

CHORLEYWOOD – CRIME REDUCTION MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2010

1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Merritt	Clerk, Chorleywood Parish Council
Cllr. Max Green	CWPC
Cllr Tony Edwards	CWPC
Cllr Geoffrey Liley	CWPC
Cllr Alex Hayward	CWPC
Cllr Martin Trevett	Three Rivers District Council
David Harrison	Grovewood
Jackie Hale	Friends of Chorleywood House Estate
Barbara Christie	WRVS
Rosemary Vickery	Neighbourhood Watch (Solesbridge)
John Sheldon	Neighbourhood Watch (West Chorleywood)
PCSO Tania Stabler	Three Rivers Police
Gary Sibson	Three Rivers Crime Prevention Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Jackie Worrall	CWPC
Cllr Rodney Kipps	CWPC
Cllr Chris Haywood	Three Rivers District Council
Jean Nash	Turneys Orchard Residents Association
Nikki Stageman	Three Rivers Community Safety Officer
Jackie Chambers	WHAC

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2010.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised.

4. **PRESENTATION BY GARY SIBSON CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER**

Gary Sibson outlined SMARTWATER, which is a new method of coding individual properties and belongings to help catch crooks (see enclosed sheet).

Smartwater have agreed a special offer of £18.80 for Neighbourhood Watch members, and it is being administered by the Neighbourhood Watch Treasurer, Rosemary Vickery. The offer is not available for shops or businesses.

A question was asked about marking jewellery and Rosemary Vickery stated that she had satisfactorily done this. Gary Sibson confirmed that he would be discussing the different applications for the solution when delivering it to individual houses. Stickers for putting up on doors and signs for putting on lampposts will be available.

Barbara Christie asked if somebody could talk about SmartWater at the Wednesday lunch club in the Bullsland Hall. (*Tania Stabler to arrange*).

Special Action: John Sheldon will make a special effort to encourage Neighbourhood Watch members in Common Road, Green Street, Heronsgate Road and Blacketts Wood Drive to order Smartwater so that the sign can be put up in these approach roads to the Village.

5. **CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE**

PCSO Tania Stabler presented the enclosed crime figures for Chorleywood West and East. for the April – August 2010 period.

The decrease in total crime in Chorleywood West was very encouraging, It was particularly pleasing to see the decrease in criminal damage.

Theft from vehicles had been featured in a recent Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour were up although still not a major problem.

Recent problems in Betjeman Gardens were discussed and residents should be reminded of the importance of reporting problems promptly to the Police using the 999 number when necessary.

The crime figures for Chorleywood East showed an increase in total crime with particular concerns about other burglaries (garages and garden sheds) and vehicle crime.

Tania Stabler confirmed that it was not current policy to take into the Police Station bicycles which had been found. in Three Rivers by the public.

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6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

Up to date details of the structure of Neighbourhood Watch in West Chorleywood were handed out.

The situation with regard to damaged and dirty NhW signs was raised and John Sheldon promised to look in to this.

John Sheldon stated that he would like a West Chorleywood NhW web site to be set up at some stage in the future and helpful advice was offered as to how this could be achieved.

It was reported that the NhW Co-ordinator for the Valley Triangle area had resigned due to business commitments.

7. **MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Discussion took place on the effect the proposed Government cuts might have on the Police presence in Chorleywood. Yvonne Merritt pointed out that the Parish Council had approved the continued funding of one PCSO at a cost of £1.52 per household. Tania Stabler confirmed that she only worked outside Chorleywood when there was a dire emergency in Three Rivers.

There was also discussion on the possible relocation of the Police Station to Three Rivers House.

The Village late night shopping evening will be on Friday 3rd December. Three of the local schools have agreed to organise carol singing. Tania Stabler commented on the good atmosphere last year and there had been no reports of any crime incidents.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 28th February 2011.**

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