Minories of the Meeting held Wednesday, 4th December 2013


1.0 Apologies for absence - Susan Burton, Aaron Dainty, Alan Jenner, Cliff Noons, Ivan Way and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 6th November 2013 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 No points were raised.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Nothing major in a recent PCSO report relating to our Watch area. Their report included a list of events in the surrounding area including:
Restorative justice for youths caught fire raising in woodland.
An arrest for driving without insurance, licence and while over the drink drive limit;
A Section 59 order for driving on playing fields at Hilton;
A sentence of 9 years and 4 months for a man convicted of drug offences in Hilton;
Other driving offences.

4.2 Reports from Watch members indicate that at least two males have been seen active in the Etwall area overnight with a view to opportunistic theft eg:
Friday 22nd November, early hours in Slade Close, lock forced on vehicle and items taken. Two dark clad figures observed;
Night of 21st/22nd an attempt to cut a way into a vehicle in Egginton;
Wednesday 20th November, window of car, parked on Main Street, broken and mobile phone taken;
November 5th/6th, small hours, prowler seen behind a house in Blakelow Drive, white van seen driving away after man challenged.

Watch members are reminded to keep a good look out and to note the registration of any vehicle that looks unfamiliar or out of place.

4.3 Also in our PCSOs report was the news that PCSO Kate Bottomley, who has only been with us for a short time, is being transferred to Swandlincote. Her replacement is PCSO Kelly Barratt 4438. She is well experienced, having previously worked for 9 years in the Newhall area of Swandlicote.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 Brian Myring and Norman Ireland gave a brief outline of the November meeting;
A large volume of crime statistics was listed from which stood out the fact that while crime generally had fallen about 11%, vehicle crime, particularly theft of and from cars, was still a cause for concern;
The matter of our persistent request for relocation of the 30mph sign on the Hilton approach road was said by Councillor Ford to be ‘progressing’;
Norman Ireland commented on the request for action to alleviate overcrowded parking. He pointed out that before we accuse John Port pupils and teachers of being a major contributor to the problem we should gather firm evidence that vehicles associated with the school are involved.
Watch members are asked to record details of vehicles that are parked for long periods.
Related to the above situation, and relations with the school in general, Norman said he was acting to re-establish the regular liaison meetings that used to take place.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Ian Mellor commented on the potentially dangerous practice of buses, delivering school parties for swimming at the Leisure Centre, parking long term at the adjacent bus stop. This obscured visibility of cars pulling out of the Leisure Centre from drivers approaching from the Hilton direction. It also caused problems for the regular bus service. There seems to be no reason why these swimming party buses should not drop off the children and then park in the school bus park.

6.2 Malcolm Yarnold stated that arrangements had been made for our next meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th January instead of the 1st January.
7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 Our request for the 30mph sign relocation will be raised as usual.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Minutes approved ........................................ Date ........................................

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING

TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th DECEMBER 2013.

3.0. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES.

4.0. CRIME STATISTICS.

5.0. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING.

6.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

7.0. ITEMS TO BE RAISED AT NEXT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING