

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 19.30 at Community Room, Fire Station, Nailsea

1. Present / Apologies

Name	Pres	Apols
Peter Smith – Chairperson	Yes	
Mike West – Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Gill McConachie – Treasurer	Yes	
Ian Mottram – Distribution Support	Yes	
Trevor Lyons	No	No
Sue Lomax	Yes	
Terry Thompson	No	No
Lee Kerslake (Police HQ)	Yes	

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 5th November were taken as read.

2. Matters arising from minutes

5.7 Enquiries to be made re Fire Station Charity. Cfwd.

5.10 Cfwd (Identity cards & lanyards). **ACTION:** 8.3 Cfwd (New guest speakers). **ACTION:** Trevor

4.6 **ACTION:** Mike to establish if we are twinned with Cumberland Park, before we change the web site.

6.1 Mike suggested that we should visit the CCTV control centre at a future date to see how it operates **ACTION:** Mike to arrange.

3. New Avon and Somerset Web Site / Neighbourhood Watch

3.1 Lee Kerslake from the Citizen Focus Team attended the meeting to tell us about the new web site and future developments. He explained that the Neighbourhood Watch page is not complete and he is currently ensuring changes are made including relevant links to other sources of information, especially National Neighbourhood Watch.

3.2 The web site was launched last week. This is Phase 1 called “Look and Feel”. There are problems with this phase which have to be sorted out quickly and this will dictate when Phase 2 “Officer Integration” is launched. This version will enable individual Police Officers to keep the site content up to date. Phase 3 or “Community Messaging” will be the big one which will replace the current Ringmaster system.

3.3 A Neighbourhood Watch Community Focus Group for the new web site was started in December and will be enlarged. Lee will let us have an invitation to the next Group meeting.

3.4 Lee requested that we provide feedback on the new site including any operational Problems (method on web site).

4. Chairperson’s Report

• Web site

Up to date except for Crime Figures which needs more work when the full 2013 crime statistics are available on the police.uk web site (expected March).

Comment from public: requesting advice re theft of horse feed. Advised to contact Nailsea Station on 101.

You can access all Committee documents by logging in and accessing the “members” area – private files.

Peter reported that we are getting up to 200 visits each week to our site. Gill suggested we use the projector to enlighten members how to use the site at our next public meeting. **Action:** Peter to produce a short introduction to the site.

• Schemes

Charlotte has kindly delivered Police letters (produced by Lindsay Stone) to all properties in Maples 2, Ridgeway, The Perrings (top); Whitesfield Court and Station Road schemes requesting a replacement Contact Person or they will be de-registered. Waiting to hear from Lindsay Stone of any replacements (deadline 7th February).

The wording of the Police letter gives the impression that the Police run Neighbourhood Watch and they own all our signage.

Action: Peter to speak with Lindsay and escalate if necessary.

- **Signs**

New/Replacement signs are being provided for Newton Green, Ashton Crescent, Tetbury Gardens, Sycamore Close (new scheme – 17 homes) and Sunnymede Road. Barry Kneebone will erect when time permits.

- **Newsletter**

2014 schedule published and available from our web site (members area – private files).

Matt has supplied excellent Police input to the February issue. Let's hope it continues.

I have included a tribute to Don (endorsed by his daughter Caroline).

Distribution should be this week.

- **Guest speakers 2014:** Great Western Air Ambulance – March; Chief Constable – May; Bristol & Portishead Lifeboat Trust – July; Lord Lieutenant of the City & County of Bristol – October.

Action: Mike will put together some 'Grommit' photos for us to project before the March meeting.

- **Advertising**

I have approached new shops Party Poppers and Ewe Knit 20 in Colliers Walk. Ewe Knit may be interested. Left details and awaiting reply.

- **Communication from the Police**

Apparently we now have another new Inspector. No advance notice, just found out on the web site.

5. Treasurer's report

5.1 Gill reported that our bank balance is currently £5342.21

5.2 Members discussed and agreed there will be a one year subscription holiday. Mike/Peter to communicate in the September & November newsletters.

5.3 It was agreed that we should again offer a trip to the Houses of Parliament later in the year (probably September) at a cost of £15 max per person. We will subsidise the cost from funds. Ian suggested we use a 49 seater coach from Blue Iris. Peter will gauge interest at the March meeting and Mike will include an application form in the April newsletter. There will be a draw if the trip is over-subscribed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 **ACTION:** Peter to check with Margaret Brown about her expenses for the Christmas Mince Pies, and additional help now that Audrey has 'retired' and Pauline is not well.

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st April 07:30pm at Nailsea Fire Station.

Meeting closed 21.30