

CHORLEYWOOD – CRIME REDUCTION MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2008

1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Merritt	Clerk, CW Parish Council
Cllr Mrs Marilyn Hampton	Chairman, CWPC
Cllr Mrs Sue Stibbs	CWPC
Cllr Leonard Spencer	Three Rivers District Council
Mrs Jean Nash	Turneys Orchard Residents Association
Mr John Sheldon	Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Monty Dane	Neighbourhood Watch
Gary Sibson	Herts Police
PC Simon Craig	Herts Police
PCSO Marc Ringland	Herts Police
PCSO Steve Jacobbs	Herts Police

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Jackie Worrall	Chorleywood Parish Council
Cllr Chris Hayward	TRDC
Nikki Stageman	WHAC
Mr David Harrison	Groveswood
Joyce Bishop	Neighbourhood Watch

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2007

These were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The timing of the Mobile Police Station's visits to Chorleywood had still not been resolved.

Action: John Sheldon to discuss with Sergeant Vince Turner.

4. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

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The crime statistics for the April – September period were presented by PCSO Marc Ringland and are attached in Appendix I. Burglary dwellings and the number of anti-social were down but there had been an increase in vehicle crime.

The problem of non-reporting of crime by the public, which did not help the police in collating intelligence to solve crimes, was discussed. The need for residents to watch out for suspicious people in their roads was also emphasised.

There was a continual need to remind residents to be on their guard against "Bogus Callers".

Action: Neighbourhood Watch members to be reminded about the importance of reporting crime and suspicious activity in the next NHW newsletter (John Sheldon), and in the Chorleywood Residents' Newsletter (Yvonne Merritt to speak to Mike Mansbridge)

The possibility of including information about crimes on the Parish Council web site would be investigated by Yvonne Merritt.

5. **CRIME PREVENTION**

Gary Sibson reported on a crime prevention exercise carried out in South Oxhey. He also talked about the special metal screws purchased by Three Rivers Council to combat the theft of number plates.

Reference was made to the special locks and alarms which were available for bicycle owners. The police would be visiting schools to talk about these.

Action: The possibility of carrying out a special crime prevention exercise in Chorleywood e.g. Rymans Court and Hubbards Road, will be looked at by Gary Sibson and the local police.

The PCSOs will be targeting specific roads where car number plates have been stolen.

6. **RURAL WATCH**

PCSO Steve Jacobs reported on the Rural Watch which had been set up in Sarratt, Chorleywood and Croxley Green. The scheme was mainly for farms and other isolated properties

Action: Yvonne Merritt will look at the possibility of including information about Rural Watch on the Parish web site.

Steve Jacobs will advise the NHW Area Co-ordinators of farms in Chorleywood which have not yet joined the scheme.

7. **MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had recently approved the funding for a PCSO for a further two years.

Monty Dane asked if it was possible to have CCTV in Valley road but was told that this was not Three Rivers Council's policy.

The annual Three Rivers Neighbourhood Watch Conference will take place at the Metropolitan Police Social in Bushey on Thursday, 30th October at 7.30pm

The Late Night Shopping Evening will take place on Friday 5th December.

John Sheldon distributed a copy of the September NHW Newsletter which includes details of the restructuring of NHW in West Chorleywood.

Malcolm Adcock has recently taken over from Jan Nicholls as Watch Liaison Officer for Three Rivers.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday, 2nd March 2009

9. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the attendees and the meeting closed at 9.03pm

