

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NORTH SHROPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD & FARM WATCH ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES of the Coordinators Meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2018
at the Tern Hill Hall Hotel at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT were: Dave Roberts (Chairman); Andrew & Jackie Carter (Shawbury); Jean Pennie (Norton in Hales); Herbie Skitt (Towers Drive, Higher Heath); Len Hawkins (Newtown); Pete Pring (Valley View, Market Drayton); Ted Scales (Waterside Drive, Market Drayton); Roger Ashton (Aston/Lee Brockhurst); Val Povall (Minute Taker).

Also present: Gary Shephard – Watch Scheme Review Officer, PC Alan Ambrose & Rural and Business Crime Officer Philippa Jackman-Day.

APOLOGIES received from: Pam Williams, Debbie Scales, David Edge, Catrina Cornwall, Paul Johnson, Carolyn Whitfield, Pam Dodd, David Haynes, Graham Sturrock, Don Thorne, Graham Turnbull, Tony Savil.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: The Chairman, Dave Roberts, welcomed those present apologising for the low attendance.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COORDINATORS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22nd March 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Andrew Carter and seconded by Len Hawkins.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) The PCC had replied to our letter voicing concerns regarding lack of liaison between the police and Neighbourhood Watch resulting in our contacts now with Gary Shephard and Philippa Jackman-Day.
- 2) The Website is now up and running well, though we need more input from members and Coordinators about any events in their local areas.
- 3) GDPR is now in place.

GUEST SPEAKER – Gary Shephard

Gary has recently taken over as Watch Scheme Review Officer and spoke at length describing his new role which included new initiatives. He said that Craig Cox had now taken over as Chair of Neighbourhood Watch for West Mercia. He said that a new Monthly Magazine has now been produced giving Members and Coordinators up to date information. He left some copies for distribution. He said that an electronic copy of the magazine "Our News" is now available. A suggestion has been made for Coordinators to receive high viz jackets. There is to be a re-launch of West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch and the PCC and Home Secretary are due to attend the launch in November. He announced that new signs have been produced and asked for suggestions for the positioning of them. Also new window stickers and

overlay stickers for the old brown NHW signs have been produced and they need to know how many brown signs are in existence in our area. Contact Gary or Philippa.

Gary reminded members to report all incidents via 101. He is trying to update the NHW information held by him and he needs details of current Coordinators. He then went on to tell us about Smartwater – We don't buy Crime. Herbie Skitt asked what was happening about the Higher Heath Scheme which ground to a halt. Gary said he would look into it.

PC Alan Ambrose then spoke about Smartwater and his involvement in the local schemes. He mentioned Shawbury which appears to be working well, although RAF Shawbury did not want to be involved. He then went on to say that Stanton upon Hine Heath is proposed for a new scheme. He also mentioned Tern Hill Barracks were interested

Philippa Jackman-Day is happy to come out and do sessions of Tack and Tool marking, etc. She can also advise farmers about 'Immobilise' as a deterrent. They also have Advert Flags that are available to borrow for events.

CO-ORDINATORS CORNER

The Police had brought along various leaflets which it was thought could assist the Coordinators also some Notepads which would be useful in reporting incidents. Jean Pennie mentioned a problem which existed in Norton in Hales concerning a Planning Application. The Police have been made aware of the situation.

AOB

No items under AOB.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 22 November 2018 – Management Committee Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.