Notes of a meeting held with Andy Wood, Sgt for the Cotswolds and Jason Stalker, Neighbourhood Officer on 4th September 2020

A meeting was held with Andy Wood, Sgt for the Cotswolds and Jason Stalker, Neighbourhood Officer and members of the Parish Council to discuss local issues.

The Parish Councillors present were: -

Cllr. L. Wilkins

Cllr. B. Sumner

Cllr. L. Hicks

Cllr. N. Randall

Cllr. S. Coventry

Cllr. B. Wragge

Cllr. A. Roberts

Cllr. A. Davis, via Zoom

Cllr. K. Cronin via Zoom

Officer: The Parish Clerk

Cllr. L. Wilkins opened the meeting and thanked the police for attending.

The following issues were raised at the meeting: -

How to manage the volume of visitors in the Cotswolds?

Can we close the village when volumes of visitors and cars are to the capacity? No this can only be done when a serious incident has happened.

Can we put signs up stating, 'All Car Parks are Full' on the Fosseway. Yes, speak to the two fuel stations on the Fosseway leading to Stow.

The additional car parks in the village do not help this situation as this encourages visitors to the village. Can we change the number of days the additional car parks are used in a year? The planning requirement would need to be changed with the District Council.

Motor cycles are causing an issue to residents in the High Street by parking on pavements and revving their engines. The noise volume of 110 decibels had been measured whilst a motor cycles engine had been revved up. Could the police speak to the motor cyclists regarding this issue? The police agreed to do a joint operation with motor cyclists on the issues raised. It was evident that there was a drug issue in the village, one place noted was at the Melville recreation ground and surrounding area. The Parish Council were working on getting a street light located in the problem area to try and deter this issue. Anti-social behaviour was still happening at the cemetery. The police agreed with this action and stated that according to their data nobody had reported drug issues in the village on the 101 number. Residents were to be urged to report any issues to the police using the online website. Cllr. Davis raised that incidents had been reported and she could produce incident numbers. The police would look into this problem.

The Parish Council were working on having another ANPR camera in the village. The police supported the Parish Council in this decision. The police confirmed that evidence from the ANPR cameras had been used against people. The police also stated that the cameras which are installed in vehicles are used for evidence when incidents had occurred.

Would the police support the Parish Council in trying to get additional signage on the Fosseway, close to Lansdowne directing traffic to the traffic lights on the Fosseway and traffic to come down Station Road into the village? This was a matter to be taken up with GCC.

A question was asked why the police hadn't taken up the issues which had occurred whilst the travellers had been in the village. The police stated that a criminal offence had not taken place. The police were asked what powers they had if there were groups of people gathered in the village which was more that the government guidance.

There were plans to re-open the Youth Club at the Cricket Club in October/November this year. The police agreed to attend a session of the Youth Club once re-opened.

The police agreed to attend a bi-monthly or a quarterly meeting with Parish Councillors to address any issues. As the police were unable to use zoom due to security issues an agreement was reached to use Skype for future meetings between police and parish councillors.