

Minutes of 127th BHNW Meeting

11th September 2014

Bill Crocker	Chair	Richard Old	Church
Rose Cane	Secretary	Julie Gould,	Quakers
Mark Garland	Website & Social Media	Mark Venables	Sandringham
Ron Coleman	Treasurer		
Darren Rogers	Heath Upper	Linda & Chris Stone	Quakers

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Graeme Dundas Queensholm
Martyn Thomas Bury Hill View (fttb)
Lesley Ashley Fouracre
Lyn & Mick Bromley Badminton
Police (Katrina on leave and Rocky on leave).

Non-attendance, Tim Davies.

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

NB Bridget Whittle attended to talk about Ringmaster. Regrettably we were unable to gain entry to St Augustine's Hall and had to adjourn to Fouracre Crescent. At this point Bridget left as she needed to get back to Portishead. Our thanks go to Mrs Crocker for allowing us into her home at such short notice and for her hospitality.

Item 2 Playing out

As the deadline has passed Jacky Dockerty has given her apologies for this meeting as she needed to be elsewhere. However she will attend a future meeting before the new season starts.

Some comments were made by the committee about why the need to use roads when there are plenty of green spaces. Others felt this was aimed at the younger generation and was not for them. Some queried the cost and what it was for. Who supplies the signage and what about vehicles wanting to move in the road being used? How often would this happen?

These concerns can be raised when the presentation is made if still feeling the same way about it.

However, Julie (Oakdale) advised that her friend who lives in Fishponds has been regularly involved in 'Playing Out' in her street. The street has to provide their own signage (dustbins and tape to block the street), high vis jackets and marshals. If a vehicle needs to enter the street a whistle is blown to alert everybody and the vehicle is accompanied by the marshal to and from its destination. It is for all age groups. There is no formal structure and can be for up to 3 hours. 'Playing Out' can take place as long as there are no objections from any of the householders in the street. The onus is on the householders to object if they so wish.

Item 3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Matters arising:

The two engraving sets this is an item in the next newsletter. Hopefully we will be able to track them down.

A number of the committee are now set up on Heathboard. Thank you Mark.

Filton Police station has been razed to the ground. Need to find out where to send cold calling leaflets now **Action Rose**

The number 5 bus is no longer passing the front of the schools in Quakers Road as it has now been routed via Queensholm. (when the drivers remember).

To waive the £36 cost of green wheelie bins will cost SGC in the order of £1m. No further action at this stage.

All other matters outstanding are agenda items

Item 4 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports and Priorities

Fire Brigade update.

Kingswood Fire Station is now closed for redevelopment. Speedwell is presently covering. Kingswood will open again in Jan 2015 and then Speedwell will be shut down.

There will be further fire brigade union action.

Police Update

Accommodation review. The neighbourhood police are now based with the 'blues and 2s' in Emerson's Green (not open to the public) making dialogue between the two easier.

Rose queried which police stations are open after close of business to the general public in the event of being followed in a vehicle or similar. There would not appear to be any in our area.

Keynsham and Patchway custody suites are soon to be opened. The arresting officers can simply hand over those arrested to the investigating officers in the custody suites enabling them to get straight back on the beat.

- 5/7/14 assault on a female in the area. Arrest has been made.
- Robbery at McCalls. Arrest made within the hour. The accused has now moved out of the area.
- A bearded gentleman making a nuisance of himself in the Downend area seems to be regularly arrested and released according to those living in the area.
- Church Lane is the scene of dealing. Evidence from residents there has led to arrests elsewhere. Police thanked the community for their help with these.
- Anti-social behaviour outside the Co-op and in the Emersons Green area. If witnessing please call 101.

Bottom of Cleve Hill. As mentioned previously cars are not waiting in the queue to turn left at the lights. They simply mount the pavement putting pedestrians at risk. This is low on the Council's list of priorities. Therefore please lobby the Parish Council.

It has been noticed that local street lights are going out at 2am following the work to replace the sensors. There should be a report next time on moving to LED lighting.

Yellow Pages have confirmed that they will deliver /knock on doors only during daylight hours.

As from this month vehicle tax discs will no longer be issued. Recording equipment is placed around the town which can automatically read number plates and subsequently check whether tax and insurance are in force.

Following an accident on the Badminton Road, just prior to the Willy Wicket round about, a privately owned wall has been knocked down on the left hand side (driving away from Downend), it was suggested that a fixed camera be installed. Not sure at this stage who has the responsibility for this. Brian Gaches/PCSO trying to establish.

Planning permission is being sought to convert the LeFarge building by the petrol station into a 76 bedroom nursing home for dementia patients with 25 parking spaces.

The Metro Plan would appear not to be serving Bromley Heath as the bus stops have been dropped from the plan in the area. It would appear that the council advised they were in the wrong place and instead of moving them on the plan to somewhere more suitable they have been dropped altogether.

The next Safer Stronger Meeting will be held on 4/12/14 7pm at Emersons Green Village Hall.

Item 5 Annual Meeting

This will take place in the Sandringham Pub on either a Monday or Tuesday. A suitable date in October will be advised to all via email. Please look out for it. **Action Bill**

Item 6 Youth Survey Proposals

Will and George have drafted a survey (copies of which were handed out at the meeting). They have not decided who to distribute it to as yet. Any ideas to Bill please. **Action All**

Item 7 Speed Watch and GONE

Still looking for volunteers. However it has been suggested that we try a different approach for GONE and simply ask residents to let us know if they have graffiti as we can help. South Glos Council will arrange to clean off offensive graffiti. For all other graffiti BHNW has been awarded a small sum of money by the Parish Council to pay a company to do the cleaning. We can help with the form filling. Newsletter item? **Action Bill**

Item 8 Avon and Somerset Watch

No further progress as yet.

Item 9 Lamppost Signs.

Darren has taken over responsibility for the spreadsheet and noting where repairs to existing signs are required. He will also help with their positioning etc.

Item 10 Reports

- **Newsletter** –just need to finalise the AGM date and can then be sent to the team for proofing **Action Bill/All**
- **Website/ Social Media** – Up to date in respect of minutes, financials, committee list etc.
- **PRO** – Still vacant. However, Graeme willing to take on if a replacement can be found for his patch.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Finances are as the report tabled. Thanks again to Ron.
- **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**
- **No Cold Caller update.** Without Crime figures Quakers Road may not be progressed by South Glos Council. However, in the minutes last December it was recorded that we had considered the rest of the BHNW area at a cost of £1.40 per household if we could find the funds. We need to establish if the cost has remained at this price and consider whether we could fund Quakers 240 properties. **Action Rose**
- **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**

- **Committee Members.**

Common Interest

A dog has been barking late into the night in Fouracre patch. Police can't help. It was suggested that the RSPCA be informed and/or environmental health who will record the noise levels.

Action Mark G

Large vehicle is parking in the road outside 20 Oakdale Road. Need to establish who this belongs to and whether blocking the pavement. If so should refer it to the Beat Team

Action Chris and Linda

Mopeds on Bury Hill View Cycle Path. Take photographs and notes and most of all call 101 to report all incidents. Important to advise the police of all incidents to keep it on the top of their list

Skate boarders (who arrive in a car) have been in Bromley Heath Infant and Junior School playground again at the weekend 7/9/14. The police were called by a neighbour and the skateboarders left after approx. ten minutes. The police weren't seen by the neighbour. However the police later advised the neighbour they had attended. It was not known how the skateboarders entered the school or indeed the police.

Smoking of illegal substances has been observed at the tennis court and has also been smelt in the Badminton Road.

- **Welcome packs.** Nothing to report.
- **BHRAG/friends of the park.** Nothing to report.

Item 11 AOB

None

Item 12 Next Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2014 7.45 at St Augustine's Church - Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 10.00 PM

Signed Bill Crocker
Chair