

Minutes of 129th BHNW Meeting

6th February 2015

Bill Crocker	Chair	Mark Venables	Sandringham
Rose Cane	Secretary	Martyn Thomas	Bury Hill View fttb
Mark Garland	Website & Social Media	Mick Bromley	Badminton
Ron Coleman	Treasurer	Lesley Ashley	Fouracre
Rocky Paul Fortune	Police Police	Lynda & Chris Stone	Oakdale
Richard Old	Church	Julie Gould	Quakers

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions

A warm welcome was given to Paul who joins the Police team with Rocky Dan and Katrina. Paul talked through his background including his work with another Neighbour Watch team. A photograph will be required for the next newsletter. **Action Paul**

Apologies were received from:

Greame Dundas Queensholm
Darren Rogers Heath Upper
Bridget

Non-attendance,

Val and John Rogers Bromleaze

Vacancies: Heathfields, Bury Hill View (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.

The DVD 'Think Jessica' is still being passed around the committee.

Cold calling – the collection of leaflets was required in connection with a focused operation around rogue trader activity which has long since finished.

An 'artic' lorry power unit is still being parked in Quakers Road on occasions.

The structure chart provided is already out of date another will be forwarded **Action Bridget**

All other matters outstanding are agenda items.

Item 3 Neighbourhood Police/Safer Reports

Bromley Heath Avenue.

A daylight robbery. The accused has been bailed.

Note the majority of burglaries happen during the day. The average burglary takes 3 minutes. **Newsletter item**

Church Lane.

Police are visiting the area regularly – high viz and plain clothes. The dealer no longer lives in the area. Householders in the area need to be vigilant and report unusual sightings, registration numbers of cars etc.

Garage 'break ins'

A 15/16 year old has admitted the 'break ins'.

Allotments

Have not located anybody but have disrupted their camp

Various

Walking beats

Being promoted around schools and vulnerable persons housing areas. There are no results to prove that this reduces crime but keeps a higher profile.

Hedge fires

Salisbury Road and Lincoln Road. Once a fire is reported certain actions are immediately put into action.

The 'Specials' (volunteers)

Have carried out a check on the 2+ lane. 78 drivers were caught using the lane on day one. Most were let off with a caution. The numbers were greatly reduced by day 2 and so on. The Specials also used the speed cameras and checked on parents parking outside a number of schools in Downend and Emersons Green areas.

A discussion followed about the 2+lane item where BHNW discovered that Public vehicles are not allowed to use the bus lanes unless they are involved in an emergency and using their blue lights. As an example if a police car is carrying a prisoner out to the cells in Patchway the police car is expected to sit in the normal rush hour traffic. This also follows with the return journey. Another example would be an ambulance returning to the depot. The tax payer is therefore paying for them to sit in the traffic and with budgets so tight and staff numbers being reduced this is not a sensible use of personnel.

Martyn Thomas proposed that this is brought up at the next safer stronger meeting. This was seconded by Lesley Ashley.

Speed cameras

It is not clear who will be responsible for the speed cameras. However

Richard Old proposed that a camera be installed on the Badminton Road just after Aintree Drive going towards the garage. This has been the scene of a few serious accidents. The road bends slightly and has a camber on which a number of cars have lost control. This was seconded by Martyn Thomas.

New Police Recruits

120 are being recruited in the Avon and Somerset area. Our council tax includes a 1.99% charge to fund further policing. Our Police Commissioner is relieved that it has stayed below the cut-off point as it avoids a referendum.

Crime Figures

They show that crime is falling. However there is a lot of apathy about reporting crime as it is felt 'nothing will be done'. Even if nothing is likely to be resolved the police need to know about it. The information is part of a bigger picture (police intelligence) and repetitive incidents can then be targeted.

Newsletter item

Victims of Burglary.

Don't touch anything. Don't clean the floor. Advice to be made available. **Action Paul**

Safer Stronger Meeting

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

Our agenda will be

- Church Lane
- Who is responsible for siting new cameras?
- School Crossing
- Dog's Mess
- Bin Lorrys

Item 4

a Heathfest 11/7/15

A double pitch will be requested although Bill will not be available that weekend and it will be up to the committee to 'man' the pitch.

b Annual Meeting

This will be held September/October time in the Sandringham Public House

c Parish Assembly 30/4/15

Not sure of our involvement yet.

Item 5 Youth Survey

For 10-25 year olds. It is online at 'Survey Monkey'

It has been advertised on social media. The closing date is Easter. There is a prize for the first complete entry.

Item 6 Speed Watch and GONE

The police are taking over the speed cameras and have purchased a number at £1 a camera.

The parish finance committee are happy that the GONE money is used to finance new signs but has yet to put it to and be agreed by the full Parish Council.

Part of the 'budget slimming exercise' is for the police to oversee Speedwatch. A volunteer is still required from the area to run it which involves undertaking risk assessments, finding suitable areas and manning the camera etc.

Item 7 Avon and Somerset Watch

No further progress as yet.

Item 8 Lamppost Signs.

27 were missing but a further 6 went missing since the recent gales making a total of 33. One of the problems is the ties that hold the signs in place have become loose over time and in fact it was not possible to pull the ties as tight as possible from the beginning. Apparently there is a tool that can do the job. Maybe able to purchase one from TLC on the Feeder Road.

Bill to action

Item 9 Reports:

- **Newsletter** – Winter newsletter ready to be delivered.
- **Website/ Social Media** – Presently being updated 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. However, contact has now been established with South Glos

Action Rose

- **No Cold Caller update.** No grants are available and Rose is checking that the present cost of £1.40 per Household for the community doorstep control zone will be maintained. **Action Rose**
- **Community Plan and THaT.** Update 2/3/15. Bill and David have been asked to report at the assembly **Action Bill**
- **Committee Members.**

It would appear that the Bromley Heath Rubbish Lorry Drivers have been verbally abusive. South Glos have been advised. However it was agreed that we would request any comments from BH householders via social media. **Action Mark**

In this connection there was debate as to whether the refuse collectors can 'work' both sides of the street at the same time. **Action Martyn**

Welcome Packs

Richard requires 3.

Lesley requires 3

Action Bill

Item 10 AOB

New coordinator for Bury Hill View required imminently.

Item 11 Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2015 7.45 at St Augustine's Church - Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 9.45 PM

Signed Bill Crocker

Chair