

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NORTH SHROPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD & FARM WATCH ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 23rd November 2017 at Tern Hill Hall Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Dave Roberts, Graham Turnbull, Andrew Carter, Ted Scales and Jackie Carter (Minute Taker)

Apologies: Steve Corbishley

Chairperson's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Andrew Carter, seconded by Graham Turnbull.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Local Publicity Update

Jackie Carter said that she had not had the opportunity to start contacting the local parish magazines yet.

Website Update

Graham Turnbull had been in touch with Steve Corbishley with regards the web site. Steve has said that he has plans to move out of the area, so he will be unable to continue in his role as coordinator and website manager. Steve has given Graham authorisation right to the Website which will enable him to evaluate the Hugo Fox website to see what can be done to make it more user friendly and relevant to promoting the Association. If we are limited to what can be put on, he will look at other Web hosts to see what they can offer. Andrew Carter had checked and found that the Domain Name is still ours.

It was agreed that the Website needs to be able to promote the Association in a more upbeat manner and inviting to younger people. It would be useful to be able to have Membership forms and Handbook online to encourage people to sign up online. We could then have links to Security Advice, local trusted traders who discount to members, etc.

It was also agreed that Facebook and Twitter were not viable on the grounds of needing constant updating, security and not being particularly relevant to our needs. It would be

better to try and send regular information to local Parish Websites along with updating our own.

Meeting Dates for 2018

It was agreed to keep the meetings as last year 3 x Coordinators, 4 x Management. Dates for 2018 were agreed and Jackie will send out calendar once confirmed with the Hotel.

Any Other Business

Jackie Carter had a list of schemes that no longer have a coordinator. It was suggested that the schemes be targeted individually by first contacting all those on email, explaining that we need someone to step in to keep their scheme running, with a brief outline that it would entail collecting in subscriptions and dispersing information to their neighbours.

Ted Scales will sort out membership subscription lists so we can start getting them out to coordinators. The AGM notice will be prepared to go out as soon as possible for nominations to be considered and a list of vacant positions on Committee.

It was suggested we contact National Neighbourhood Watch to see if they have any specific Software that can be used to enhance the membership database.

Andrew will contact Smartwater to ask whether 'out of date' bottles are still viable. He will also try and find out who John was liaising with as far as getting Smartwater for our members and what the arrangement now is.

Andrew showed a sample of what we should have on self inking stamp, cost estimate was £40, he will go ahead and order.

Jackie had drafted a letter to be sent to the PCC with regards the problems with CMS and the general lack of enthusiasm/recognition for Neighbourhood Watch

Jackie had had a request for Alarmed Padlocks at the last meeting. She has been in touch with the company who supplied the last lot (CPP Ltd) and they have quoted £11.40 each for 50+. It was agreed that we purchase 50 to start and subsidise them to sell out at £7.50 for members only.

Jackie will start looking for speakers for 2018. It was suggested we could pick a few themes like, Spring - Home Security, Summer – Caravan Security, Winter – Lighting. It was also agreed that we should consider donation to any Speaker from a Voluntary Service.

There being no further business.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.