

Agenda Item 2

NORTH WEST HUNTINGDONSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL

Wednesday 20th January 2010

PRESENT:

Panel	Cllr E Butler (Chairman)	-	Huntingdonshire District Council
	Cllr M MacGuire	-	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr M Rickman	-	Yaxley Parish Council
	Cllr E Rayner	-	Ellington Parish Council
	Ms J Pritchard	-	Luminus
	Inspector I Ford	-	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
	M Fowler	-	Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue
Other Representatives	Cllr G Denton	-	Glatton Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch
	Cllr A Lobb	-	Folksworth Parish Council
	Ms S Johnston	-	Cambridgeshire Acre
	Cllr A Coe	-	Sibson – Cum – Stibbington Parish Council
	Cllr M Baker	-	Huntingdonshire District Council
	T Jordan	-	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Mrs O Main	-	Cambridgeshire Police Authority
	Sgt K Pope	-	Cambridgeshire Police
	Ms N Perry	-	Cambridgeshire Police
	Ms J Chapman	-	Cambridgeshire Police Authority
	Cllr J Garner	-	Huntingdonshire District Council
	R Berridge	-	Sawtry Youth and Community Centre
	Cllr J Spencer	-	Sawtry Parish Council
	Cllr J Cooke	-	Holme Parish Council/Holme Afternoon Tea Club for Elderly

Ms J Voce	-	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr V McGuire	-	Cambridgeshire County Council
Mrs K Squires	-	Huntingdonshire District Council
Mrs H Taylor	-	Huntingdonshire District Council
R Reeves	-	Huntingdonshire District Council

Members of the 6 Public

APOLOGY: None recorded

	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN</p> <p>In his role as Chairman, Cllr Butler welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending.</p>	
<p>2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE</p> <p>The Chairman explained the purpose of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ providing an opportunity to promote understanding of the democratic arrangements and functions of public sector organisations in the local neighbourhood; ◆ informing, consulting and involving the public on issues of local importance; ◆ enabling local communities and the public to raise issues of concern and highlight priorities for action to public sector organisations; ◆ and influencing the decision-making processes that direct service delivery. <p>The Chairman reminded those present that issues raised should relate to a local area or community. Individual issues should be discussed with the relevant agency at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that regular updates will be provided on issues raised through HDC's website once pages are up and running and that those responsible for moving issues forward (normally panel members) will be asked to report back on progress at the next meeting.</p>	

<p>3. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Mr R Reeves, Head of Democratic and Central Services for the District Council, explained the purpose of the panel in deciding local priorities for the policing team and also in responding to other issues raised. Mr Reeves explained that a Panel would be established to decide on priorities from the neighbourhood issues raised during the Forum meeting and to allocate tasks to agencies for action.</p> <p>Panel Members to date included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr E Butler, (Chairman) Huntingdonshire District Council • Cllr M McGuire, Cambridgeshire County Council • Cllr M Rickman, Yaxley Parish Council • Cllr E Rayner, Ellington Parish Council • Inspector I Ford, Cambridgeshire Constabulary • Mr Fowler, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue • Ms J Prichard, Luminus Group • <p>Representatives from one additional Parish Council and the NHS would also be appointed onto the Panel – details of which were yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr M MacGuire was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel.</p>	<p>Parish Councils/NHS Cambridgeshire</p>
<p>4. CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY – YOUR POLICE FORCE PRESENTATION</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Mrs O Main, member of Cambridgeshire Police Authority.</p> <p>Mrs Main delivered a presentation on the Police Authority’s role, budget and priorities for 2010.</p> <p>Those present were invited to ask questions following the presentation, none were given.</p>	
<p>5. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PROFILE</p> <p>Inspector I Ford gave a presentation on the policing pledge.</p> <p>In so doing, Inspector Ford introduced his team and reported on the policing priorities for the last previous quarter:</p> <p>Speeding in Spaldwick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 hours spent on speed enforcement including 37 speed checks resulting in 24 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) and 35 warning notices • Speedwatch patrols had been undertaken and advisory letters issued as a result. <p>Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) in Yaxley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six antisocial behaviour operations had been conducted by the Neighbourhood Policing Team which had resulted in 3 persons charged with arson 	

<p>and burglary of the Yaxley Scout Hut, one FPN and two arrests for ASB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted funding had been secured to enhance CCTV coverage in the recreation ground <p>Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) in Stilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 138 high visibility patrols conducted in Stilton, Yaxley and Sawtry • Engagement work has been undertaken with Stilton Youth Club. • Two ASB contracts issued • Two persons reported for summons for public order offences in Stilton • One FPN issued for drunk and disorderly behaviour • Guardian awareness programme letters issued <p>Police data showed crime hotspots currently around Elton and Folksworth, Great North Road (fraud and theft) and vehicle damage in Blenheim Way, Yaxley.</p> <p>Those present were invited to ask questions to which Inspector Ford provided the following responses:</p> <p>Q. How many villages currently operate Speedwatch? A. Catworth, Spalding, Ellington, Sawtry, Alwalton (currently undergoing training) and Yaxley/Farcet.</p> <p>Q. High volume of road traffic accidents between Holme village and Ratcliffes Garage. A. Accidents need to be reported to police in order for them to be looked into. Cllr M McGuire to discuss with Highways whether any improvements could be made to the road surface.</p> <p>Q. Lack of grit during bad weather on central reservation A14 Ellington junction – reported to police but no response. A. Inspector Ford assured that if specific details of the junction affected had been passed to the police then this information would have been passed to the highways team at the County Council to deal with.</p>	<p>Speedwatch to be added to future agenda</p> <p>Cllr M McGuire</p>
<p>6. SPALDWICK PARISH PLAN</p> <p>Sarah Johnstone of Cambridgeshire ACRE spoke to the meeting about the parish planning process and noted that future parish plans will be presented to Neighbourhood Forum meetings. Ms Johnstone explained that 30% of Parishes have completed or are in the process of completing a parish plan. The plans cover a five year period and allow the community to look at what they have, what will make them stronger as a community and what they need to avoid in the future.</p>	

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Issue with a car repair business being run from a residential property in Stibbington. Concerns were expressed over the storage of fuel and other liquids associated with this business. Cllr M McGuire explained that the District Council was addressing this problem. Cllr Rickman suggested that the Environment Agency might be able to provide support over the storage of liquids due to the potential for pollution issues.

Question raised over parish councils input into planning applications. The Chairman reported that planning seminars were available for Parish representatives to attend. Attention drawn to a study being undertaken by the District Council's Environmental Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Parish Comments and planning which should be completed Feb/March 2010. Suggested that representatives from the District Council Planning section be invited to attend a future meeting to explain how the process works.

A member of the public asked how the meetings had been advertised as she was concerned there had not been sufficient publicity. Roy Reeves explained that press releases were sent to all local newspapers, all parish councils had received posters to display on their noticeboards and the meeting had been advertised via the partners websites as well as E-cops. Ms J Vose, Locality Manager from Cambridgeshire County Council, suggested that information could be distributed to schools, school newsletters, childrens centres and locality newsletters.

A Yaxley resident expressed concerns over the lack of action to formally adopt the Ferndale estate. Cllr Rickman reported that this was an issue with all Persimmon sites. Cllr McGuire reported that this if the estate is not completed to the required standard and the County Council adopt before works completed, the Council would then have a responsibility to bring the estate up to that standard. Cllr Mac McGuire explained that this was a planning and development issue and that currently there was very little the District or County Council can do to address it.

Issue raised about unlawful entry to fields in the Spaldwick area and animals (ponies) being left there. The ponies in question had been left on a farmers property without the farmer's permission. What support could the police provide. Inspector Ford agreed to look into this as he was not aware of the specific incidents.

On the issue of underage youths purchasing alcohol from shops in Sawtry. Inspector Ford explained that the police had been working with the district council's licensing department and Trading standards over ways of managing this problem. Mr R Reeves asked for details of the incidents to pass to the relevant enforcement team at the district council. Residents were reminded that they could ask for a

K Squires to action

K Squires to ensure info sent to Parish newsletters editors

Insp Ford

<p>review of any licensed premises causing problems in the area. Ms J Voce suggested that the youth centre would be willing to work alongside the police on this issue.</p> <p>An issue about vehicles parking on the pavements in Sawtry was raised, Sgt Pope reported that she was aware of this issue and would continue to have a police presence in the area when possible.</p> <p>Folkesworth Parish Council raised an issue over the theft of oil form domestic tanks. The police suggested that any information on suspicious activity, vehicle details, potential suspects etc should be passed onto them.</p>	<p>Sgt Pope to action.</p>
<p>8. FUTURE ITEMS The Chairman requested items for future agendas, the following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning enforcement • Great Haddon development • Spaldwick Parish Plan • Speedwatch initiative <p>It was agreed that these items would be added to the Agenda of the next/future meetings of the Forum for discussion.</p>	<p>K Squires to action</p>
<p>9. FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Forum noted that the next meeting would be held on 19th April 2010 at a venue to be decided. It was agreed that copies of the Agenda would be made available at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all for attending and asked that people take the time to complete and return the feedback forms provided.</p>	<p>Subsequently agreed to hold the next meeting of Fourfields Community Primary School, Yaxley.</p>
<p>10. PANEL PRIORITISATION</p> <p>At the conclusion of the Forum meeting, the Panel agreed the following Policing Priorities for the three months to March 2010:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASB issues, Farcet 2. Parking Problems, High Street, Sawtry <p>Panel members were also asked to address those issues marked for their attention in the notes of the forum meeting.</p>	<p>Insp Ford/ Sgt Pope</p>