

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Agenda

Attendees - Jeremy Blatchford, Colin Oliver, Gill McConachie, Ken Hallett, Sandra Hearne

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Not discussed in meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

- ✓ Bank account currently has £3105 in.
- ✓ Donation made to Nailsea Shedders for PAT testing which needed arranging.
- ✓ Need new Bank Mandate for signatories – need 2 per cheque so need 3 signatories.
- ✓ Colin, Jeremy & Ken agreed to be signatories. Sandra will sort out process.
- ✓ Continue using Barclays where a lot can be done online.
- ✓ Can pay cheques in at Post Office.

5. Nailsea NHW Meetings

- Regularity and format of meetings?
 - ✓ Should we have these monthly, or 5 Public meeting per year in Mar, May, July, Oct, Dec? 5 meetings was agreed as preferable, but may need ad hoc more regular ones as and when we need to discuss things.
 - ✓ No Xmas Party this year, but we can review for 2022.
 - ✓ As an example of what we could do, the Horticultural Society are starting meetings at Church Hall with no refreshments. If you want a drink you can bring your own mug! Mainly due to COVID safety reasons.
 - ✓ Suggestion from Jeremy to get people to confirm they are coming to judge numbers.
 - ✓ Need dates to enter on our website Calendar page.
 - ✓ Should we send the Public Meeting dates to Paul to publish them via the Alert system to the Coordinators?
 - ✓ Can Paul also issue a reminder before each Public Meeting?
- Speakers
 - ✓ What has already been arranged and what is in the pipeline? Again, need to update the Calendar.
 - ✓ Got speakers in pipeline to discuss issues such as :
 - a. County Lines – Drugs and safeguarding issues. Need a speaker which Jeremy trying to get.
 - b. Emily from Town Council to discuss general community issues – did we know we have our own Dinosaur in Nailsea!?
 - c. How community can help with preservation of wildlife. Need a speaker. We have otters locally, with an unlimited fine for disturbing them, plus a £50K fine and 6 months in prison! No one complains about the speakers – some are of more interesting than others.

Back to AGM – Colin & Sandra can't attend.

Could get a notice in N Somerset Times but probably too late now. Consider for future meetings.

- New coordinators
 - ✓ Issue with Paul Johnson regarding the association being kept informed about new or changes to Coordinator details, which have been hampered by interpretation of GDPR rules. Now agreed that Colin & Jeremy can have these subject to Coordinators authority to do so. We could then email our own members via Email. Can use mail merge?
- Local police
 - ✓ We have a new Police Sergeant – Alison Cod. Dist commander Jess Ashton covering whole of N Somerset. Amy Holland and Andrew Gattenby are PCSO's. They should be delivering letters to some schemes but don't know if done yet? Jeremy will circulate contacts when compiled.
- Schemes
 - ✓ Where are our scheme gaps? Colin can give us a list of this as he has finished with Paul. We have 140 schemes currently with 28 having been deregistered with the police. The audit has now been completed, and all relevant schemes are registered.
- Visits
 - ✓ Possibility of a visit to the CCTV control room in WSM for a small group and a brief presentation arranged? This does cover Nailsea. Need someone to arrange a visit....Jeremy will look to arrange. Small numbers of people can go. Maybe Committee only with a report in Watch It?
- Subs
 - ✓ Will subs be collected again for next year?
 - ✓ If subs are to be collected how will this be done without the little forms included in Watch It?
 - ✓ What happens when money runs out?
 - ✓ Tesco Scheme?

6. Newsletter

- Watch It.
 - ✓ Will Watch It return and in paper form?
 - ✓ Do we have to consider going back to a paper Newsletter?
However, need an Editor! 3800 members so distribution will be a problem.
There is a voluntary group who could help – James Steel may be able to help?
 - ✓ Has to be printed and costs £2000 PA!
What are the printing costs, and minimum they would print?
3900 costs £292 in 2019 with Adroit Printing,
What are the current costs?
Gill will contact to get up to date charges.
What are costs in NST? Where do they not deliver to? Leaflets or actual ½ page?
Ken agreed to get info.
 - ✓ Coordinators do not want to get involved with collecting subs to pay for this.

- ✓ Need to take a step back and see what we can do – eg do a newsletter A4 - get it printed in N Somerset Times? Not all areas get it? Use an insert?
£180 for July last year in colour – ½ page.
Tell people we are up and running again!
Put copies in -
No 65 The High St.
The Library?
Supermarkets?
Nailsea Life?

7. Signs Permission & Fitting/ Website Admin

- Signs
 - ✓ Colin who is going to police and Paul would authorise new signage delivery.
 - ✓ Got 40 including plastic cable straps available but need someone to take off Colin's hands.
- Website
 - ✓ Colin is keeping it up together. Dates are kept on there but not sure how many uses it?
Also have FB managed by Greta. It has 695 followers and is open access. Need to publicise it via Carol Deacon and Nailsea Comm Group/Nailsea Forum? Town Council website too?
Put A4 doc on there!
Need a successor to Colin but need to decide how successful it is.
Pay £72 PA for.
 - ✓ For info there are 2 millions >75s not on internet. Not through lack of desire but not being able to afford.

8. AOB

- Levy on developers
 - ✓ Jeremy has had a brief informal chat with the relevant director at North Somerset about securing a small levy on developers for all new properties to fund security, via the Community Infrastructure Levy. This would cover set up costs, signs etc plus a separate levy to widen CCTV. He is receptive but it has to be across the authority. One given to Town Council and one to NS applied to all though! More details to follow.
- Generating income
 - ✓ Money from Tesco blue coin scheme? Has to be for a particular use. Ken to clarify....
- GMail
 - ✓ Colin looks after our Gmail account – just him looking at it.... Needs someone to monitor. Ken agreed to take it on.
- Meetings
 - ✓ Per Gill – Shall we have a Xmas event or not? Felt better to wait until nearer time in 2022 to review situation.
 - ✓ If having open meetings there is a cost of the Hall of approx £45 with kitchen £2 per session. There may well be a charge for a speaker as well?

- ✓ Horticultural Society make a charge for entry. Trial a £1 entry fee with a cup of tea? Not being charged for October AGM.
- ✓ See what interest is in AGM and first Public meeting as to whether we continue – go for March as first one? Gauge interest after that.
- ✓ For AGM – what time getting there to prepare – 1900 for Committee for 1930 start? Richard can set up PA equipment. Ken can bring along PPE.
- ✓ Re AGM – Business cards on a Lanyard. May want them?
- WhatsApp group
 - ✓ Most agreed OK with a WhatsApp group for Committee to assist in communication.
- Treasurer role
 - ✓ Jeremy looking into getting a new Treasurer. Colin advised John Hughes our Auditor has offered to do role which Jeremy will chase up.

9. Date of next meeting

TBA.