

Minutes of 122nd BHNW Meeting held on 18th July

Bill Crocker	Chair	Mark Garland	Website and Social Media Editor
Ron Coleman	Treasurer	Julie Gould	Quakers
Rose Cane	Secretary	Katrina Sheldrake	PCSO

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from: Mark Venables, Mike Baker, Lesley Ashley, Graeme Dundas, Tim Davies and Martyn Thomas. Nothing heard: Lynda and Chris Stone and Richard Old.

The watch thanked Malcolm Coles and Julie Windsor for their time and hard work and wished them well for the future.

Changes to the team:

Secretary	Rose Cane
Newsletter Editor	Tom Harris and Mum Sue
Heath Upper	Darren Rogers

Vacancies:

Badminton, Heathfields, PRO, Speed Watch Leader

Tom Harris approached Bill to sign off his Duke of Edinburgh Award (the community service section) for delivering the newsletter for a number of years! He wanted to be more involved with the Watch and Bill invited him to take over as the Newsletter Editor.

It was agreed that an item be included in the next newsletter with a photo of Tom at his computer suggesting that activities with the Watch could help towards Duke of Edinburgh, Scout and Guide badges and awards.

Action Tom

Item 2 Minutes of Last Meeting

As these were not available accuracy will be postponed to the next meeting.

Matters arising that remain outstanding:

Good Neighbourhood Schemes – various schemes raised at Safer South Glos. These are being thought through.

Speed Watch Leader still being sought.

Item 3 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports and Priorities

One ASBO recently given. This was immediately broken and as a consequence resulted in 18 weeks custodial sentence. Once the offender is released the police team will visit and introduce themselves and let the offender know they are about as well as offer help to break any habits such as stealing etc.

Emersons Green and Downend have been a target for garage and shed contents and an arrest has been made. This followed a recent break in. The haul included a mobile phone which had the App 'find my phone'. The owners using another phone tracked where the offenders were going and notified the police who made the arrest.

Safer South Glos meeting took place on 26th June and was heavily attended by residents and councillors unhappy about 3 Cleeve Lawns which it is thought will be occupied by young people under supervision. No action can be taken.

Vehicles parking on single white advisory lines on Heath Road and Oakdale Avenue - Police will monitor the single white lines and increase patrols between 8.30 – 9am on the roads affected.

Next meeting will be 2/9/13 at Emersons Green

With regard to Graeme's email about 'strange' smoking in the park and a fire, Katrina is aware of visitors to the park as she had received calls from locals. She needs car registrations to take things forward.

Katrina advised that the team is now
Superintendent - Geoff Spicer, Chief Inspector - Norman Pascal, Inspector- Dominic Graham
Sargent - Andy Hucker
Constables - James Rochford, Jo Kille and Louise Rowe (job share)
PCSOs - Katrina Sheldrake, Ian Burton, Samantha Derrick and Thomas McIntye.

Katrina left the meeting at circa 8.20pm

Euro lock. This is a lock that was used to secure patio sliding doors and is easily snapped and entry gained but is noisy to achieve. After discussion with Dave Ashford (Avon & Somerset police) who advised that these are rarely used now no further advertising of this is required.

Item 4 Heathfest and Annual meeting review

The MS2 stand was between the Parish and BHNW. Rocky brought a mobile police station and a crew bus with a cage for the children to climb in and explore.

With regard to the AGM it was generally much easier than organising a specific event. Bill invited guests to visit the stand from the main microphone. Once guests approached the stand they were invited to sign to say they had been there as they would at an AGM. The paperwork was pinned up for all to read. They were then asked over the microphone to agree to the Watch team and the business of the day. The view of those present at this meeting and Heathfest was that it worked very well and as long as Bill is prepared to do the microphone bit (although others need to pluck up courage and give it a go) we should do the same next year. Martyn was thanked for his help with transporting, setting up and dismantling the stand.

Item 5 Speed Watch

No news. Still looking for a leader. A job description is to be written **Action Bill**

Item 6 Reports

i Newsletter spring/summer low on adverts. Handover to be arranged **Action Mark**

ii Website, facebook, twitter nothing to report

iii PRO nothing to report

iv Treasurer as per the report tabled with additional costs of the camera and case, some stickers and the new banner. 2 invoices for adverts remain outstanding. **Action Bill**

The expenses policy was discussed with opposing views. The idea is to have a transparent process. However, this could be construed as an invitation to claim for anything. It will now be reworded and brought to the next meeting. **Action Bill**

v Speedvisor analysis **Action Rose**

vi No Cold Caller update **Action Rose**

vii Community Plan. Graham Riley elected again to Chair the Parish. Every sub group, subcommittee of the Parish is expected to work in partnership with groups, individuals and organisations in the community. Bill will test that for THaT soon.

viii Committee members - more welcome packs required.

Item 7 AOB

G.O.N.E. nobody has volunteered yet.

Latest scam appears on an email from trading standards: Complaints have been received by residents of South Gloucestershire who have had unsolicited telephone calls offering them free home security alarms and wanting to arrange home visits.

It appears the scammers are telling residents that they live in a high crime area and are at risk. They go on to say that the alarm system is free and is only being offered to a small number of people in that locality. During the home visit, one resident was then told that there is actually a fee of at least £300, to cover installation costs.

Item 8 next meeting

Thursday 19th September 7.45 at St Augustine's Church meeting Room

Meeting closed at 9.45

Signed Bill Crocker
Chair