

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NORTH SHROPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD & FARM WATCH ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES of the Coordinators Meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2017
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); Len Hawkins (Newtown); Graham Turnbull (Hollinwood); Ted Scales (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton); Paul Johnson (Eckford Park); Steve Corbishley (Mill Lane); Pam Dodd (Ash Magna); Val Povall (Minute Taker).

APOLOGIES received from: Debbie Scales (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton, Tony Savil (Higher Heath); Jean Pennie (Norton in Hales); Catrina Cornwall (Adderley); Peter Pring (Valley View, Mkt Drayton); David Edge (Loppington); Don & Vickie Thorne;

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: The Chairman Dave Roberts welcomed those present and thanked them for turning out on such an awful night.

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 Steve Corbishley.

MATTERS ARISING:

Jean Pennie had asked at the previous meeting whether any more of the padlocks could be obtained. Jackie Carter said that she was still trying to find out where to obtain some more.

COORDINATORS CORNER

Graham Turnbull reported that he now has 58 members on his scheme and extending into Whixall. He is sending out a monthly Newsletter to keep them all informed as to what is going on in their area. He said that he uses the Community Messaging Service, abridges the information and reports on items local to his area. He said that 100 people receive the newsletter, as he also copies to Janet Nowill and Rita Welch for their members.

Graham recently attended a Scam & Cyber Crime event at the Festival Drayton in Market Drayton on our behalf. He said the stalls were tightly packed in but regardless of the publicity and it being market day, they only had about 30 people who came in which was a bit disappointing. However he said that he believes we should attend these events in order to promote Neighbourhood Watch. He also suggested we try to find other venues/events to attend, perhaps local supermarkets or Shropshire Council events.

Herbie Skitt said that the Police were trying to make Higher Heath into a Smartwater area but that only half the area had received Smartwater kits. He was advised to get in touch with the Parish Council to find out what was going on. He also asked about

whether when a family moves, does the Smartwater registration remain with the new people. He was advised that this was the case.

Several members voiced concern that the CMS (although a good idea) was not working very well, they are still not able to opt out of other areas and get the information they want. Other members stated that they had to deregister and re-register several times.

Andrew Carter suggested when the subject of CMS was raised that a letter should be sent to the Police Crime Commissioner to see if he could get someone to sort out the problems. West Mercia alerts seem to be very sporadic whilst Warwickshire seem to be pushing out loads of information several times a day. Graham has a contact for the North Shropshire reports and will contact him as well.

Steve Corbishley reported that he and Graham Turnbull were going to get together to discuss the Website.

Roger Ashton asked if we receive any liaison with Rural Watch.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew & Jackie Carter had called to see Claire McGuinness and had retrieved some of the materials that John had been holding on behalf of the Association.

We were also asked to encourage members to report any anti-social behaviour they encounter to the police on 101. The more calls they get about these incidents the better picture they can build up and can respond accordingly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 November 2017 at 7.30 – Meeting of the Management Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.