

Minutes of 125th BHNW Meeting

13th February 2014

Bill Crocker	Chair	Richard Old	Church
Rose Cane	Secretary	Graeme Dundas	Queensholm
Mark Garland	Website & Social Media	Mark Venables	Sandringham
Julie Gould	Quakers	Lyn & Mick Bromley	Badminton
Darren Rogers	Heath Upper		

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Bill welcomed Lyn and Mick to their first meeting and reminded all they had kindly agreed to take on Badminton sector. A round of introductions was completed.

Apologies were received from Ron Coleman, Lesley Ashley, Lynda & Chris Stone, Tim Davies, Martyn Thomas, Tom and Sue Harris and Bridget Whittle. Nothing heard re Police Rep.

Vacancies: Bromleaze, Heathfields, Bury Hill View (tbc) PRO, Speed Watch Leader, GONE project leader.

Item 2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Accuracy:

Bury Hill and Bury View should both read Bury Hill View. Otherwise agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Matters arising:

Finding the two engraving sets were recorded as an action for BC from the last meeting.

However as he has no knowledge of who they were lent to it was decided that this should be an item for the next newsletter to see if we can track them down. **Action Bill/Tom**

The press were factually incorrect in respect of the mugging on the 4/10/13 stating that a female had been mugged. MG has discovered that it related to a male. There is nothing further to report in this respect.

All other matters arising are agenda items.

Item 3 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports and Priorities

No Police representatives were at the meeting.

BC advised that the police had carried out an operation in Fouracre Crescent where they had tested the security of car doors. Twelve cars were found to be insecure. An item is to appear in the newsletter in this respect.

There is confusion and concern about the multiple channels that the police are using to communicate. Different channels are being populated by different people without internal communication. Currently there is:

- Ringmaster,
- Avon & Somerset Police Facebook,
- Beat Facebook eg Staplehill,
- Avon & Somerset Police email system which is currently being replaced
- Direct emails between our Beat team and BHNW when trying to spread the word quickly.

Recently it was suggested to B Whittle that the Avon and Somerset facebook was a good place to record something that was happening. However her response was that it couldn't happen as Avon & Somerset facebook is the responsibility of the local teams.

The use of the data protection forms that we all sign was then questioned as they are not required for other channels. It was suggested that these were to cover our own details being shared. This needs clarification.

Action Bill

The Safer Stronger Meeting took place Thursday 5/12/13 at Downend Baptist Church from which the following information was given:

- The fire service rationalisation. Speedwell fire station is to close. Keynsham will also close. Kingswood Fire Station will now have 1 pump, 1 chemical vehicle, 1 large turntable incorporating a pump and one other vehicle. A new station will be opened on the Ring Road in due course. The reason behind the reduction is that the number of callouts have reduced considerably. Businesses and public buildings etc. are required to have carried out their own risk assessments thus reducing the risk of fire.
- The bus shelter at Queensholm Drive has been removed but the bus stop remains. This was due to the buses damaging the roof and making it unsafe.
- The left turn at the bottom of Cleeve Hill has been highlighted as a danger particularly to school children walking to school. Cars are mounting the pavement to turn left when the cars turning right are queuing and thus blocking the route. A capital bid is being secured for something practical to stop this happening. DR suggested a yellow salt bin is placed on the pavement to stop cars mounting it.
- Land at Cleeve Shops. There is no clarity of ownership. Some shops know they own the 'waste land' opposite but others where the properties have not been sold since Land Registry started recording ownership have no deeds. BC proposed at the meeting that South Glos and the Parish work together to purchase it. However this idea was turned down by the meeting.
- A 20 mph zone is being considered for the whole area. There is an opportunity to comment on this on the South Glos. Website.
- A Consultation is to be carried out regarding verge and pavement parking. This will be enforced by officers and the police camera vans.
- There was discussion on new Neighbourhood Watch groups and how to support them.
- Beat Facebook is updated daily from Staple Hill. The Facebook addresses are to be added to our Newsletter.
- The next Safer Stronger meeting will take place 5th March 2014 at Bromley Heath Junior School at 7pm.
- Items on the agenda include the insecure car issue and Poo corner as advised below.

Action Bill

Heath Board. (You have to be invited to join the online site). It is not clear whether you can put what you like on it or whether items are filtered. There doesn't seem to be 'an acceptable use' policy. MG has queried this and will circulate a copy of his email to the watch.

Action Mark

There is an item regarding the disposal of dog dirt bags being deposited around the bin but not in it adjacent to the Fouracre surgery. There has been some discussion in another format that the dog bins are being phased out in favour of using household black wheelie bins. This is little known and would be useful to have signage on the old bins. New black wheelie bins have this on them. JG and MB proposed that this is raised at the next Safer Stronger Meeting. **Action Bill**

Manure on the cycle track is continuing to be an issue. No signage has been installed as yet.

Part Night Street Lighting

The petition on the South Glos. website currently has over 1,700 signatures. Residents who are concerned about part night street lighting should look into this group and sign the petition. Once the petition reaches 2500 signatures the council have to debate the issue.

The street lights remain on where traffic calming measures are installed. This should include the corner of Fouracre Crescent and Road by the Doctor's surgery but doesn't. **Action Bill**

Item 4 Annual Meeting

Following the notice that there will not be a Heathfest this year the plans for the AGM have been scuppered! Three suggestions were put forward

- To use the Sandringham Public House. However there is a new landlord and permission needs to be requested. **Action Bill**
- Use our normal meeting – but it is out of area.
- Use our meeting but move it into one of the Bromley Heath Schools.
- Go to a WI meeting – but not inclusive as women only.

The first idea seems favourable subject to the Landlord's permission

Item 5 Speed Watch and GONE

Nobody has come forward. Need to push in the Newsletter. **Action Bill**

Item 6 Avon and Somerset Watch

No further progress as yet.

Item 7 Lampost Signs.

Need to find data base built up by Barry Shore. **Action Rose and Bill**

Item 8 Reports

1. **Newsletter** –Bill finished today. Gone to printers
2. **Website** Updated in respect of minutes, financials, committee list etc.
3. **Social Media** Active
4. **PRO** – Still vacant
5. **Treasurer.** Finances are as the report tabled. RC thanked in his absence. A further £120 donation has been gratefully received from MS2 from their stall at Heathfest.
6. **Speed visor.** The folder remains empty. However, the folder may be empty as there are not any speed visors in the area at present. **Action Rose**

7. **No Cold Caller update.** Julie Gould has completed the application for Quakers Road. However, there is no information of police activity regarding cold callers or crime. Julie confirmed that they have had cold callers selling tarmac, tea towels and tree surgeons. RD advised that two weeks ago cold callers were selling cavity and loft insulation. In a previous newsletter the paperwork from these cold callers was required by trading standards. A reminder is required **Action Rose**
8. **Community Plan and THaT.** No further approach. (For those that don't know the Parish have their own group for traffic etc. and have been told to work with us but so far nothing is happening. **Action Bill**
9. **Committee Members.**
a) Common Interest
RO has been advised of an attempt to syphon petrol in his patch.
Graeme has delivered approx.400 leaflets in the area trying to recruit another crossing patrol person on behalf of South Glos
b) Welcome packs. Martyn Thomas requested 4 for Bury Hill View last meeting and Julie requires 5 for Quakers **Action Bill**
10. **BHRAG/friends of the park.** Nothing to report

Item 8 AOB

New ID badges are required for Lyn and Mick Bromley, Tom, Daniel and Rose. Please forward photos to Mark Garland for website and to Rose for badges.

Lyn and Mick have noticed that a lot of fence panels are down between houses allowing criminals to walk across the rear gardens. Need to raise awareness via the website.

Action Mark

Item 9 Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th May 2014 7.45 at St Augustine's Church - Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 10.00 PM

Signed Bill Crocker
Chair