

Minutes of 123rd BHNW Meeting

19th September 2013

Bill Crocker	Chair	Julie Gould	Quakers
Ron Coleman	Treasurer	Richard Old	Church
Rose Cane	Secretary	Graeme Dundas	Queensholm
Mark Garland	Website & Social Media	Darren Rogers	Heath Upper
PC James Rochford (Rocky)		Martyn Thomas	Bury Hill

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from: Lesley Ashley, Tim Davies, Lynda and Chris Stone, Graham Ball (adjacent NHW), Tom and Sue Harris.

Nothing heard: Mark Venables

Resignation: Mike Baker (Bromleaze) due to parish commitments. The Committee wishes him well for the future.

Vacancies: Badminton, Bromleaze, Heathfields, PRO, Speed Watch Leader, GONE project leader.

Note change of agenda order to allow Rocky to leave before item 2 and to give members of the public time to arrive.

Item 3 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports and Priorities

Areas of concern:

- Conifer fires
- Commercial break-ins in particular pubs and bakeries
- Motor cross bikes and quad bikes are being targeted. Possibly followed home.
- Graffiti – report to graffiti line with a photo if possible
- Shoplifters in Sainsbury's and Co-op
- Parking over drives (outside our immediate area). Possible to ask SGC to paint single white lines but not known if there is a cost to the homeowner.

Rocky confirmed that whilst they may not have a strong presence at Bromley Heath Schools they do cover all the schools in the area during an allotted time. (red time – main start and finish of school).

Two positives

- A dealer by the Willy Wicket has been arrested and is now going through the formalities.
- An anti-social 14 year old has been given a 4 month sentence. He will be released into foster care in another area.

A third person was mentioned as detailed in the previous minutes.

For our information the Neighbourhood Policing Facebook provides up to date crime figures.

Rocky confirmed that PCSOs now have the authority to stop and search with also the power to detain. Their area of involvement is with juvenile smokers and alcohol and to assist with community youth problems.

Rocky left the meeting before the next item.

Item 2 Part Night Street Lighting

Bill ran through the time line of events starting with the working party in 2006 and ending with the present situation and the comments on 'Heathboard'. (Heathboard is an online community notice board. You have to request to become a member to use it).

A useful discussion on times and restrictions of the policy and the criteria were discussed by the committee. The public had been invited to the Safer Stronger meeting earlier in September at Emersons Green but there was very little local interest. Bill had suggested and gave an open invitation for the local community to come to this meeting to address their concerns against the criteria. No members of the local community were present.

Item 4 Minutes of Last Meetings

121st Agreed as a true and accurate record

122nd Sergeant and McIntyre incorrectly spelt. Otherwise agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising - all matters arising are agenda items for this meeting.

Item 5 Speed Watch

Nobody has come forward and the equipment has therefore been passed to another area.

However Julie has a possible candidate and wishes to discuss further **Action Bill/Julie**

Item 6 Avon and Somerset Watch

Responses have been mixed and a further meeting will be held 24/9/13 to discuss. The PCC supports it.

Item 7 Reports

1. **Newsletter** - Bill and Mark have met with Tom and Sue. Tom has his own ideas but has agreed to keep our branding. Can use beat to beat, national organisation website for ideas. Please feed articles through to him including scrap metal confusion.
Action Bill
2. **Website** – All very positive. 69 followers on facebook. 90 have seen the message inviting them to our meeting.
3. **PRO** – Graeme asked for a job description as he may have found a candidate
Action Bill/Graeme
4. **Treasurer.** Finances are as the report tabled. Ron has sourced somebody who is willing to print the accounts at no charge. Tim Davies has agreed to be Ron's deputy. Ron will email the accounts direct to him.
Action Ron
The Expenses policy was approved in its present form and will be reviewed in a year.
5. **Speedvisor.** The results are supposed to be available on the SGC website. However the folder is presently empty. Further investigation is required **Action Rose**
6. **No Cold Caller update.** Nothing to report **Action Rose**
7. **Community Plan and THaT.** Nothing to report
8. **Committee Members.**
 - **Common Interest.** Nothing to report
 - **Welcome packs.** Has been a surge as properties are changing hands.
9. **BHRAG/friends of the park.** Apparently too expensive to convert the toilets for public use.

Item 8 AOB

Graeme mentioned that the vegetation on the cycle path is very overgrown near Bromley Heath roundabout. Need to contact Street Care on behalf of the Watch. **Action Graeme**
Also there is nothing to stop horses walking onto the football pitch and leave a calling card. SGC needs to be advised. **Action Bill/Rose**

Scams for the newsletter.

- Vehicles flash to let you go first and then they drive into you in order to make a claim.
- Doll in a car seat to look like a baby in a parked car. You go and look and your car is stolen or you are mugged.

Item 9 Date of next meeting

Thursday 28th November 2013 7.45 at St Augustine's Church - Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 10.00PM

Signed Bill Crocker
Chair