF/KB ✓
AP4	RD to send as many details of the phone incident (fake notes and policeman not leaving details) as possible to PA who will investigate. <b>Complete</b>	RD/PA ✓
AP5	KB to send a reminder out about The Protector for keyless cars. <b>KB brought a Defender Signal Blocker for people to look at. They are about £12 each from Amazon and the like. KB wants to look into this further before we</b>	KB ✓



AP6	✓	KB to add <a href="http://www.imobilise.com">www.imobilise.com</a> to the NHW website- Complete- Thank you to MB for doing this.	KB ✓
AP9	✓	NF to help TG with an article to find a deputy for JNHW- Article in various Parish magazines in the district and 2 of the Horsham papers. NF will email the papers that haven't replied. KB has also put a NHW flyer in the Horsham Papers.	NF/TG ✓
AP12	✓	MB to create a link on the website to useful lost property pages on Facebook. Complete	MB ✓
AP13	✓	MB to get in touch with TE re support with the website. Ongoing	MB ✓

### 3. Sussex Police Update and discussion

1. Peter Allan (PA) is keen to try and do some surveying work about what the public, from different demographic groups, feel about the police.
2. PA has looked at the statistics for burglary in dwellings: on a month by month basis each month, for the last two years, it has been going down which is good news.
3. Crime across the whole of Horsham has gone up a crime a day in the last two years.
4. The label- 'Criminal Damage'. PA wants to change this label to make it clearer as it covers all aspects of Anti-Social behaviour. He feels it need to be broken down into relevant and specific crime to give a more meaningful indication of criminal damage types, that the community is interested in.
5. Martin Bruton (MB) expressed his concern with the information that is put out on Facebook. PA said that it is a challenge as there are so many different groups on Facebook and that the Police can't report everything on Facebook.
  - a. PA will speak to Ken Broomfield (KB) before the next meeting to discuss what information would be useful on Facebook. MB is concerned that people air their grievances on Facebook and it doesn't support the communities' opinion of the police.

AP 1- PA to speak with KB with regards what information would be useful to put on Facebook

6. Steve Guzy (SG) feels that because of the volume of incidences now, the police are now reactive and that also, because of the volume of crime, some of the lesser crimes get ignored.
7. MB commented on the fact that 101 is still a problem for people to report crimes and this is why items get put on Facebook. He also expressed concern that the police do not always respond when the public report an incident or crime. PA said that everyone who contacts the police should get a response.
8. Marc Bryant (MBry) said that some people think if they have put it on Facebook, it has been reported. MB thinks that there should be a working group with the police to look at the issue with social media.
9. Andrew Moffat (AM) said that it is useful to have these discussions as this is what the public are likely to be thinking.
10. MB thinks if some of these crimes go on Alert then the police might get more feedback.



- 11.KB suggested that the top 6 crimes from each week go on Alert.
- 12.MB suggested we have volunteers from the community to put information on Facebook. This has been suggested before but nothing has come from this.
- 13.SG asked if PA could take this request back to the police. AM has asked if a volunteer could monitor these Facebook sights and feed back to the police.
- 14.AM summarized and suggested that PA had further discussions with Janice and Lindsay as to the way forward with this.
- 15.SG asked about the latest on 'County Lines'. Operation Fortress is the county wide response to drug dealing. The results from the last Operation Fortress were really positive but it is a challenge to know how many of these issues there are. PA will speak to Jason Stanley, who is responsible for intensification weeks; he will ask him how NHW can support Operation Fortress.
- 16.AM gave thanks to PA and asked him to feedback the NHW concerns and discussion to the police.

AP 2- PA to have further discussions with Janice and Lindsay as to the way forward to reporting on social media.

#### **4. Date of next 2019 Committee Meeting**

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August - 7.15pm Southwater Leisure Centre

#### **5. Approval of the minutes of the 1Q19 Committee Meeting**

Minutes Approved -proposed – MBry

Minutes Approved- seconded – SG

#### **6. Committee Reports- Highlights**

- **Chairman:** See website for full report
- **Secretary:** See website for full report
- **Treasurer:** See website for full report
- **Junior NHW:** See website for full report
- **Liaison:** See website for full report

KB has changed the website to give highlights from each of the reports. KB suggests that everything to do with committee meetings goes on the Committee page to make it as clear as possible.

AP 3- KB to liaise with MB re moving of various 'committee' items.

#### **7. Feedback to the committee**

##### **A. Operations Tulip and Tinsel-**

- AC pointed out that it is only Horsham who has Operation Tulip. AM thinks only Horsham operate Operation Tinsel as well. AM commented on the benefits of linking with the police for these events.



- Val Comper (VC) was very disappointed with the attitude from the staff at Newbridge Nursery at the Operation Tulip event. Trisha Lane (TL) and Barrie Lane (BL) agreed that it was very disappointing. NHW will look at other options for representing NHW for next year. VC recommends Squires and Hilliers garden centres.
- AC asked about contacting people saying they are interested in joining NHW. They need to be written to and followed up. KB and VC will contact those they collect. AC has written to all those sent to him by AM and has forwarded to SG copies of those relating to Billingshurst to SG for him to follow up.
- KB said that next year's Operation Tulip is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

#### **B. Sussex NHW Federation – 10/04/19**

- There is feedback from the Sussex NHW Federation meeting in the Liaison Report on the website. AC referred back to the earlier discussion with regards Alert. The Federation is having ongoing discussions with regards who should be on Alert.
- SG suggested that we should tell the Federation that NHW is a voluntary organisation and we will lose people if we ask everyone to be on it.
- VC asked if the system will cope if everyone is on it.
- There was a discussion about this, everyone feel that it is a local, voluntary thing and it will put people off joining if they have to be on Alert.

AP 4- AC to feed these views back at the next Federation Meeting.

#### **C. Joint Action Group-**

- Organised by Horsham District Council with the next meeting coming up on the 21<sup>st</sup> May
- AM said that Bennetts Field is being used for drug dealing for discussion.
- Speeding in Bramber and Fly Tipping in Rusper are on the Agenda.
- MBry wasn't aware that the Neighbourhood Wardens are preparing reports that are published.
- MB asked if the 'Older Driver' issue can be raised. Operation for poor driving is called 'Crack Down'. Is there any initiative around looking at road safety issues and having a conversation?

AP 5- AM to ask the question at the JAG with regards initiatives to do with road safety

#### **8. Social Media Update**

- MBry said that social media is working well
- MB asked about putting NHW information on Twitter and MBry said that Twitter is not something NHWHD use.



## 9. Open Discussion

- TL and BL- There have been lots of issues on the Skate Park at Highwood Estate. The manager from Courtney Green thanked NHW for their support in helping alert the police and Horsham DC.
- Grace Whellams (GW) asked for advice with regards some teenagers and unsociable behaviour in Parsonage Road. TL suggests contacting Greg Charman at HDC for advice as to what to do if it happens again. MBry suggests contacting the PCSOs and keeping a log of what is happening including times and dates etc.
- Nicky Fuller (NF) has been asked by a resident of Pollards Drive in Horsham why the NHW signs don't add, 'No Cold Calling' under the signs. KB said that the existing signs are, 'information signs' but the 'NO COLD CALLING' statement is 'instructional' wording which not every household may agree with; the existing signs are standard design and dimensions and to modify them would add another level of expense. Using individual no cold caller stickers is the recommendation. NHW would like to thank the resident for the suggestion.

AP 6- KB to speak to a resident of Pollards Drive in Horsham with regards a question about cold calling.

- VC and KB have been organising the installation of street signs in the district. KB and VC are concerned with the slowness of the response from West Sussex County Council highways.

## 10. National Neighbourhood Watch Week

- The week of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June is National NHW week. KB thinks that every day for a week there will be a themed topic of the day. KB suggests that we watch for announcements and think how we can communicate this.

## 11. Plenary from Executive Committee Members' meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April

- AM said that an Exec Committee Meeting is an extension to the quarterly meetings and will be a meeting that is held a couple of times a year to save time at the regular meetings. It is something that NHWHD started last summer.
- SOH- Single Online Home- The Sussex Police's online crime reporting tool.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/something-youve-seen-or-heard/>

- A new police online reporting tool. There is now a reference to SOH on the Horsham NHW website. AC feels that this simplified reporting system is very positive. AC thinks the full message from Eyre/Pratt dated 12 April with title **A New Way To Report Crimes And Information Across Sussex** should appear on our website. It was confirmed that KB will message all coordinators in six months' time repeating it and encouraging SCs to offer to assist members without internet or reluctant to report matters on line.



- Expenses:- AC suggested that we follow the constitution. Using the constitution KB has suggested we have a £30 cap for expenses. SG has written the following policy which is in line with the constitution. The committee agreed that we should follow this policy with regards expenses.

**AP 7- KB to review Constitution to ensure wording etc is 100% clear and 'watertight'.**

- There was a long discussion about photo ID cards and it was decided that we will wait for The Federation to make a decision about how these are designed and work.
- The Strap Line 'For Communities That Care' will now go on our footers.

## 12. Horsham Hospital Fete-

AC needs a table and a feather flag, a table cloth and 2 chairs. KB will drop them off to Arthur; Jackie Reader (JR) will support.

**AP 8- KB to drop items to AC for the Horsham Hospital Fete**

## 13. Any other business

- Carly Jenkins:- NH Wardens Supervisor. KB has invited her to the next committee meeting.
- TL pointed out that some Conservative Canvassing Leaflets have NHW on them.
- Nicky Fuller (NF) suggested that we ask Carly Jenkins to talk at the AGM.
- SG said that £300 has come in from the Federation. The federation have confirmed that is no budget to support NHW groups and that NHW groups are responsible for their own fundraising.
- AC asked SG how he is getting on getting information from developers. BL and TL have written a document and SG will send to developers in the area.

**AP 9- SG to send letter to all developers asking for financial support for NHW**

- MBry told the committee that the Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council elections are this week if anyone wants to stand.

**Meeting Closed- 9.53 pm**

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