

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15th September 2021, 7pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Hugo Cubitt (Chairman), Kevin Rafferty, Colin Robertson;
Clerk Susan Turner; guest Village Hall Committee Chairman Tim Lewis.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Tom Horsey, Alison Stent, Martin Carfrae.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 21st July, agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda: none.

4 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

.1 Chineham Tigers Contract

AGREED Wording of new contract and agreed rent 2021/22 **APPENDIX I**. Clerk to forward with invoice 2021-22 to Chineham Tigers.

.2 BDBC Grass cutting grant To be aware of potential proposal to reduce the grant.

.3 Grounds Maintenance To consider award of maintenance contract for 2022.
ACTION: Alison Stent.

.4 Old car park

AGREED To encourage use of the Old Car Park for those hiring the Village Hall.
ACTION: Tim Lewis.

.5 Village Hall Hirers' Public liability insurance

AS AGREED – Note from the Village Hall Committee, email of 27th August:

'The PC will require any hirer of the hall, who plans on using the village hall grounds, to hold appropriate Public Liability cover for activities such as BBQs.

'The Village Hall Committee will ensure anyone hosting a BBQ etc has such cover – and will add a line to our one-off hire agreement stating Public Liability insurance needs be in place for BBQs etc. If clients use bouncy castle etc then they should ensure the hirer of such has his own liability cover of course.'

Advice from specialist insurer: Would-be hirers can take out their own policy where needed (the VH committee can 'introduce' but not 'recommend' a particular insurer). Alternatively the VH Committee could take out a 'celebration & parties' policy – which offers a package of Public Liability and cancellation cover.
Noted that one-off events insurance can be as little as £50.

.6 Playground Inspections Thanks to Kevin Rafferty for monthly playground inspection **APPENDIX II**. Also replaced the 'no dogs' signs which had been removed. The RoSPA annual inspection will be within the next two weeks. Clerk to request / advise RoSPA that Kevin wishes to be present.

.7 Village Hall report from Tim Lewis.

1. A good working committee of five – Abbey, Heather, Ian, Sue, Tim.

2 No response to advertising for Caretaker but can work around that for the time being. Can cover basic maintenance, potentially found someone willing to clean after events, evening hire is more of a challenge. The Nursery School offered to take on some of the cleaning prior to their use. But do need a bookings secretary

3 A full fire assessment will be done. Has been suggested that the Committee Room door is supposed to be kept open from the Main Hall as a fire exit and not key-locked. (Noted the emergency doors at the back of the hall not weatherproof.)

.4 The VH Committee is trying to build a mailing list among the difficulties of data protection. A note to be included in the *Villager*.

- .8 **Harvest Supper** had been an occasion that brought the two villages together, and would be good to reintroduce. At one time, one village had hosted one year, one another. Tim Lewis will action for Mapledurwell, the Chairman for Up Nately.

5 COMMUNITY

- .1 **Bonfire and fireworks** Risk assessment revised. Clerk to confirm details and forward to Came & Co.
- .2 **Jubilee 2022** Chairman to seek landowner permission for Beacon. Also to consider planting a Jubilee Oak, one for each Village, potentially at the new Village Green for Up Nately. To discuss with the Tree Warden.

6 FROG LANE

- .1 **Chalk stream**
 1. Watercress Beds Lease

TO CONSIDER question / cost of registering with Land Registry and if alternative (CR, Clerk).

2. The new island in the Chalk Stream would benefit from dense planting to out-compete the Monkey Flower, ideally this autumn, possibly early spring.

- .2 **Update – verges and flooding**

1. Lengthsman has completed shoring up the verge with sandbags northside of the allotment north gate – backfilled with scalping and top soil, seeded. This, plus extending the culvert under the gateway should prevent water lying alongside the road here. Also... diverting much of the flow into the Stream at the head of the Watercress beds (allotment south gate) will reduce the volume of water converging by the north gate and flowing under the road.
2. Opposite the allotment gate it looks as if a farm vehicle has dropped a wheel into the stream as it comes from under the road. This now protected with sand bags.

AGREED To add a single rail protective fence to match that across the road.

3. Sandbags kept aside for channel diversion, now completed (CR).

- .3 **Mapledurwell Pond** – A summer plan to clear out the silt not been possible. Concern now that only mud etc is holding the liner together. Suggestion to bring in a digger to clear and then replace lining. Recent work to hand-clear some vegetation.

7 UP NATELY VILLAGE GREEN

- .1 **Community payback team** pending update on transport provision. Noted potential to host team provided via Basingstoke Voluntary Action.
- .2 Spec for ground works: 'To clear, cut down and chip [log piles] small trees as requested. Flail unwanted vegetation back to boundaries. Remove old water bowser; clear and remove old hard core as needed, break out concrete base where stables used to be and remove from site. Level and grade areas to be landscaped with excavator, remove unwanted tree roots.'
- .3 **Phone box** Re-painted with thanks to David Bone and Alan Cooper, photo needed for *Villager*.

8 HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

- .1 **Five Lanes End** The single rail fence protecting the Beech trees **APPENDIX III** is in Upton Grey. Upton Grey Parish Council have confirmed they have no objection to Mapledurwell repairing the fence. (Upton Grey PC has no plans for the area beyond any rights of way maintenance that might be done by HCC Countryside Services.) Noted that the fence was originally a Friends of St Mary's project. ACTION: Chairman to discuss with Friends.
- .2 **Mapping grips** Separate maps to be forwarded to the Clerk (to compile in one file).
- .3 **Pavement Greywell Road** M3 to the Hatch / Hollies. Overgrowth is blocking the pavement. 'Obstructing the highway' is a HCC issue, should be logged on Hantsweb, (making clear that pedestrians, and with pushchairs, have to walk in the road).

9 PLANNING & TREES**.1 New applications since last meeting**

21/00107/PIP (pending 25 Jan 2021) The Farm, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell.

Application for Permission in Principle for the residential development for a maximum of 9 dwellings. New drawings submitted showing six dwelling (three x pairs of semi-detached). The Parish Council noted the indicative new layout showing six dwellings. *'Regarding this layout, the Parish Council considers the extent of hard surfacing created by the rear access road to be an inefficient and harmful use of what is presently agricultural land. However, while this drawing showing the six dwellings, the PIP application remains for a maximum of nine. As such, the application itself remains unchanged.'*

21/02435/HSE (Validated 03 Sep 2021) Meadows, Heather, Lane Up Nately.

Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extensions and alterations to external fenestration. *Parish Council response: 'no objection'.*

21/02537/GPDOFF (Validated 03 Aug 2021) Riverview House, London Road.

Notification of proposed change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 no. 1 bed flats.

This is as the previous application (20/02087/GPDOFF) refused 25th May 2021 mostly on grounds of insufficient flood risk assessment as per EA objection. A new Food Risk Assessment has been included. The Parish Council's response to the previous application was... *'to request that a mix of one, two and three bedroomed flats, instead of all one bed flats, be considered. Also to note that the application site is within the impact zone of the nearby SSSI Mapledurwell Fen. To strongly request all measure be taken - for during and post conversion - to prevent impact on the SSSI and adjacent Hatch Nature Reserve.'*

21/02279/HSE (Validated 08 Jul 2021) Meadow Hill, Tunworth Road. Part single storey and part two storey rear extension, new entrance canopy, fenestration alterations. *Parish Council response: 'no objection'.*

See **APPENDIX IV** for all applications relating to the Parish.

.2 Local Plan Update The Economic Planning and Housing (EPH) Committee met – with public demonstrations outside the Council Offices – on 2nd September.

Apparent consensus about housing numbers being too high, 'enough is enough', but no good solutions. (There is presently an option for a LPA to demonstrate 'exceptional circumstances' as to why the Government-imposed housing figures should be reconsidered.) Sites are to be discussed at follow-up EPH meeting on 16th September.

10 FINANCE**.1 Payments since last meeting**

17	Clerk Salary July	£342.00
18	OHW Ltd (Cubitt Builders) - skip hire - Up Nately Land	£267.22
19	Martin Gosling July	£327.87
20	Harvey Simpson – door sill pavilion	£71.00
21	ICO – data protection register	£35.00
22	Marting Gosling – extra jobs	£72.00
23	Clerk Salary Aug	£342.00
24	Martin Gosling Aug	£327.87
25	PGGM – Allotment verge – sandbags/scalpings, topsoil	£685.50
26	Martin Gosling – extra cut rec	£162.00
27	David Bone for Brewers. Paint for Up Nately phone box	£34.00

.2 Accounts to date APPENDIX V.**11 FURTHER UPDATES & REPORTS****1 Local Policing update**

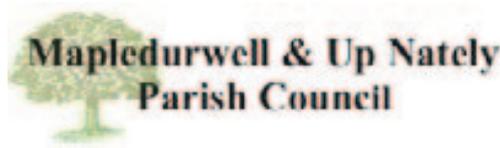
1 Letter of introduction to Chairman from PCC Donna Jones **APPENDIX VI.** Chairman to respond with Parish Councillors' questions

2 Thanks to PCSO Andy Jones from the Rural South beat, who is taking an interest in the Parish, advising Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators he his happy to be contacted and kept informed. He has recently attended incidents in Newnham and supplied a short article for the *Villager*.

12 NEXT MEETING Wednesday 7pm 17th November.

Meeting closed 8.30pm with thanks to all present.

APPENDIX I



**FOOTBALL PITCH AND 'PAVILION'
AGREEMENT 2021 - 2031**

Dated 16th September 2021

This Agreement is between **Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council** (the Council) and **Chlneham Tigers Football Club** (the Club).

The agreement covers the use of the Football Pitch and 'Pavilion' Changing Rooms located adjacent to Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell RG25 2LS.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED

**'The Council will grant the Club priority use of these facilities
for a 10-year period from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2031
for the consideration of an annual rent and agreed water charge as detailed below.'**

Annual rent for 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 = £648

This is c2% increase on 2020/21; the rent to be reviewed annually.
The water charge will be as per the Council's water bill and as demonstrably used by the Club.

The Council will maintain the fabric of the building and associated services and cut the grass with reasonable frequency.

The Club will in relation to the use of these facilities:

1. Be responsible for the safeguarding of all children in their care
2. Be responsible for the health and safety of those who use the facilities
3. Maintain suitable public liability insurance and make relevant documents available for inspection by the Council should this be required
4. Provide the Council with duplicate keys for all locks
5. Ensure that all items are removed from the pitch (excluding goal posts) at the end of each session
6. Ensure that the changing rooms and toilet are kept clean, breakages repaired and all litter removed from the rooms, the Pavilion and the vicinity of the pitch
7. Ensure that any defects are reported to the Council in a timely manner
8. Ensure that, at the end of each session, the water supply to the toilet area is turned off at the mains and all doors are secured.

The Club agrees that the Council may use the pitch and pavilion facilities on an occasional basis when not in use by the Club and by prior agreement.

The Club also agrees the occasional use of the pitch and pavilion by other clubs/teams when their normal facilities are not available – and when not in use by the Club. This would be co-ordinated via the Council with the agreement of the Club.

Signed: Susan Turner for the Council

Signed: Caroline Herzog for the Club

APPENDIX II

Playground Routine Inspection - Mapledurwell Village Hall/Recreation Area

Date: 04/09/2021 Time: 06.40

Fencing: Wooden fencing in good condition, nothing loose.
Wire fencing, furthest from the village hall, has several loose posts, but I am unsure whether this is the responsibility of the parish council.

Litter Bins: I collected discarded food wrappers and a crisp packet. The area is now clear of rubbish. I have emptied the bin inside the fenced area, which had only a few items in the bottom.

Signage: Legible and clean (Coronavirus advice) I have ordered two "No Dogs" signs and will install them, when received.

Swings (1): In good condition, surfacing in good condition, yellow safety barriers all firmly grounded and in good condition.

Swings (2): There is some slight cracking in the underside of the rubber seat on both swings, I do not think this is an immediate problem, but I will continue to monitor. That apart, the swings are in good condition, surfacing in good condition, yellow safety barriers all firmly grounded and in good condition.

Rotating Item: In good condition, surfacing in good condition.

Rocking Items (2): In good condition, surfacing in good condition.

Slide: In good condition, the housing at the top of the slide was clear of leaves.

Climbing & Agility Items: In good condition,

Balance Beams & Stepping Logs: In good condition.

Seating: the bench is in good condition but the seats on the pic-nic table are a little loose.

The guard rails between the swings are clean, firmly seated and in good condition.
The nettles in the area beyond the playground items, furthest from the village hall, have now grow quite tall, but should not be a problem.



Signature:

Name of Inspector: K M Rafferty

APPENDIX III – FENCE PROTECTING BEECH TREES AT FIVE LANES END



APPENDIX IV.I PLANNING UPDATE – 9th September 2021

21/00107/PIP (pending, validated 25 Jan 2021, new drawings August 2021) The Farm, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for Permission in Principle for the residential development for a maximum of 9 dwellings. *New indicative drawings submitted showing six dwelling (three x pairs of semi-detached). However application is still for maximum of nine, principle remains the same.*

21/02435/HSE (Validated 03 Sep 2021) Meadows Heather, Lane Up Nately. Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extensions and alterations to external fenestration.

21/02537/GPDOFF (Validated 03 Aug 2021) Riverview House, London Road. Notification of proposed change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 no. 1 bed flats. (Following refusal of 20/02087/GPDOFF on 25th May 2021)

T/00365/21/TCA (Approved 18th Aug) Arlings, Tunworth Road. T1 Walnut: reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 20m with a crown spread (radius of 6m). T2 Oak: Tree is dead and at risk of falling down and injuring someone. Monolith oak, leaving a single stem T3 Ash: Reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 15m with a crown spread (radius of 5m). T4 Yew tree: Reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 5m with a crown spread (radius of 2m) T5 Holly: Reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 5m with a crown spread (radius of 2m) T6 Yew: Reduce by approx. 2m. 2m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 9m with a crown spread (radius of 3m) T7 Acacia: Reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 15m with a crown spread (radius of 5m) Note: we would like to deadwood branches at lower levels which are severely diseased. This is in an effort to save this tree, else it would otherwise die. We foresee at least 10 branches have died and should be removed (lower branches) T8 Conifer: fell to the ground level the multi-stemmed conifer. The tree is leaning towards the vegetable plot and has a shallow root system. It is at risk of falling, causing damage in a storm. T9 Oak: Reduce by approx. 1m. 1m all round to leave an approx. finished height of 20m with a crown spread (radius of 6m)

21/02279/HSE (Validated 08 Jul 2021) Meadow Hill, Tunworth Road. Part single storey and part two storey rear extension, new entrance canopy, fenestration alterations

21/02260/LDEO (Granted 2nd September) 11 Canal Reach, Andwell Certificate of lawfulness for the existing erection of single storey rear extension

21/01739/LBC (Pending, Validated 14 Jul 2021) Arlings Tunworth Road. Replacement of all existing windows and exterior doors with new like for like design windows and doors.

21/01951/HSE (Pending, Validated 13 Jul 2021) Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road. Erection of garage and home office with loft room over following demolition of existing double garage.

T/00353/21/TCA (Approved 12th August) Little Common Cottage Frog Lane Mapledurwell Basingstoke Hampshire A T1: fell; T2 Plum: fell; T3 Blackthorn: fell.

21/01777/RET (Pending, Validated 24 May 2021) The Gamekeepers Tunworth Road. Laying of hardstanding to provide access to the cesspit for the pump-out lorry and to enable the dray lorry to make deliveries clear of the highway; the hardstanding also to serve as additional parking to serve The Gamekeepers; provision of 7 No. low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within the landscaped margin.

21/01566/HSE (Pending, Validated 07 May) 2 Canalside Cottages, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey rear/side extension, single storey front/side extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space. Proposed loft conversion. Erection of outbuilding for garden store/office and cantilevered decking over canal side. *Consultation to 28th June. PC response 27th June. The Parish Council requests consideration be given to minimise and mitigate impact on the canal and the Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area.*

21/01503/HSE (Pending, Validated 30 Apr 2021) Burrough Close, Greywell Road, Andwell. Erection of two storey side extension, floor plan alterations and all associated works.

APPENDIX IV.II – PLANNING UPDATE – 9th September 2021, cont

[21/01441/FUL \(Granted 3rd September\)](#) Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling.

[21/01095/ROC \(Granted 9th Sept – DC of 8th Sept\)](#) The Gamekeepers. Variation of condition 1 of 19/01351/FUL to amend plan numbers to allow for change from tarmac to gravel parking area.

[21/01103/FUL \(Pending, Validated 25 Mar 2021\)](#) Southville, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new three bedroom chalet bungalow.

[21/00827/FUL \(Pending, Validated 20 Apr 2021\)](#) Land Opposite Hillside, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Change of use of land to form secure dog walking area and off road parking area for 2-3 cars. Erection of gate and 1.8m fence around perimeter of site. Replacement of existing shed.

[21/00427/FUL \(Pending, Validated 22 Feb 2021\)](#) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Erection of 1 no. 4 bed dwelling, detached garage, vehicular and pedestrian access, servicing and landscaping on land to north of Nunnery House.

[21/00107/PIP \(Pending, Validated 25 Jan 2021\)](#) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Application for Permission in Principle for the residential development for a maximum of 9 dwellings.

[20/03328/FUL \(Pending, Validated Fri Nov 2020\)](#) Waterside, Frog Lane. Proposed redevelopment of redundant offices (& light industrial unit) to create 2no. family dwellings.

[20/01723/FUL \(Refused 22nd July.\)](#) (Validated 29 Jun 2020) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane, Andwell. Erection of 8 no. dwellings with new service road and improved access from the highway.

APPENDIX V.I

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APPENDIX V.II

INCOME M&UN 2021/22 - 13th Sept										
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2021										£14,533.46
Date	Description	Precept	VH Insurance	Refund	Rec / grass cutting	Grants Other	Allotments	Bank interest	VAT reclaim	TOTAL
08/04/21	Refund-WEL-Medical (DB) Defib			£192.00						£192.00
18/04/21	Half precept	£5,012.00								£5,012.00
	BDBC - Grass cutting grant				£1,195.00					£1,195.00
29/04/21	VAT to 31 Mar 2021								£773.73	£773.73
16/07/21	Steve Tingey-allot-rent-last-year						£20.00			£20.00
29/07/21	Friends - St Mary's - Donation					£500.00				£500.00
2021/22	Bank Interest							£0.76		£0.76
TOTALS		£5,012.00	£0.00	£192.00	£1,195.00	£500.00	£20.00	£0.76	£773.73	£7,693.49

Receipts and Payments Summary		Bank reconciliation		Interest	
Start balance	£14,533.46	Business bank access	£12,756.20	April	£0.12
Plus Income	£7,693.49	Treasurer's (cheque)	£1,012.71	May	£0.13
Less Expend	£8,458.04			June	£0.14
End balance	£13,768.91			July	£0.13
				August	£0.12
				Sept	£0.12
		BALANCE	£13,768.91	October	
				November	
				December	
				January	
				February	
				March	
				Total	£0.76

EXPENDITURE M&UN 2021/22 - 13th Sept														
Date	Description		Salary	Finance Admin	Villager information	Maintenance Grounds	General	Pavilion WATER	Allotments	Projects	VAT	TOTAL		
04/04/21	VH Insurance repayment-2020/21	1	BACS		£511.91							£511.91		
04/04/21	Martin Gosling - VH-leaves-2020/21	2	BACS			£60.00					£12.00	£72.00		
04/04/21	HALC (+NALC) subscription 21/22	3	BACS		£280.04							£280.04		
20/04/21	Clerk Salary April	4	SO	£342.00								£342.00		
28/04/21	Martin Gosling April 2021	5	SO			£273.23					£54.64	£327.87		
30/04/21	CR for... £197.33	6	BACS											
	B&Q - Water butt		BACS						£33.00		£7.00	£40.00		
	B&Q - paint equip - gravel board		BACS							£91.28	£18.25	£109.53		
	Homebase - wood preservative		BACS							£11.67	£2.33	£14.00		
	B&Q rough sawn timber		BACS							£28.17	£5.63	£33.80		
01/05/21	PGGM-Allotment-culvert-materials	7	BACs						£95.00		£19.00	£114.00		
07/05/21	Came&Co (ArthurJGallagher) Insurance	8	BACs	£1,171.51								£1,171.51		
18/05/21	Castle Water SE0030239174	9	DD						£59.62			£59.62		
18/05/21	Castle Water TW5520677093	10	DD					£434.76				£434.76		
20/05/21	Clerk Salary May	11	SO	£342.00								£342.00		
01/06/21	Martin Gosling May 2021	12	SO			£273.23					£54.64	£327.87		
17/06/21	Villager	13	BACs		£766.80							£766.80		
21/06/21	Clerk Salary June	14	SO	£342.00								£342.00		
27/06/21	PGGM-Allotment-sandbags	15	BACs							£65.00	£13.00			
	PGGM - VH car park - scalplings		BACs				£80.00				£16.00	£174.00		
28/06/21	Martin Gosling June 2021	16	SO			£273.23					£54.64	£327.87		
20/07/21	Clerk Salary July	17	SO	£342.00								£342.00		
22/07/21	OHW Ltd (Cubitt Builders) - skip	18	BACs								£222.68	£267.22		
28/07/21	Martin Gosling July 2021	19	SO			£273.23					£54.64	£327.87		
28/07/21	HarveySimpson-door sill pavilion	20	BACs				£71.00					£71.00		
02/08/21	ICO - data protections	21	DD		£35.00							£35.00		
03/08/21	Marting Gosling - extra jobs	22	BACs			£60.00					£12.00	£72.00		
20/08/21	Clerk Salary Aug	23	SO	£342.00								£342.00		
28/08/21	Martin Gosling Aug 2021	24	SO			£273.23					£54.64	£327.87		
09/09/21	PGGM-Allotment-sandbags	25	BACs							£571.25	£114.25	£685.50		
09/09/21	Martin Gosling extra cut	26	BACs			£135.00					£27.00	£162.00		
13/09/21	DB for Brewers Paints (phone box)	27	BACs							£28.33	£5.67	£34.00		
TOTAL				£1,710.00	£1,998.46	£766.80	£1,621.15	£151.00	£434.76	£187.62	£795.70	222.68	£569.87	£8,458.04
Date	Description		Salary	Finance Admin	Villager information	Maintenance Grounds	General	Pavilion WATER	Allotments	Projects	VAT	TOTAL		

APPENDIX VI

August 2021

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Dear Cllr Hugo Cubitt,

Since being elected in May 2021 as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I have hit the ground running. As I reach the end of my first 100 days in office, I am pleased to provide an update on the actions I have taken so far and to ensure you have my contact details.

I have been spending time with police officers, partners and speaking with the public to ensure they know I am a Commissioner who will listen to them and take action. I have had my first meeting with the Police and Crime Panel and have met with council leaders and MPs to ensure that I represent local concerns to leaders across the Hampshire constabulary policing area.

I pledged to recruit 600 new police officers by the end of 2023 and 302 new police officers have already been recruited so far from the Government's officer uplift. They will be more visible and out on local streets keeping residents safer. I have started a review into call handling to identify ways to make the service more customer-focused so that when people report a crime they are kept updated on progress.

Residents told me they are concerned about the rise of anti-social behaviour in their local communities and I have already set up an ASB task force to bring together police, local authorities and partners to tackle local problems. I have also met with the rural policing team to see how drones are being used to crack down on organised crime and I am being a voice for rural communities on crimes in their local communities.

I have been appointed at the national lead for victims across England and Wales, standing up for victims' rights at a national as well as local level, ensuring their voice is heard and their needs are at the heart of national debate and policy on policing. I am focused in sustainably improving the service victims receive from the criminal justice system, particularly victims of rape and serious sexual violence, by taking over as Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board, and will push for improvements in the criminal justice system. I have also been appointed as national lead for Serious Organised Crime, ensuring Regional Organised Crime Units are supported to develop specialist capabilities, such as forensics, to work effectively on behalf of the public locally, regionally and nationally.

I have secured and issued substantial national funding to local projects to support victims and reduce crime. This includes cash for two Violence Reduction Unit projects to tackle the root causes of violence

and prevent young people from getting involved in crime, funding to stop the cycle of abuse at an early age by working with families and young people demonstrating abusive behaviours and funding to support victims of male rape.

Looking ahead to the next 100 days, I will launching the consultation on the priorities in my 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan. The priorities in the draft Plan have been developed based on what local residents have told me what concerns them the most and what they want the police to be doing to make them safer. I would like to invite you to share your thoughts on my priorities through the survey [here](#) and please also let your residents know my priorities are out for consultation.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donna Jones'.

Donna Jones
Police & Crime Commissioner