

**Minutes of the 103rd BHNW Meeting held in St Augustine's Parish Centre Thursday
17th September 2009 at 19.45hrs**

Present

Apologies

Bill Crocker	Chair	Rich Balding	PRO
Ron Coleman	Treasurer	Gwenda Coles	Heathfields
Maria Gawler	Secretary	Rose Cane	Oakdale
Malcolm Coles	Heathfields	Mark Venables	Sandringham
Barry Shore	Quakers	Graeme Dundas	Queensholm
Richard Old	Church	Peter Tucker	Badminton
Tim Davies	Heath Lower	Bridget Whittle	NW Administrator
Mark Garland	Newsletter ED	Martyn Thomas	Bury Hill
Chris Stone	Heath Upper	Mike Baker	Bromleaze
Lesley Ashley	Fouracre	Lynda Stone	Heath Upper
Jim Rochford (Rocky)	PC		
Justin Gay	PCSO		

Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to Lesley Ashley our new Fouracre Co-ordinator. Introductions were made.

Minutes from the last meeting

- i. Two typing errors were noted.
- ii. Arising – Speeding Statistics for Bromley Heath Road/Quakers Road. PC Jim Rochford (Rocky) stated there had been a slight rise on speed recorded and the merging traffic is difficult to police but the majority of people are driving okay. He will try to obtain older statistical information for us and will email Bill on who we can contact in future to obtain this information.

The minutes were then signed off as a correct record by the chair.

Reports

Police items

Rocky reported that is had been a good summer overall however there had been a few problems with youths gathering at Britannia Woods. Trees had been cut down and even a power generator had been brought down for the music centre. Problems seem to have been resolved and the local residents are monitoring the situation and supplying information to the Police. Rocky stressed how important it is for the local community to feed information to them as without this they are not always aware of a situation occurring. Badminton Road Youth Centre over the last 2 weeks has had problems with Chicken being played in the road etc. If this continues it may be possible to put in a bid for the camera to return again. The new Youth Worker Andy O'Kane attended the last SSCG and is happy to work alongside the Police in resolving issues.

There have been a couple of incidences of off road motorcycles in/around the Downend area. Two off road 400 cc Police motorbikes have been allocated and will be used for the commons, cycle tracks etc in our area to combat this problem. Rocky, Jason Lee (Kingswood), 2 Officers from Filton and 1 Officer from Chipping Sodbury have been trained to use these bikes.

Autumn 09 Newsletter

A draft copy of the Newsletter was circulated prior to the meeting; the following was flagged to Mark G:

Known threat – add message about hiding keys from view

Melanie's Kitchen – take out picture to increase text size

Photos – Lesley to forward photo of herself and obtain photo of Robin if possible

Police welcome – amend name

Beat Manager's telephone number – last four digits should read 4137

Caption Competition – replies can also be given to your contact point

Winter 09 edition – to be circulated by email

PRO report

Banner update – The photograph has been taken, a big thank you to all who allowed their photo to be taken. **Action:** Look at Banner next meeting.

Web site proposal – a general discussion took place on the web site and we could purchase our own name for 2 years for approximately £5.00. **Action:** sub committee consisting of Mark, Barry and Tim to take this forward.

Treasurer's report

We will break even on the cost of producing the Newsletter this year however costs are increasing by approximately 10% per annum. During the coming meetings we need to consider future fundraising in 2010 possibly linked to the AGM or BHNC fete.

Co-ordinators with common interest items/PACT

Bromley Heath Road/Quakers Road junction calming – Please see comments under minutes from last meeting.

Footpath gating proposal Fouracre Crescent to Badminton Road – Richard Capp provided the following update on the 11/09/09.

1. The street light will now not be turned off at 10.00 pm to deter late night gatherers as Andy Porter from Direct Services will need to carry out a consultation. As problems seemed to have improved the decision was made to leave the light.
2. Cocks and Hens to be placed on the wall under the light. Richard Capp approached the Rev Anne Owen and was supplied the builder's number that the church use. The telephone number is incorrect, several emails have been left for Anne but these have not been replied to.
3. Graffiti – can this be cleared under the Community Payback Scheme? **Action:** Maria will find out.

BHRAG/Friends of park update.

Nothing to report.

PACT/Safer, Stronger 10th September at Downend Baptist Church

The 3 voted priorities are as follows:-

1. **Set up a youth meeting to obtain their views for the Safer Stronger Community Group meetings**
2. **Anti-social behaviour at Badminton Road Youth Club**
3. **Investigate the installation of lighting at Emerson Green Skate Park**

The next PACT meeting is on the 16th December at 7.00 pm at Emersons Green Library.

Richard Old wondered how to get youths onboard, Rocky explained to the group about police and young people going out for Pizza and Bowling 'get to know you evenings'. The

police team also work with Downend and Mangotsfield Secondary Schools going in for one whole day each term.

Rationalising Contact Point details

Maria has compiled a database of contact points and it became evident that there was no uniform way in which we record this information. An example of this was shown to the room and further thought needs to go into what information we should hold. **Action:** feedback your views to Maria for a decision next meeting.

Community Plan Progress and Watch committee contribution

Progress – only 150 replies have been received from a community of c 10000. On the 26th September between 11am and 1pm a meeting regarding the next step forward under this plan will take place at Badminton Road Methodist Church. The general consensus is people like the area. **Action:** ideas and completed questionnaires are requested from all.

Three questions were then put to the room regarding the Community Plan

1. what do we like
2. what don't we like
3. how should it be in 10 years time

Feedback was as follows:-

We like – general security, clean and healthy, crime level low, community spirit, schools engaged and the BHNW newsletter.

We don't like – more for youth, maintain what we've got for youths, anti-social behaviour, speeding traffic, overgrown hedges and cars parked on pavements, the way bins are placed after emptying and the litter afterwards.

Action: feedback anymore ideas to Bill by end of month – ish..

Crime, Community Safety and Resilience initiative

A ring binder for each property was suggested to include the following possible items:-

Who are we? Useful numbers, Vision Statement, Safety and Behaviour Charter, top tips for the four seasons, number & web links, PACT page and community resilience (personal/family plans) and other information pages i.e. stranger danger.

The issue of funding was addressed; possible avenues could be bids for grant aid – council, Lottery Sponsorship and SSCG funding. The timescale for this project would be approximately one year by a sub-committee. **Action:** Bill to forward PowerPoint. And further discussion at next meeting.

AOB

Badges expire Dec 09 – **Action:** Barry to reissue. Lesley to provide photo for hers.

An envelope has been left for us to open during the first meeting of 2010; it would be nice to invite Alan the past Chair to this meeting. **Action:** Maria to write and invite.

Police awards – we will not be entering a nomination this year.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26th November 2009** at 7.45pm at St Augustine's Parish Centre.

The meeting was brought to a close at 21.45hrs.