

MINUTES OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Youth and Community Centre, Collingham.

PRESENT Jayne Rose, Chair (Harby)
 Anna Dennison, Clerk (Thorney)
 Barnby Graham Bett
 Coddington David Armstrong Wendy Parrett
 Collingham Chris Allen Jim Barrie Michael Davies Rosemary Fabain
 Girton John Berry
 South Clifton Bindy Dodswell
 South Scarle Linda Dales
 Thorney Bryan Lye Helen Lye Roger Oates Alan Whiteley
 Wigsley Clive Thompson
 Police PCSO Katie Hewerdine PC Gareth Nicholls

1.68 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sam Gorin (Besthorpe); Adrian Johnston (Clifton); Caroline Nolan (Harby); Marion Goldacre (Wigsley)

1.69 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as being true record and signed. Michael Davis proposed and David Armstrong seconded.

1.70 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Dales reported that the issue Clifton were having with loose dogs was being dealt with by Newark and Sherwood District Council.

The parking close to the railway station in Collingham had been reported to Councillor Dobson as suggested.

1.71 VILLAGE/DISTRICT MATTERS

Barnby Hare coursing was a problem. The perpetrators exhibited a very arrogant attitude by shouting to the residents that they had had a great time. Residents do not feel safe to challenge them. The police asked for registration numbers to be reported so that a marker could be put on specific vehicles but did emphasise that it was not possible for all such incidents to be intercepted by the police.

Besthorpe The representative had sent in “nothing to report”.

Clifton The incident regarding loose dogs had been notified to the police and other people present at the meeting were aware of the dog in question. The police reported that the people concerned had been subject to a police notice (CPN) but this had now expired. It was hoped that Rachel Goth, Dog Warden, would follow it up. The problem appeared to have settled at the moment. PCSO Hewerdine said that a marker had been put on the address indicating presence of an unpleasant dog. Apologies were also given for the way in which the original call had been handled.

Coddington On the day of the meeting a “near miss” of a serious accident close to the school had occurred. A number of processes/strategies were in place including ticketing but nothing appeared effective for long.

 The policer had tried a number of tactics regarding this issue and many locations and also found nothing a lasting result. There was no easy solution to the problem but

suggested they try visiting at busy times during the next few weeks. The parking on zigzag lines is an issue for the County Council.

Several residents have complained about the very noisy HGV's in the early hours of the morning. It was suggested by the police that this was referred to the County Council Highways/Enforcement.

Collingham	<p>There had been several bike thefts including an unsecured bike outside the Coop and a secured bike at the railway station. CCTV was not made available at the Coop – the police are aware.</p> <p>A number of vans had been broken into, three on the same night as the bike thefts. The police have followed these up but nothing has been found. It would appear to be a one-off spike in criminal activity.</p> <p>There had been extensive Facebook conversation regarding speeding vehicles. Chris Allen is trying to get the key person to call a meeting but has not had a response. Further volunteers for the Speedwatch Campaign could result in a more positive action. The speed van had been in Collingham on 8 October but only one speeding vehicle had been caught.</p>
Girton	<p>There had been a number of incidents of fly tipping. Councillor Dales asked that all incidents of fly tipping be reported.</p>
Harby	<p>The speed camera had been used in the village and 70 speeding vehicles had been reported to PCSO Hewerdine.</p>
South Scarle	<p>There had been an incident of suspected hare coursing. The police reported that two vehicles had recently got stuck and been abandoned. One of the vehicles was registered in Blackpool which indicated the distance people would travel for this type of occurrence. Police are targeting the hotspots for hare coursing. The police are keen to address this issue but hampered by lack of resources.</p>
Thorney	<p>There had been a spike in criminal activity – nearly twelve instances. Theft included items such as tractor, irrigation pumps, diesel. Many of these instances had taken place at Tiller's site. The police were aware of all these incidents and said that they would like to tour areas, such as these, at night but it was not possible due to their workload which had to be prioritised. They emphasised however that all incidents must be reported</p> <p>There had been incidents of hare coursing where they had got into the field over a dyke damaging some young trees in the process. Mr Oates had put up posts to prevent further access. It also appeared that modified vehicles are being used.</p> <p>There had been two break-ins to sheds/garages on Drinsey Nook Lane with thefts of a chain saw, tools and hedge cutter. The incidents had been reported to the police.</p>
Wigsley	<p>There had been an attempted break-in to a property on North Scarle Road. Fly tipping continues to be a problem on the airfield. The Council cannot deal with it as it is on private land.</p>

1.72 POLICE

A graph was issued showing the number of incidents that had occurred since the previous meeting.

During the coming week the police were conducting night patrols re rural crime. It would appear that Lincolnshire Police have more resources and are targeting rural crime which it would appear is why the rate has increased in Nottinghamshire.

There had been criminal damage on Station Road in Collingham and although sporadic appeared to be a perennial problem. All incidents had been logged. Three people had been arrested and one charged and now serving a prison sentence for the Collingham burglaries. The recent ram raid at the Coop in Collingham was under investigation.

The meeting was alerted to two types of crime at the present time – break-in to vans for theft of tools and theft of catalytic converters. Security advice and stickers are available from the police.

Over the summer period there had been a spike in ASB. However, there had been a positive impact from active policing regarding youth crime, cannabis use.

1.73 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The question of whether the SNG meeting was advertised sufficiently. It is on the Police Facebook page and it was suggested that all villages could perhaps advertise on their own Facebook pages or/and websites.

PCSO Hewerdine said that she had some stickers available for Smart Water for vans. PC Nicolls advised that people would have to purchase their own and that they were expensive and suggested people look at the value of what they were trying to protect. The first action would be to not leave valuables in vulnerable places.

The meeting wished PCSO Hewerdine well as she was to go on maternity leave.

1.67 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 15 January 2020 at the Youth and Community Centre, Collingham.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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Chair

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Date