

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th Sept. 2019 at the Tithe Barn

Present – Sue Lomax(SL), Sandra Hearne(SH), Nick Hastings(NH),Tim Holman(TH),Colin Oliver(CO), Gill McConachie(GM), Pam Wakeling(PM), Anne Slade(AS)

1. Apologies.

Richard West(RW)

2. Minutes of last meeting,

Minutes of the meeting 11th June 2019 were accepted as correct apart from **9. AOB 4**, which should read 'a replacement had come forward to manage Facebook'.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Bank balance stands at £3369.36. The Tithe Barn and United Reform Church bookings are paid up to the end of 2020.

It was agreed that a voucher for £35 be presented to the Auditor John Hughes.

4. Schemes progress.

The Police have appointed a new Neighbourhood Administrator, his name is Paul Johnson.It was agreed that once his induction period is completed he should be invited to one of our meetings.

(1) Police offer to help canvass new road schemes was accepted. It was agreed that the letter TH had used to canvass for new Co-ordinators should be the template for the new letter. Bucklands the new development on the site of the old police station would be the first to be targeted.

(2) Signs – CO reported that 33 signs need replacing, 12 are held in store. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to purchase 40. There is a process to follow for the installation of signs once permission has been obtained from North Somerset Council.CO requested members to have a look at the process to ensure it is easily understood by them and anyone else who may read it. At present CO installs the signs and the Committee felt that it was timely to engage an appropriately qualified contractor to undertake this work. All members to consider who may be appropriate.

6. Newsletter.

Continues to be very successful however, more help is needed with distribution. A further appeal for help to be placed in the next Newsletter and announced at the October public meeting.

7. Social Media.

Grete Howard had accepted the role of Social Media Manager and agreed to join the Committee. The Committee looked forward to welcoming Grete at the November meeting.

8. Public meeting October 2nd 2019.

The theme is Rescue off The North Somerset Coast. Committee Members to arrive at 7pm. Lengthy discussion took place regarding speakers for next year. The topics suggested were – an author, ships (extension of SS Great Britain theme), aeroplanes (an extension of the Brabazon theme), First Aid.

9. AOB.

1. New Nailsea NHW Street Map. CO had obtained a copy which has a plasticised finish but although is possible to remove marker pen it is likely to damage the surface. Discussion took place as to how best to identify participating streets before the Map is displayed at a Public meeting

2. Domestic CCTV. Information for NHW members wishing to install CCTV cameras to their home is available on our website.

3. Next Door. CO had been received a letter from his Local Councillor asking residents to join. CO asked the appropriateness of Nailsea NHW advertising the Social Media channel Next Door. The unanimous decision of the Committee was no.

4. Nailsea School Council. NH reported that due to the summer break there had been no opportunity to further the NHW link with the School however now that the new term had started he would re-establish the link. Lengthy discussion took place about what the pupils wanted from NHW and what might be expected in return.

5. SH offered her apologies for the November meeting.

10. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 12th November 2019 7.30pm at the Tithe Barn.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm