

Minutes of 128th BHNW Meeting

27th November 2014

Bill Crocker	Chair	Richard Old	Church
Rose Cane	Secretary	Graeme Dundas	Queensholm
Mark Garland	Website & Social Media	Mick Bromley	Badminton
Ron Coleman	Treasurer	Lesley Ashley	Fouracre
Rocky	Police Rep	Linda & Chris Stone	Oakdale
Darren Rogers	Heath Upper		

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Lyn Bromley Badminton
Martyn Thomas Bury Hill View (fttb)

Non-attendance,

Val and John Rogers Bromleaze
Julie Gould Quakers
Mark Venables Sandringham

Vacancies: Heathfields, Bury Hill View (tbc but Martyn still kindly covering) PRO, Speed Watch Leader, GONE project leader.

Item 2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Matters arising:

The two engraving sets are still missing.

Play out - nothing to add although there have been rumblings about using the parks.

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

An 'artic' lorry power unit is still being parked in Quakers Road. If the GVW is over 1525 Kg it needs to be lit with a parking light on the road side of the vehicle. A fixed penalty will be issued if not lit. If there is company branding on the cabin, a call to the company, letting them know it is being parked in a residential road may solve the problem. **Action Linda & Chris**

All other matters outstanding are agenda items.

Item 3 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports

Church Lane.

An arrest has been made but the court hearing is still to happen. Police are visiting the area regularly to keep a check on any dealing but it is difficult to police as there are a number of escape routes. Not feasible to install CCTV as there a number of restrictions and laws restricting their use.

Emersons Green.

3 men in a white van were offering to clean guttering. One was seen to try a door handle on another house. The men were arrested as they were offering to do the work without the proper paperwork and not giving cancellation rights as well as on suspicion of burglary.

Police highlighting Cold Calling/Rogue Traders

Be Vigilant and be Suspicious. Look after your neighbours. Cold callers can be scoping addresses by watching and checking movements.

Incidentally, if your neighbours are reporting direct to Police we need to ask them to let coordinator know also.

Article for newsletter

Car Keys

Left on show and stolen from private dwellings. This happened in Kingswood. The offender was pursued and caught.

Newsletter item hide keys.

Shed 'brakes'

Dial lane allotments. Nothing taken.

Blackhorse Road sheds set alight. Do not leave combustibles in sheds.

Please let police know of the break ins. Even if nothing is likely to be resolved. The information could be part of a bigger picture (police intelligence) and help complete a jig saw!

Newsletter item

Christmas message

Do not leave presents in the window for all to be seen. Equally by leaving the empty boxes from your purchases on the street for bin collection day provides the prospective burglar with enough information to work out whether it is worth breaking in to your house. **Newsletter item (if in time)**

A sympathy letter was sent to the homeowner following the fir tree fire in Oakdale Road. Her new soffits and guttering were damaged and the glass cracked in her windows. She was appreciative of the letter, as advised by Rose.

Meeting at BAWA 2/10/14

Chief Inspector Ellis now covers South Glos, Bath and NE Somerset. (Bridgett covers the same area.)

Due to cuts the hierarchy has had to reduce. The three sector inspectors have been reduced down to one. A Structure chart has been requested.

Action Bridget

The 'easy' things have been done to reduce costs but now down to front line cuts.

Rocky now has part time help - Louise Rowe but still waiting for a full time member to join him.

Kevin Wilkinson, now civilian employee part time. His role is crime reduction. He has advised that two different types of locks (sold Secure) should be used to secure bikes. This way the thief has to carry two types of cutters.

A powerful DVD about the dramatic impact and effect of scamming on the vulnerable called 'Think Jessica' was given to Lesley to watch and she will pass it on to Julie and so on around the committee.

The police website is being worked on and eventually ringmaster will no longer be used. However timescales are not confirmed.

The next Safer Stronger Meeting will be held Thursday 5th March 2015 7.00pm, Downend Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, Downend BS16 5RA

Consultations

SGC use another company to carry out surveys - Viewpoint. The survey is to gauge peoples' reactions to funding cuts and future spending. The survey is completed on line and you are entitled to shopping vouchers on completion.

It looks at the balanced view of various age groups which hit certain criteria. You can't do this if you work for Council and certain other groups.

Chair tasked with contacting the Parish Council new Chair Elizabeth to our previous proposal of partnership if the Safer, Stronger meetings are to go as part of cuts. **Action Bill.** We will have to wait and see if the Police do take on the lead for **Speedwatch** as we need reassurance from the police that their budget will stand this and we want to work closer with them. On **Trading Standards** the Parish Council commented that funding needs to be maintained.

Item 4 Annual Meeting review

All agreed that the years that Heathfest is running the AGM should be held there if the Heathfest Committee agrees. For the alternate years the Pub was a good idea. The meeting recommended adoption of this course of events and was proposed by Lesley Ashley and seconded by Darren Rogers.

NB matters have since changed regarding Heathfest as Bill's dates have clashed.

The Annual Accounts were tabled and agreed at this meeting as Ron was not available at the AGM

Item 5 Youth Survey

For 11-25 year olds.

Will be advertised on social media, and with permission at schools and MS2 and on the website. The first completed male and female ones will attract a small BHNW prize.

The boys are still willing to help with the signs.

Item 6 Speed Watch and GONE

No change

Item 7 Avon and Somerset Watch

No further progress as yet.

Item 8 Lamppost Signs.

Out of 185 signs 140 have been checked by Darren. Still to do Badminton Road, Church Lane, Bury Hill View and Sandringham. So far 24 missing and 2 broken. After debate it was agreed that the Parish be asked if our GONE money of £1000 can become new sponsored signs support. **Action: Bill**

Item 9 Reports

- **Newsletter** **Action Bill/All**
- **Website/ Social Media** – Up to date in respect of minutes, financials, and 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. **Action Rose**
- **No Cold Caller update.** Present cost £1.40 per Household for the community doorstep control zone will be maintained until the New Year. The cost will then be re considered. At this point the cold calling zones will no longer be available. Looking at the paperwork it appears a grant maybe available for the doorstep control. **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.** Unfortunately time ran out for this item.

Item 10 AOB

No time.

Item 11 Next Meeting

Thursday 12th February 2015 7.45 at St Augustine's Church - Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 10.00 PM and Bill wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Signed Bill Crocker
Chair