

Safer Neighbourhoods

North West Community Forum

Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7pm

Held at Hanslope Community Hall

Chair

- Chair - Dorothy Courtman (Hanslope NAG Chair)
- Vice – Chair Alison Andrew (Hanslope Parish Council)

Police Attendance

- PCSO C9677 David Huckle
- PCSO C9038 Terry Rhodes

Attendees

- Alison Andrew (Hanslope Parish Council)
- Fiona Scott (Hanslope)
- Philip Turnbull (Haversham Parish Council)
- [REDACTED] (Resident)
- Russell Forgham (Castlethorpe Parish Council)
- John Keene (Castlethorpe Parish Council)
- Christopher Wardle (Milton Keynes Ward Councillor)
- Resident (Hanslope)

Apologies

- Carol Langham (Haversham Parish Council)
- Rachel Paton (Haversham Resident)
- [REDACTED] (Castlethorpe Resident)

Overview of what a community forum is

PCSO David Huckle explained that he had been asked to set up a community forum for the North West Rural area. Although there is a NAG in place, we need to try to get the local community involved should they have any concerns or issues they wished to raise, but also to help to get involved with the forum.

We need the community to volunteer from the villages to help to identify and resolve any issues that have been highlighted and help to work with partners not just the police for example Milton Keynes Council, the village parish councils to help problem solve any issues

PCSO Huckle informed that normally there should be a representative from the Police with a rank of Sgt or above. Sgt Tom Montgomery would be joining the Neighbourhood Team in January 2023 and comes with a wealth of neighbourhood knowledge. We currently have seen our neighbourhood officers return back to shift, to help whilst the new student officers are in training.

Identify the priorities for the community forum.

Speeding

Everyone mentioned that had issues around speeding vehicles racing through the villages, PCSO Huckle explained that in the past the PCSOs would have been at the side of the road monitoring speeding vehicles along with residents from the village and a lengthy discussion was had around community Speedwatch and SIDS.

Community Speedwatch

PC Lee Turnham currently over seeing Community Speedwatch across the whole of Thames Valley. He does not want PCSOs to be involved in Community Speedwatch. At the last Northeast Rural Community Forum Sgt Pearce was happy for the PCSO to attend and offer reassurance to the Speedwatch volunteers but they are not responsible for setting up the equipment or the date.

Each village would need to set up a team of volunteer's minimum of three volunteers.

You need to register and complete an online course that takes about 30 minutes.

- 1) Typing <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>
- 2) Click on register
- 3) Choose Thames Valley from drop down and click continue
- 4) Choose Buckinghamshire from drop down and click continue
- 5) Name your village group and add volunteers
- 6) Complete details in registration form and follow emailed instructions

Speedwatch is voluntary and has nothing to do with Parish Councils

Villages recruit their own volunteers who go on a website and register their interest, do an online course. Once the course has been completed, the village then has to submit which areas you would like to use in your village and PC Lee Turnham undertakes a risk assessment of those areas, when it is granted you can go ahead.

Villages can purchase their own speed gun as recommended by Thames Valley Police and cost was around £205 for the gun and three high visibility vests. PC Lee Turnham will advise approved devices and costs.

SIDs (Speed Indicator Display)

Keith Wheeler (MKC) Milton Keynes Council who oversees the SIDS etc. and he has offered to help villages with grants to purchase their own SIDs as MKC, will not be replacing or maintaining the current SIDs once they fail.

PCSO David Huckle to invite either Keith Wheeler or PC Lee Turnham to the next meeting to give a talk and answer any questions the forum may have.

Crime Statistics

Offence	Hanslope	Castlethorpe	Haversham	Stoke Goldington	Tathall End	Gayhurst
Assault with Injury	8		1			
Assault without Injury	8	1	2			
ASB Community	4		2			
Arson			1			
Burglary Residential	1					
Criminal Damage	1		2			
Concern for Safety	8	1	3	2	1	1
Drink Driving	1					
Drug Offence			1			
Hare Coursing			1			
Malicious Communications	6	1				
Public Order	1					
Stalking / Harassment	5	2	1			
Suspicious Person	9	1	1	4		
Suspicious Vehicle	2					
Theft			3			
Theft from Vehicle			1			
Theft of Vehicle (TWOC)	2					
TOTAL	56	6	19	6	1	1

Update on Newport Pagnell Police Station

PCSO Huckle reported that the new police station built on the side of the Newport Pagnell Fire Station should be ready December or January for the neighbourhood team to move into, which will makes us closer to the villages.

Any Other Business

A Hanslope resident mentioned concerns around parking issues along the high street, there is a car blocks the pavement so no one can get past. PCSO Huckle said if someone could get the number plate on the vehicle he would be happy to speak to the owner, He also added that depending on the attitude of the owner he would rather point out the problem rather than issue a ticket in the first instance.

PCSO Rhodes explained along the high street if we start to move vehicles of the pavement into the road this may cause issues with vehicles or fire appliances getting past. Today many homes have more than one car; the road is quite narrow in the high street so getting cars not-to-not Park on the pavement may cause other issues.

Philip Turnbull from Haversham reported that they have speed indicator signs, which they helped to part fund, but they do not receive any of the data from the SID. PCSO Huckle asked did they download the data themselves as that is what Hanslope and Castlethorpe do so they have a record. Phillip was not sure.

PCSO Huckle to enquire with MK Council how Haversham need to contact to get their SID data.

NEXT MEETING 19TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM at Castlethorpe Village hall