

Bill Crocker Chair	Chris Stone - Oakdale
Julie Windsor Secretary	Graeme Dundas - Queensholm
Mark Garland Website Editor	Richard Old - Church
Mark Venables -Sandringham	Julie Gould - Quakers
Tim Davies – Heath Lower	Rose Cane – Newsletter Editor

Bill opened the meeting by listing those not present:

Apologies: Lesley Ashley, Martyn Thomas, Mike Baker, Becky Catley, Malcolm Coles, Ron Coleman, John Rourke

Item 1: Police were supposed to attend

Item 2: Matters arising –

- Tattoo shop, both Rose and Bill had asked Michael the owner for his feedback on the article in the Newsletter but he didn't. According to Graeme he is extremely busy (booked up until next year). Bill called in on him and he was happy with the article and now has the necessary planning permission. Chris told us about a few people in his area who were still very upset that the shop had opened and had gone so far as to boycott all the other shops in the row.
- The Chair of Overnhill NW had wanted to attend this meeting as observer, but was not able to.
- Bill raised the subject of the camera we have funds to purchase and **ACTION:** Julie Gould said she would ask her husband to do some research.
- Barry's PRO – Bill will try again in 6 months time if no one else comes forward.
- Street lighting: The Parish have put in their Newsletter details of meetings scheduled in October at Badminton Methodist Church and Downend Baptist Church where South Glos officers will answer questions regarding this subject. During discussion it was suggested that a decision has already been made to implement this. However, South Glos have made bold statements such as 'Crime rates go down in areas where the lights go off'. The general consensus was that was questionable and depended on where it was implemented. There was general agreement that intermittent lights, on the dual carriageway for example was okay, but what about footpaths? Elizabeth Shepherd said at the BHNW AGM that South Glos has consulted the Parish Council and if they say 'no', they will not be consulted again. This led Mark and Graeme to suggest that it will happen, because South Glos has already made the decision.
- After discussion it was generally agreed that information sharing is important and as part of modernising the Watch it needs to be addressed, rather than each committee discussing subjects individually.

3. Ringmaster recently gave a report regarding a burglary in Badminton Road; Bill when he saw Scenes of Crime van in the area tried to drop one of our standard support letters in through the victim's letter box, but in fact chose to ask at the victim's house which property had been targeted. It was noted the letter and chat at the door was welcomed by the residents. A house in Cleeve Gardens has also just been targeted in mid afternoon on a weekday.

4. At the SAFER meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, Jackie confirmed funding had been agreed at previous meeting and issued us with most of the equipment needed to get started with Speedwatch.

PCSO Katrina Sheldrake is leading on it – That group, Mark Harvey, Martyn Thomas & Barry Shore need to be trained up with three others from Staple Hill. Bill is trying to contact Katrina to find out more about the training, he has also suggested that Mark Harvey takes on the speed watch job and is the lead for the area on it. There is a lot of interest from South Glos. but Bill doesn't have time to sit on any more committees. AGREED: It needs to be promoted again in the Parish Newsletter and in BHNW Newsletter. It was noted that Jackie Ward is now Yate & Countryside support officer and can attend local meetings as a resident. Brian Gashes is replacing Jackie.

Richard has been keeping an eye out in Church Lane for drug dealing adjacent the cycle path junction. This is a historic, ongoing problem which is hard to stop.

The next SAFER STRONGER meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at which attendees will be looking at the Government's replacement for ASBO's.

Bill is in court on the 17<sup>th</sup> October to give evidence in a case where a group of youths were messing around with the Methodist Church lawnmower whilst Tony (the chap who mows the lawn) had gone to get something to effect a repair. The youths were abusive when challenged and even threw stones at Tony and Bill, so Bill rang the police who came and eventually apprehended the main perpetrator, the oldest of the group who was unrepentant. The case is going to court, hence Bill going to give evidence.

One lad who was said to have learning difficulties sent a very basic letter of apology. Chris Stone said he wondered what the helicopter was doing and quipped it was the 'Crocker Chopper', Oo er!

#### **4. Modernising Neighbourhood Watch**

Bill, whilst in the Sandringham (again), saw Mrs Athay-Hunt about utilising HEATHFEST to speak to people attending over the microphone regarding the Neighbourhood Watch and use it as the venue for our AGM based on the fact that a lot of people who attend are those in our area and would be interested in what is said. The plan would be to invite them to call at our stand and see reports, view committee details, etc, before then announcing the elections for Committee over the microphone sometime mid afternoon. Mrs Athay-Hunt agreed to take it to her committee. If it rains the 'fall back' will be a normal Committee meeting to which others would be invited. It was recognised that if we were to do the AGM at HEATHFEST the Constitution would have to be changed. Graeme asked if the 'fall back' is used surely we need more people? There was also discussion about collections. It was AGREED that at the next meeting we will re-visit the Constitution. It was also AGREED to leave the money for the HEATHFEST stalls with the organisers as a good will gesture, ACTION Julie to ring Liz Huggins to confirm this.

An ACTION for Ron was AGREED as: if we had donated prizes for a raffle, what are the rules for charging or not charging for raffle tickets?

As part of modernising the Watch we need to recognise the Police are very happy to attend SAFER meetings but find it more difficult to attend our meeting or Parish meetings.

Bill reported, (from the Sandringham again!!) that he met this time with Graeme Riley and in conversation raised the issue that part of the agendas of both Committees are the same, so we should really be talking to one another and recognise we are both having trouble getting Police to attend. Bill suggested linking their meetings and ours so that Police could attend just one meeting. Then BHNW and the Parish Council could separate and have the rest of their meetings individually. Graeme is going to put this suggestion, to the Parish Council, at next meeting.

We could save some money on room booking. We could have all the Watches in D&BH coming to the joint meeting with Parish and then all the Neighbourhood Watches do business together, then split to do their own separate business.

Following the break and Julie departing for another meeting the Modernising discussion concluded with Graeme's proposal to make more of children/young people's involvement by way of helping deliver newsletters, etc, was accepted.

AGREED: Rose and Graeme to include article in Autumn Newsletter

## 5. Reports

i Rose was congratulated for the super summer edition – her first! Bill mentioned difficulty in 'tying-down' advertisers. The content of Autumn's Newsletter was listed by Rose and it was AGREED, due to the next meeting's timing that the draft will be approved via email and attachment.

ii Mark has been busy on the Website with photos uploaded and awful puns accompanying them. His current thoughts are that another month will bring it up to date. From there we will move onto creating Facebook and Twitter Accounts: AGREED Mark to write an Idiots Guide to opening individual accounts, name choices, etc. As an afterthought Chair's suggestion was to use the next Newsletter as the vehicle to announce their launch and Bill also mentioned our visual image and referred to the new banner. The proposed banner, newsletter and web/Social media matching up, it was AGREED would be discussed by Mark, Bill and Rose to resolve it how to proceed.

iii PRO: vacant Barry's suggestion to wait 6 months

iv Treasurer: Ron had provided his update, the summary of which Bill read to the Committee. The committee expressed their usual thanks, and NOTED no donations are needed until 2013/14.

v Speedvisor: As Julie had left early, there was no update.

vi Rose confirmed Badminton Walk and Sandringham Ave are next for the Cold Calling initiative and the timescales and actions to achieve it were noted.

vii. THaT progress and efficiency covered above.

viii. Julie G. was congratulated for already recruiting a replacement contact point. Mark V has a retirement but a son lives next door so succession rights! Welcome Packs continue to flow.

ix. Brian Gaches has replaced Jackie Ward for our patch so hopefully progress can be made on the new support for the BH Playing Fields.

x. AOB and Next meeting: Chief Supt meeting at BAWA on the coming Monday – lift available. The date in the diary may or may not be confirmed, dependant on progress with the modernising issue.

The next meeting is 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at 7.45