

Minutes of the 115th meeting of the BHNW at St. Augustine's Parish Church Hall

Bill Crocker	Chairman
Julie Windsor	Secretary
Mark Garland	Newsletter/Website Editor
Ron Coleman	Treasurer
Chris Stone	Upper Heath (temp) and Oakdale
Tim Davies	Heath Lower
Richard Old	Church
Peter Tucker	Badminton
Deryck Rees	Police Superintendent

1. Apologies from: Graeme Dundas, Mike Baker, Lesley Ashley & Mark Venables

Bill welcomed Deryck Rees the new Superintendent for this area to the meeting and also Ron Coleman our Treasurer who continues his remarkable recovery.

2. **Action** to mark bikes taken following thefts from garages in the area. Graeme was co-ordinating this, but he had not heard anything back from the Team about a date for this to happen. Bill suggested to Deryck that it would be helpful for the police to be involved in this and it would also promote Neighbourhood Watch – perhaps we could have a stand and a banner.
3. We looked at the draft newsletter and Mark pointed out the blank space on the sheet SNOPEs which is to be filled by a piece about our chairman. Mark spoke about Bill's dedication to the job and the fact that he has been in the Chair for 10 years. Bill was then presented with a FRAMED Certificate by Ron and photos were taken by Mark. Mark also told Bill that we had nominated him for the Community Award. Bill thanked us all and said he felt that he just represented us and we were very much part of a team.

4 Deryck Rees then addressed the meeting, about his move here and about his career to date, specifically his arrival in the area and the discovery that it was much larger than he had thought. He said one of his first e mails in this job was from Bill. He spoke about his enthusiasm for the 'specials' and how Neighbourhood Watch is very much linked to that. He reported that he had discussed with 'Rocky', how energetic this group was and how the information we feed back to the police as a group is a key to their work locally. Because of this Deryck suggested that it is important that information comes back to us from the police. Neighbourhood policing plays an important part in things like ant-social behaviour etc., but

as Deryck said although he realised how big the area was, a relatively small number of people commit the crime. For example Ross who had been involved in a week of action resulting in them catching one person, who was responsible for 6 garage break-ins. Explained his system of traffic lights red/amber/green and how they help define ways to help people, by representing different levels of offence. Deryck mentioned the new Commander Sarah Crewe who talks about the boundaries between areas being 'porous' and for this reason we should use Bristol's resources in conjunction with ours.

5 The date of the **AGM** is set for the **Tues 29th May**, at Bromley Heath School the booking has been paid for (Ron issued a cheque for £20) and confirmed (Community Engagement evening).

6. **7th July Heathfest** – Bill explained to Deryck that it was originally run by the Scouts, now run by other people who are very proactive. BHNW is involved e.g. Barry helps with car parking at the event and we as an organisation have a double pitch. Deryck suggested that we could try to get the new **Police Contact Van** along to the event (like a mobile police station – very busy). As parking is a big issue for the event Deryck suggested there should be a plan – maybe through Katrina.

Bill said BHNW like to know what is happening and if it's happening at all as a matter of reinforcing contact when possible.

7. For the **AGM**, Bill said we were going to ask Mark Pullen, whose job has now changed from simply Trading Standards & Licensing, to a Safer Stronger role and something more akin to Rogue Traders, it would be good if he could come along and talk to us. Bill suggested Kirsty Cogran as a speaker and Deryck said he had never met her, but would try to contact her.

8. Community Plan – Transport, Traffic & Highways sub team - Jacqui Ball is coming along to talk about that.

Bill had assumed that there were no other Neighbourhood Watches around, but Chris Stone said there was one in Leap Valley Crescent N.W. which was established when they lived there.

Other events were discussed Deryck has had a meeting about negative activity (anti-social behaviour) at Pomphrey Hill. Bill reported that he had heard and seen teenage boys riding a rail bike in Leap Valley – he had rung the police and a PCSO came out so contact was made, Julie said she thought she knew who the owner of the bike might be and would speak to the owner's mother.

The National Site to inform groups like ours of incidents that had occurred in the area was discussed. Deryck asked that if we are writing to the Team can we copy him in.

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9. GONE Application to South Glos for £1000 for BHNW to help get rid of graffiti, £750 of which was for a new double banner and display stands, plus an A frame and about £200 for leaflets. We didn't get £1000 but £750 for leaflets and non offensive graffiti could be removed for a cost. Parish have suggested that Bill to go to next Parish meeting, they will possibly allocate some money or hold it to remove graffiti as South Glos., will currently only remove graffiti which is sexist, racist etc..

£1000 from Downend & Bromley Heath,

Bill pitching, for a laptop, printer & resources to South Glos. , Feb, March (£1000)

Parish interested in **GONE**, but also revenue for running costs...£500 to Parish maybe.

Priorities to next **SAFER, STRONGER** meeting on March on 1st March parking on zigzag lines at school. Doorstep trading (26th April BHNW meeting) speeding traffic identified, motorbikes in Leap Valley, road surface in Oakdale Road.

10. Responding to individual householder emergencies.

11. Street lighting options – Parish agenda for discussion makes suggestions without giving statistics. If Parish says yes South Gloucester then do assessment around what lighting is essential like lighting on footpaths for example. Possibly sensors could be fitted? There was a soldier killed in Clevedon fairly recently and this was attributed in part to poor lighting, but as Ron said it is not so much main roads that need lighting, but small areas such as footpaths linking various parts of the area. The fact that **Streetcare** do check lighting was discussed and it was suggested that possibly alternate lights could be left on. It was decided to formally write to the Parish about these concerns, but worried about some of the assumptions around using Parish Newsletter and talk about risk assessments etc. ...then involve us in this **Action**: Julie

12. Mark ran through the draft Newsletter, touched on sub-committee meeting in pub etc. Mark wrote to 6 firms to get quotes for printing, but only Staple Hill Press & Whitehall Press responded. Quotes were asked for, for different numbers and more than one edition, prices varied £311 to £336. 2010 price according to Mark was £265. Ron & Bill discussed the profit on the Newsletter and decided to stick with Staple Hill this year, but Bill to chat to Parish Clerk about their publication costs. Following this Ron went through the Treasurer's report and the 23rd January balance and said fundraising would not be necessary until end of 2012 or early 2013. The date of the current year should run to the 31st March 2013 which would get us in line with the fiscal year Ron suggested.

The next meeting was arranged for 26th April 2012