

Bonby Neighbourhood Watch

Notes of Community Meeting

7.0pm Monday 21 January 2019

Welcome: Bob Hopkins introduced himself as the Co-ordinator of the new Group and welcomed everyone to the inaugural Bonby Neighbourhood Watch Community meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Attendees: Bob and Val Hopkins, Anna Burbage, Mervyn and Cath Bishop, PC Neil Stovin, Tracey Coyn, David and Dianne Roach, Jim and Wendy Brennan, Alison Holland, Richard Jarosz, David and Linda Cowmeadow, Antony Keeton, Wendy Hall, Naomi Mason, Karen Parrott, Chris Johnson, Ray Bates, Pete and Carol Wells, Ray Smith, Andrew Wareing, Linda Jackson. PCSO Danny Whitehead

Apologies: David Stiff, Liz Nicholson, Mr Robertson, Mary Waterlow, Sylvia Wood

Introductions: Bob went on to introduce the Co-ordinating Group consisting of his wife Val, Anna Brubage and Mervyn Bishop. He also introduced PC Neil Stovin and Tracey Coyn. Thanks were expressed for the help Tracey and her office at North Lincolnshire had provided.

How it started: Bob explained the idea came from the Parish Council and a small article in the Low Villages News. The small Co-ordinating Group was established and following discussions with Tracey from the Local Authority a questionnaire was prepared and copies delivered to all houses in the village. We had a very positive response all who responded were invited to the meeting. The attendance at the meeting is a very positive start. New Neighbourhood Watch signs are now in place across the village.

North Lincolnshire update: Tracey Coyn introduced herself and explained part of her role is the maintenance and development of N.H Watch across the North Lincolnshire area and at the present time there are 219 active groups of all sizes. Tracey stated NH Watch is still evolving and was happy some people still referred to it as 'curtain twitchers'. Tracey explained if she receives any information from the police her office will then circulate it to the relevant N.H. Watch Co-ordinators. The Co-ordinators then circulate it out to all members. In cooperation with Humberside Police a new Rogue Traders Watch is being developed and will shortly be available for adoption in all N.H.Watch areas. Bob and a member of the Co-ordinating group will be attending the Launch in Winterton later in the month. Tracey stated the other concerns at the moment vulnerable people /loneliness and mental health. Tracey also provided a box of Crime Prevention items for NH Watch use consisting of door handles alarms, marker pens, stickers and window alarms to distribute around the group as required.

Humberside Police Update: PC Neil Stovin introduced himself and informed the meeting he was the local officer and also the Wildlife Officer covering both North and North East Lincolnshire areas. This is a very busy position and he is supported by two PCSO's Danny Whitehead and Shane Woody.

Neil informed the meeting the Incident Report Team are now based in Barton and are available 24 hours. If anyone sees an incident ongoing then report it on 999 or to pass on information for non-urgent matters to ring 101. He asked if anyone is suspicious about a vehicle or anyone in particular to report it as information is very important to the Police.

He reported that at the present time the force has 1,400 officers but this should be up to 1,900 when new recruits are trained but the goal is 2,200 officers. He also expressed his support for the new Rogue Trader initiative being established. Neil also stated he was not aware of any crime concerns in the village at the moment but for all residents to be vigilant especially regarding Rogue Traders.

Village Concerns: Bob opened the meeting to everyone asking if they had any concerns:- a question was asked about cameras. Tracey stated some are available if they are required and at the moment there are two in operation in Brigg. If they are used they are normally in situ for 3 months at a time. She emphasised they are not a cheap option but some can be monitored.

A discussion took place about Rogue Traders and the problems they cause and it was stated a new Trade Watch will be launched in Winterton on 30 January. Tracy informed the meeting that if any information comes in regarding Rogue Traders she circulates to N.H.Watch Co-ordinators after first checking with Trading Standards.

A question was asked about the speed of circulation raising other concerns about establishing a circulation process. It was established many of the members have e-mail addresses and if they consent this would be the preferred course of action but not all members use e-mail. A discussion about the circulation took place and it was agreed Tracy would obtain a map and this would then be divided up allowing members from all areas of the village to be contacted and for them then to circulate further to other members. Once the map is obtained the Co-ordination Group would look into this matter and members would be informed. Many of the members present are willing to be part of a new system.

PC Stovin outlined the benefits of My Community Alert a system allowing alerts to be passed straight out to residents who sign up for it. It also allows for information to be passed from the community. This is a national system and PCSO Danny Whitehead has more information about this but he would require Name, age address and e-mail to set it up. The meeting thought this was a good idea and agreed for the Co-ordination group to pass on the details to PCSO Whitehead.

PC Stovin was asked about the burglaries on Main Str. a few months ago but stated he was not in a position to provide an update on the investigations. One of the main concerns has been hare coursing but this is never restricted to one particular area hence forth hard to stop.

The question about liaison and contact with other N.H.Watch groups involved in the Lower Wold villages and it was established the Neighbourhood Action Team for this area meets every three months looking at Policing issues and concerns. Bob has attended one of these meetings and will attend the next one.

It was outlined the Police are considering using drones but this has not yet been approved. The matter of unlawful use by people hare coursing etc. PC Stovin stated this has been considered but to date no evidence has come to light that drones are being used in this way but if anyone has any information or evidenced them being used then contact the Police on 101.

At this time PCSO Danny Whitehead attended the meeting. He stated he is willing to address the meetings request regarding My Community Alert and he was informed Bob or one of the group would be in touch with details he requires.

The issue of speeding vehicles in the village was addressed and Tracey informed the meeting speed monitoring should take place every 3 years but she will enquire about when it was last undertaken. A Vehicle Speed Watch is being discussed but the cameras required are very expensive and the matter is still at discussion stage.

Future development: A logo for the Watch was discussed and Carol Wells will ask her grandson to draft one for the group. Tracey can supply the N.H.Watch logo and it was agreed the village church could be part of the new logo fitting in with the new village name signs.

A discussion around the frequency of future was discussed and the members agreed that to keep the momentum going it would be good to have monthly meetings until the Watch is more firmly established.

Bob thanked everyone for attending this first community meeting for Bonby Neighbourhood Watch.

Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 28 February 7.00pm in the Village Hall