

BROMLEY HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

121st Committee Meeting at St. Augustine's Church meeting room: 7.45 pm on 23rd May
2013 Members Present:

Ron Coleman, Treasurer

Mark Venables, Sandringham

Mark Garland, Web and social media editor

Katrina Sheldrake, PCSO

Bill Crocker, Chair

Graeme Dundas, Queensholm

Julie Windsor, Secretary

Malcolm Coles, Heathfields

Lynda and Chris Stone, Oakdale

Richard Old, Church

Julie Gould, Quakers

1. **Apologies:** Lesley Ashley, Martyn Thomas, Becky Catley, Tim Davies, Mike Baker Rose Cane. 1. Adjoining NW's were invited to the meeting, Graham ball sent apologies and nothing was heard from the others.
2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** With adjustment to those who attended the last meeting's minutes were approved and signed off by the Chair.

Concerns not fully addressed regarding the reduction of street lighting provision.

Mark Garland said he didn't feel people had had a chance to put their position forward. Both Mark G and Malcolm said the decision had already been made before proper consultation. If crime does actually go down, as was implied by South Glos, then great, but if that is not the case then we cannot do anything about it. "There is nothing to substantiate that it is a good thing" Malcolm suggested and it could be a year before they can provide any concrete data.

Ron said the residents of Heath Court had approached him, most of them being older people are very concerned that the lighting will go off at both points in Heath Court. Mark Garland said he had personal disquiet about the fact that we haven't really discussed it thoroughly. After discussion it was suggested that the chair write a letter to South Glos with copies to Police and Parish Council to state our view and that a draft would be circulated for approval before despatch. **Action: Bill**

Rose is working on the newsletter and Tim Davies is working on the expenses policy.

Graham Riley is standing for re election to position of Chair on the Parish Council and had told Bill he is keen to work 'in tandem' with other groups. Hopefully there will be more liaison after he is re elected.

Mark Garland's pursuance of S. Glos to widen the traffic Island on Bromley Heath Road has proved successful and work has been done. Hurrah!

Action: Julie to liaise with Mark and Rose re speed visor results from last meeting.

3. **Police report and safer meetings:** Katrina spoke about the garage burglaries carried out at 3.30 in the afternoon. Tom (new PCSO for the area) detained two culprits after chasing after them. A third was arrested later. They are off to court to receive ASBOS, they are aged 14 & 15.

Katrina said kids will gather in open spaces, Page Park etc. The PCSOs have been doing house to house re arson in Mangotsfield.

Speed watch which Katrina is supporting re training, etc is having trouble getting people to commit, but Bill said on Facebook people have come forward including one serving policeman able to assist in the background.

New Det Inspector Dominic Graham is very keen and is working with analytical team who he has managed. Ian Burton does same job as Katrina. Sam is also a PCSO for the area with job share PCs Jo and Louise. **Action:** Julie to confirm the team with the minutes.

Lincombe Barn was burgled, vending machine broken into many times and now been removed, as repairs were too expensive.

Broken glass on Quakers Road the male responsible has been spoken to.

Bill had call from 119 Queensholme Cres: Sat Nav, Laptop and trainers stolen from boot of sister's car on 1 night stay. Transpired sat nav holder may have attracted attention. 3 days after the resident challenged a male in a hoody looking at next doors car around midnight - he ran off. No 999 call was made!

Link to Rogue Traders week – advice to people about scams – videos etc.

Action: Graeme & Bill – Good Neighbour schemes, ie, RVS, South Glos and Age Concern to be raised at next SAFER meeting as confusing and not joined up!

Mark G suggested that we raise the green bin issue at the next SAFER meeting but Richard said we had had consultation.

Bromley Heath School – still parking chaos and also kids had got in through one of the fences and were using the grounds as a skate park.

4. **HEATHFEST:** We should be by the Parish Council stand as Raj is bringing food for both of us and will be placed between us. Bill has arranged slots on the microphone so that we can do the AGM there. Bill has got Display boards, flags and banners, plus balloons to give away. Banner **Action:** Julie to get price from Westbury Inks. **Action:** Bill to circulate organisational details seeking volunteers for the day. Thanks to those already committing.

5. **Speedwatch** – Barry is prepared to be part of speed watch team – constitution accepts speed watch as part of what we do. An individual could lead it without being part of the committee. We have everything except fluorescent vests. Training sessions are available, then team meeting in each possible location to assess suitability. **Action:** Bill to seek lead at Heathfest.

6. **Newsletter:**
 - i. Violent crime Heath Court and Windsor Court mysteriously showing as being trouble spots in figures from National Police Records. Inspector Dom is checking it out – Rocky has two names at the Home Office and is waiting for an answer to find out what is happening. People living in these areas are mostly elderly and quite frightened by these statistics. Before next edition we will have answers.

 - ii. Tulletts and Bromley Heath Builders are advertising again, the latter for 4 in a row. An advertising rate deal for Raj at MS2 was agreed due to his sponsorship at Heathfest and soon to happen handover of the contents of the former sweet jar. £10 to come from the T shirt printers to reflect flag production, Crystal Dry Cleaning bill outstanding, no reply from Jason King or Freak Unique Bill will chase.

Staple Hill Press is now closed. We will use Fishponds Printers or Westbury Inks (quote from last time stands). **Action:** Bill to check what the Parish is doing about printing?

 - iii. At the start of June Mark G said there were two joiners a week on Facebook.

 - iv. Ron gave Treasurer's Report, he has lost his free printing service so will have to pay now and claim from expenses. Similar figures to February meeting. Net Balance includes 2 grants.
Proposed by Lynda Stone and seconded by Richard. Bill will get copies of the annual position from Ron, as he's on holidays, for the AGM. Tim is now a signatory, the HSBC mandate has gone through.

v. Speed Advisor analysis – Julie to provide.

vi 'Cold calling' stickers – it was asked if Rose know where we get the official ones.

vii Queensholme Drive graffiti – the GONE project isn't happening mark G. observed.

Action: Rose to put in newsletter and Bill to announce at Heathfest as we have the funding.

viii Nothing to report re BHRAG but Emma Whale is Chair of the new support group for the playing fields and a constitution is being set up.

7. There was no AOB so the **Timetable for our Next Meetings was then considered and these dates committed to the diaries:**

July 18th September 19th November 28th February 13th NB: this next date change from the proposal: May 15th If HEATHFEST is rained off September 19th will be our AGM.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.