

120th BHNW meeting at St. Augustine's Church Hall 28th February 2013

Graeme Dundas, Queensholm	Richard Old, Church
Malcolm Coles, Heathfields	Mark Venables, Sandringham
Mark Garland, Website/Social media editor	Lesley Ashley, Fouracre
Chris Stone, Oakdale	Ron Coleman, Treasurer
Lynda Stone, Oakdale	Bill Crocker, Chair

Item 1 Bill welcomed all to the meeting.

Rocky had emailed saying it was unlikely there'd be any member of the team in attendance unless a shift was swapped.

No 'observers' from adjoining NWs were present. Graham Ball had sent apologies.

Apologies: Mike Baker, Julie Gould, Rose Cane, and Julie Windsor. Standing apologies: Martyn Thomas, (Bury Hill) Peter Tucker, (Badminton), Becky Catley, (Heath Upper). Nothing heard from Tim Davies, (Heath Lower).

Item 2 Minutes: Copy of last minutes reviewed for accuracy and matters arising were signed off by Bill with the addition of Mark Venables to the attendance list.

Arising: Mark G agreed the purchase of the higher range camera choice, adding his nod [ton](#) to that of the Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter editor. **Action:** Chair to now purchase.

The street lights switch off position – see the Parish magazine – was discussed.

Action: Rose to include Speedwatch item in next newsletter.

Action: Bill to raise the ongoing issue of blocked pavements with the Parish and at the Safer meeting to move action forward, various sites having been identified for action.

Action: Rose to include an updated constitution change article in next newsletter.

Action: Rose for a newsletter article on Graeme Dundas' item on young people being involved in distribution of newsletters. Picture opportunity too.

Action: Tim to produce expenses policy for us. It was decided that a printer was not a practicable option for acquisition due to the need for relocation amongst potential users. Use of own consumables needs to be in the expenses policy.

It was noted the THaT sub group is on hold pending further consideration of community plan progress and inter-relationships with the parish council. Graeme Riley has resigned as chair of the community plan saying it needs fresh impetus. Bill will report back after forthcoming meeting of that group.

Mark G. updated the meeting on the soon to be carried out traffic island works at the junction of Quakers and BH Road.

Item 3 Police and Safer reports: As the Police were not present there was no report from them. Bill noted there is a new sector inspector who has invited all to a meeting at Lincombe Barn after Easter. There seem to have been changes to the Beat team too, but no information is available to confirm. It was **Agreed** that Bill would put the partial nature of Ringmaster to him as there seems to be a system problem where Bridget is not receiving all appropriate incident data.

Lesley mentioned the case of a bin being used to aid an incident. Discussion took place about the report mentioning vulnerable people leaving their curtains open and attracting the attention of the distraction burglars and con artists. **Agreed:** Website and social media release and followed by newsletter item. Cold calling progress will be monitored at the safer meeting as will the situation around the BH Inf and Junior Schools.

There seems to be a problem with vehicles emerging from the main Sandringham pub car park and adjoining hall. Ron said the only way to resolve all of this is to have regular uniform presence with authority to act when remedy is needed and warnings should go into the newsletter, etc. It was noted that mobile camera van acquisition and deployment would have an impact too.

Graeme's initiative to get new bikes and scooters security marked had not materialised as school and police diaries seem to be very problematic to marry up!

Discussion took place about a proportional approach to own path and pavement clearing in snow and the legal position. Noted as a possible Autumn newsletter item.

Item 4 Speed Watch and Modernising the Watch: Bill confirmed a new volunteer has come forward in the person of Angie Showering of Fouracre road. A meeting had taken place with Katriana and a civilian supporter from the speedwatch committee for S. Glos. to identify a way forward. A number of other new volunteers have come forward following our facebook publicity. A meeting will take place at the Sandringham after Easter of old and new volunteers, then training can get underway and sites for action assessed with the help of the supporter and Katriana. It was noted that we will need to consider how to support and integrate the initiative into our modus operandi.

Modernisation - Bill understands there may be an opportunity to raise our proposals again in the near future and will look for the opportune time to do so. He explained he has heard from the Heathfest committee regarding the proposal for our annual meeting at the event which is acceptable to them. There's also a memories tent idea which they are keen we contribute to. **Agreed:** Bill to follow up with those concerned and report back to the next meeting with more detail. **Action:** Bill to book police presence with the new inspector at his forthcoming meeting.

Item 5 National NW awards: These had been noted from the national organisation's newsletter. Self nomination is possible. This was discussed and if time is available, as deadlines are tight, we would submit ourselves.

Item 6 Reports: Newsletter – Noted that in effect we've slipped an issue. Detail confirmed and intention to distribute around Easter.

Mark Garland – Web site and Social media Editor – made a few updating comments while balancing house moves!

PRO – no one at the moment

Treasurer's report - Committee Members Expenses - **Action:** Tim to bring draft protocol to next meeting. He is now the third signatory for our bank account. The usual update on the financial position was provided and thanks tendered to Ron for his good work.

Julie Windsor provided Speed Visor data which was circulated. **Action:** Julie to liaise with Mark G and Rose re publicising the analysis.

Common interest items.

It was noted we need more welcome packs soon as for sale signs are sprouting.

A new committee is forming to support the BH Playing fields. It is hoped it will be inclusive and take account of the past and all contributors.

Item 7, AOB: Benches have appeared at BH playing fields as part of Parish expenditure.

Item 8, Next meeting: The meeting closed at 9.30 pm noting the next one is on the 23rd May 2013.