



Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association

Committee Meeting

Monday 12th August 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

Carly Jenkins (CJ)- NH Wardens Supervisor

Mary Irons (MI)- Area Coordinator

*Tony George (TG) – Junior NHW

*Trisha Lane (TL) Area Coordinator,

Sgt. Peter Allan (PA) – Sussex Police

Apologies *Michael Neale (MN) – Area Coordinator, *Roger Noel (RN) Area Coordinator, *Pauline Kentell (PK)- Area Coordinator, Sue Jahan (SJ) – Area Coordinator, Grace Whellams (GW) – Street Coordinator, *Steve Guzy (SG) – Treasurer and Area Coordinator Billingshurst, Val Comper (VC)- Area Coordinator, *Marc Bryant- (MBry) Vice Chair and Coordinator Horsham Trafalgar and Warnham

1. Welcome, apologies, Chairman's remarks

- Introductions from everyone in the room, welcome to Carly Jenkins (CJ) the new NH Wardens Supervisor; welcome back to Sgt Peter Allan (PA)
- Thanks for everything he does and Happy 90th Birthday to Tony George (TG) and again to Arthur Carden (AC) who has now crossed the 90 line
- It's been a busy summer, thanks to everyone for their hard work. Andrew Moffat (AM) stressed the importance of NHW's presence at events in the Horsham District as this helps keep NHW visible to the public.
- We made £131 over the summer with the Lucky Dip and public donations

2. Action from previous Meetings (Ongoing)

Ref 2Q19	Description and Update	Contact
AP1	PA to speak with KB with regards what information would be useful to put on Facebook. Ongoing	PA/KB
AP3	Ken Broomfield (KB) to liaise with Martin Bruton (MB) re moving of various 'committee' items. Complete	KB
AP4	AC to feed the views regarding Alert member back at the next Federation Meeting. Complete	AC
AP5	AM to ask the question at the JAG with regards initiatives to do with road safety. Ongoing- AM will check with Greg Charman	AM
AP6	KB to speak to a resident of Pollards Drive in Horsham with regards a question about cold calling. The resident did not reply to KB's mail. Closed	KB
AP7	KB to review Constitution to ensure wording etc is 100% clear and 'watertight' On going	KB
AP8	KB to drop items to AC for the Horsham Hospital Fete Complete	KB
AP9	Steve Guzy (SG) to send letter to all developers asking for financial support for NHW SG not present at the meeting so carried forward.	SG

3. Sussex Police Update and discussion- *In future this will be Agenda item#2 so that the Police can leave straight after*

- 1) AM suggested that questions for PA be sent in advance so that PA can give us a fully comprehensive answer.
- 2) KB has also asked that questions from the Weekly Bulletins be sent to him in advance of a meeting so that these can be checked first. Also, if there is something specific that someone needs more information about then feel free to contact him by email too.
- 3) PA said there is general information on the website, 'Ask the Police', that might be useful and interesting to members as well as the public. MB and Mary Irons (MI) suggested that a link to the website was put on the NHW website as well as a link to, 'frequently asked questions' which would be helpful.
- 4) MI has offered to work with PSEOs Janice Brown and Lindsey Wine to compile a list of these frequently asked questions (FAQs).

AP 1- AC to forward contact information for Janice & Lindsey to MI who compile a list of the questions for review at November's meeting.

- 5) Average response time for calls to 101 is ~8 minutes, coming down; this was seen as a positive step for 101.
- 6) PA - change in key contact personnel for NHW within Sussex Police, as follows:
- a) Chief Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter – the new District Commander, based in Worthing
 - b) Superintendent Miles Ockwell – new Head of Neighbourhood Policing for West Sussex.
 - c) Inspector Allan Lowe – Prevention Team, Worthing and Adur**
 - d) Acting Inspector Jim Loader - Prevention Team, Horsham**
- **NB.** Sussex Police's Prevention Team is for Horsham, Worthing and Adur but Inspectors Lowe and Loader support Worthing & Adur and Horsham respectively.
- e) Sergeant Peter Allan – Prevention Team, Horsham, Worthing and Adur.

AP 2- KB to advise the coordinators of the changes in Police personnel via ALERT

- 7) MB asked if Horsham Police Station will remain open as at one point there was talk of it closing. PA said that he does not know anything about it closing. PA said that some functions in the police are collaborated e.g. Finance, a few of the admin functions etc. but Horsham is a large town so the Police Station is likely to remain.
- 8) Vehicle Crime stats- Quarter May to July 2019 compared to the same time the year before-
- Interference (trying car doors and looking)- rise from 12 to 16 (+4)
 - Theft (stealing from car) - rise from 52 to 80 (+28)
 - There is a court case tomorrow in Steyning with regards a spate of car crime; KB highlighted this problem re Steyning on ALERT ~6 weeks ago.
 - AC asked if it is likely to be one group working in areas and PA said that this is likely as people do not just try one car.
- 8) The rolling year figures for dwelling burglaries (dwellings include sheds & garages attached to residents' homes) has been consistently decreasing; the figures are still high but seen as a positive step.
- MI said that it would be interesting to know how many of the burgled properties had alarms and/or Ring doorbells etc. PA said he will look at the letter that goes out to people after a crime to see what it says. PA highlighted the fact that CCTV can be registered on Alert again and encouraged NHW to highlight this again with the members.

AP 3 - PA to look at the letter that goes out to victims of burglary to see if it mentions alarms

- 9) PA stated that over the last year 18 crimes are reported, on average, on a daily basis

4. Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens

1. AC welcomed CJ and said that NHW are delighted that we can link with the NH Wardens to support the Horsham District.

2. CJ's role is one of dedicated line management. There are now 7 teams (2 in each team) across the district. Her role is to support the Wardens. It is about raising the profile about what the Wardens can do and work with other partnerships such as NHW and Age UK Horsham District. The Wardens are based in the communities.
3. The Wardens have powers to enforce and can issue fixed penalties such as Anti-social behaviour in some instances.
4. The areas that are covered in the role include school parking and anti-social behaviour and the perception of young people. Also there are priorities within each area and the Wardens evidence the work they do on a monthly basis. Moving forward, the Wardens are providing statistics to challenge/support what goes on in the community. This can be read on each of the parish websites.
5. Trisha Lane (TL) asked for the names of the Wardens who cover Highwood Mill and the names were given. CJ said that North Horsham isn't covered but that Trafalgar, Denne and Forest are covered. TL said that they get lots of phone calls from residents of Highwood Mill and said that it would be good to have links with the Wardens to support the work that they do.

AP 4 CJ said that she will make sure that the contact details for the Wardens get sent to NHW and KB will send out to the coordinators.

6. AC asked if the Wardens are subsidised by HDC. CJ said that some of the schemes are for 2 years and others are for 3 so it is important that they spend as much time in the Parishes as possible and be a presence. Neighbourhood/Parish Councils set the priorities for their Wardens.
7. CJ said that the Wardens have a vulnerable older person's list.
8. The Wardens' shift pattern's cover 7 days a week from 8am-11pm. The patterns vary depending on the times of year. The patrols that the Wardens cover are varied in order that they don't show too much of a pattern.
9. AM asked how many arrests have occurred through the activities of the Wardens. MB said that he had heard only praise for the Wardens and Nicky Fuller (NF) agreed.
10. MB asked about the beggars in East Street. CJ said that it is a constant battle but that the Wardens are doing the best that they can.
11. Tony George (TG) asked CJ to pass on the request for support finding volunteers for JNHW.

AP 5 CJ said that she will ask the Wardens to spread the word about support for JNHW.

5. Date of next Meetings

- Sussex NHW Federation- Wed 4th Sept, Lewes- KB and Steve Guzy (SG) to attend.
- HDNHW AGM – Monday 16th September Billingshurst Community Centre.
- Monday 18th November - 7.15pm Southwater Leisure Centre.

6. Approval of the minutes of the 2Q19 Committee Meeting

Minutes Approved -proposed – TL

Minutes Approved- seconded – MB

7. Committee Reports- Highlights

- **Chairman:** See website for full report
- **Secretary:** See website for full report
- **Treasurer:** Nothing to report
- **Junior NHW:** See website for full report
- **Liaison:** Not asked this time

8. Feedback to the committee

A. AC report from the Network Summer Seminar 9th August 2019

The Future of Neighbourhood Watch

The seminar concentrated on participating in community activities rather than in reducing crime and fear of crime; organising litter-picks, Big Lunches, discussions about elderly drivers, and other events to create togetherness, and work with other bodies to improve our neighbourhood, rather than report crime and keep an eye on our neighbours.

The current mission statement adopted nationally is “Bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities.” Note no mention of crime.

The role of Co-ordinators

Co-ordinators now need to become enthusiasts for neighbourhood activities rather than principally message forwarders.

Registering with Alert

A new, much simpler, way for people to register with Alert will become available in the next 3 months, and all members will be encouraged to register, and then receive messages direct rather than via their co-ordinator

- AC had the impression that he was a lone voice when objecting to the new focus but he got the impression that the people attending the seminar were supportive.
- AM asked how many people from London based schemes were there as opposed to Rural operations like Horsham. AC said that he thought there were more London based people.
- MB said that he started up his scheme because he wanted to alert people to what was going on in the area. He has also run street parties to link people and this has been positive.
- MI said that she doesn't see why we can't do a bit of both and NF agreed. If the events that care about communities are put on then it might create a stronger community.

- Social media is a huge communication device and has changed the way communities operate.
- AM said that we must continue to allow people at the local authority to decide what they want to have a bottom up approach.
- Also, is there a risk of losing coordinators if we have a direct approach with everyone on Alert. What happens to the other people in the street who aren't signed up to Alert?
- MB asked what support we give the Street Coordinators. Maybe we need to encourage them more to connect with their community.
- KB asked if there were any 'tool kits' or library information that underpin this new idea. AC said that there are lots of tool kits being delivered to support these ideas.
- KB would be interested in how this would be run at Federation level.
- MI suggested that we need to ask people for their views. Everyone agreed.
- Jackie Reader (JR) already put everyone in her area on the mailing list and signs everyone up to Alert. She confirmed that a lady has signed up and JR received confirmation that she had registered. The lady confirmed that she is only getting one message from Alert.
- AC said under GDPR you should not get confirmation so how did the system do this?
- AM- We need to find out more information at the AGM. AM asked AC to talk to Derek Pratt with our concerns and highlight the fact that we need to keep our bottom up approach where the authority lies with the coordinator.

AP6 - AC agreed to draft a letter to NWN HQ stating the Horsham Committee's concerns and to then contact Derek Pratt to highlight the need to keep a 'bottom up' approach where the authority lies with the Coordinator.

- In addition, the committee agreed that it is vital that the Coordinators need to know who their members are. We need to involve members and let them know when there are local issues.

B. Summer Events - Seven attended

- All done for 2019; a total of £131 was raised from the Lucky Dips and donations

C. Joint Action Group (JAG) - 9th July

AM highlighted the following point from this meeting-

- Break-ins to vehicles parked at the Kithurst car park in Storrington
- Slinfold and Highwood Estate have had issues
- Roffey has experienced drug dealing, Sussex Police are investigating
- Peter Burgess is a Horsham DC Councillor who is also on the JAG committee
- Car crime has fallen

9. Social Media Update

- MB has created a Twitter account for Horsham NHW and feels that Facebook should be updated more regularly.

10. Open Forum

- AC feels that Coordinators need to get together to learn things. MI has invited people to do this in the past, without a terribly positive response. MI said she is happy to try again with a talk on a particular subject. AC used to hold meetings with all his Coordinators and is happy to support MI with this trial.

AP 7 MI and AC will work to organise a Coordinators meeting at which AC will talk on a particular subject.

- JR asked how many AC's there are. AC said 33.

11. 2019 AGM

- Monday 16th September, 7.15pm – Billingshurst Community Centre
 - Guest Speaker will be John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of National Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN)
 - Inspector Jim Loader from Sussex Police will also address the AGM
 - MI, MB and AC gave apologies in advance for their absence at the AGM
 - MI agreed to stand on the Horsham NHW Committee – thank you Mary!
 - All other Committee members agreed to stand again in their current roles

12. Events Update

- Southwater Christmas Event on Saturday 30th November in Lintot Square, Southwater
- Operation Tinsel on Saturday 14th December in Horsham Town Centre; more info needed about this

13. Any other business

- The travellers in Victoria Road Recreation Area have now moved on.
- MB told the Committee about the Community Lottery; charities can be nominated so maybe we should encourage our Coordinators to sign up. AM said this is worth further investigation.
- NF expressed her concern to TG about his commitment to JNHW and added that TG should not feel that he can't step away from JNHW just because no one offered to take over his role. It is not fair to expect this from Tony; MB will put out some information and try to encourage support for JNHW. AM will speak to Greg Charman to see if he has any suggestions.

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Meeting Closed- 9.52 pm

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