

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NORTH SHROPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD & FARM WATCH ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES of the Coordinators' meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018
at the Tern Hill Hall Hotel at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT were:, Dave Roberts; Janet Nowill (Coton); Andrew & Jackie Carter, Roger Ashton (Aston/Lee Brockhurst); Herbert Skitt (Towers Drive); Graham Turnbull (Hollinwood); Ted Scales (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton); Paul Johnson (Eckford Park); Steve Corbishley (Mill Lane); Peter Pring (Valley View, Mkt Drayton); Alison Teece (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton); PC Alan Ambrose; PC Lee Thomas; Sgt Andy Garrett; Val Povall (Minute Taker).

APOLOGIES received from: Debbie Scales (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton), Jean Pennie (Norton in Hales); David Haynes; Caroline Whitfield; David Edge (Loppington);

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: The Chairman Dave Roberts welcomed those present and also thanked Alison Teece for attending as Speaker on Fire Safety along with Sgt Andy Garrett, PC's Lee Thomas and Alan Ambrose who had come along to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly proposed by Andrew Carter and seconded by Graham Turnbull.

MATTERS ARISING:

Jackie Carter said that the letter to PCC had still to be finished and sent.

Andrew Carter reported that he now held a supply of alarmed padlocks available at a subsidised price of £7.50 each to members only. He had brought one along to the meeting to demonstrate its attributes both as a sturdy padlock and an alarmed deterrent. Coordinators were asked to let their scheme members know about the offer and to get in touch with numbers required.

SPEAKER – ALISON TEECE

Alison Teece from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service Prevention Team spoke about Fire Safety in the Home giving advice on Smoke Alarms, where to place them and the importance of checking them regularly, her motto - 'Test it Tuesday'. She showed a short video about the dangers of placing flammable items close to fires and the dangers of candles, etc. Top fire callouts were to kitchen fires where homeowners had been distracted leaving cooking unattended, faulty electrical appliances (e.g. washing machines and tumble driers). She also stressed the importance of not overloading socket extensions. It was an interesting and informative talk giving advice to home owners. She reminded members that the Fire Service offers a free Safe and Well Visit to test or fit new smoke alarms to elderly or vulnerable homes.

COORDINATORS CORNER

No items were raised under Coordinators Corner.

POLICE

PC Andy Ambrose, PC Lee Thomas and Sgt Andy Garrett introduced themselves. They gave a brief outline of their involvement in preventing rural crime across the area and expressed a wish to be involved with Neighbourhood Watch. They said that their resources are stretched particularly as it is a rural community covering both Shropshire and Staffordshire. They were asking for our assistance in notifying them of any suspicious movements of farm vehicles or building equipment from sites where work has stopped for the day. They said that they were contactable via 101.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AGM

The Chairman, Dave Roberts reminded those members present that we need more members on the Committee, particularly replacements for John McGuinness and Steve Corbishley who is leaving the area. He said nomination forms are available.

He urged members to bring other people along to the AGM and to try and encourage younger people to become interested in Neighbourhood Watch.

AOB

No items under AOB.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 8th February 2018 – Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 22nd March 2018 – Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.