

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 19.30 at Community Room, Fire Station, Nailsea

1. Present / Apologies

Name	Pres	Apols
Peter Smith – Chairperson	Yes	
Mike West – Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Colin Oliver – Treasurer	Yes	
Ian Mottram – Distribution Support	Yes	
Trevor Lyons	Yes	
Sue Lomax	Yes	
Terry Thompson	No	
Colin Basson	No	

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 11th November were taken as read.

2. Matters arising from minutes

5.10 Identity cards & lanyards.

Action: Trevor to find a suitable supplier and costs. CFWD

All other actions are covered below.

3. Treasurer's report

3.1 Colin reported that our bank balance stands at £3,512.

4. Houses of Parliament visit

4.1 Peter reported that we now have a confirmed date for our visit this year.

We have two tours booked on Monday 20th July starting at 11:25 & 11:30am, so we will need to arrive no later than 10:55am. We need to leave Clevedon Road car park at 07:10am, returning around 07:30pm. We have requested a meeting with Liam Fox in Committee Room from 1:30 to 2:30pm (be confirmed). Members of the Committee travelling will be Peter (1), Sue (2), Trevor (2), Colin Oliver (2) and Mike (2).

4.2 **Actions: Peter will contact members who were not successful in last year's draw. Peter will ask Terry if he would like seats. Ian will book a 49-seater coach with Blue Iris and advise Peter of cost.**

5. Guest speakers

5.1 We have not been able to secure Sue Mountstevens, The Police Firearms unit or Bristol Port Authority.

5.2 Chris Harrison from the North Somerset CCTV unit will now be speaking at our March meeting.

5.3 Suggestions for the October meeting were the (1st) Police Helicopter or (2nd) the Tithe Barn or (3rd) the Marlens Group from Clevedon (marine lake swimmers)..

Action: Peter to organise in that order.

6. Proposal to increase the mileage allowance to 45p/mile

6.1 Agreed

7. The Committee

7.1 Peter told the meeting that after 7 years as Chairman and due to future commitments, he will be retiring from the Committee as from the 2016 July AGM. He will announce this formally at the 2015 AGM.

7.2 Mike said that he will also be retiring from the Committee in 2016.

7.3 Peter asked everyone present to actively try to recruit new Committee members. A request for new members has been published in the latest newsletter.

8. Newsletter / Schemes

8.1 Adroit Print have hired extra staff and they are now able to produce our newsletter to schedule. Geoff Collard has taken over deliveries to our Distributors from Ian.

- 8.2 Unfortunately, the meeting dates on the back page are showing as 2014. We must improve our proof reading and/or run competitions to 'spot the 'deliberate' mistake(s)!!
- 8.3 We have lost our Coordinators for Morgans Hill Close and St Mary's Grove schemes. Peter thanked Ian for delivering the newsletters to St Marys Grove.
- 8.4 **Action: Peter will seek new Coordinators with the help of the Police.**

9. AOB

9.1 **URC Church Hall**

Colin has received a letter asking if all users of the hall will kindly keep the outside doors closed at all times.

9.2 **Tax rules**

Colin reported that we now only have to keep documentation for 5 years (HMRC).

9.3 **Use of the Fire Station Room**

Peter reported that he has been having some difficulty booking the room for the April meeting. Ian said that he thinks the use of the room is now being restricted to day time only. If we cannot use this room, we could use the Methodist Church hall, the Tithe Barn or Nailsea School. Consensus was that hire charges are likely to be around £17 per hour.

Action: Peter to confirm the situation with Avon Fire Service, make alternative arrangements if necessary, and advise Committee.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 14th at 07:30pm. Venue to be advised.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm