

## **Minutes of Priority Setting Meeting 16 June 2016 7pm**

### **Attending**

PCSO Andy Freeman  
Cllr Jacky Williams, Notts CC  
Cllr Martin Plackett, Bramcote  
Cllr Dave Pearson, Stapleford TC  
Cllr David Grindell, Stapleford TC  
Sue Sambells, RVR Bramcote NHW & NottsWatch Trustee  
Roger Jones, RVR Bramcote NHW  
Robin Muir, Stanley Drive, Bramcote  
Laurie Mason, Bramcote Hills NHW  
Phil Wright, Pippins NHW, Stapleford SE  
Pam Cardwell, Trowell Parish Council  
Lyn Harley, Trowell Parish Council

### **Apologies**

PC Hannah Ward (Kinsley)  
PC Sarah Warren  
PCSO Alistair Butterfield  
PCSO Chris Archer  
Cllr Stan Heptinstall, Notts CC  
Cllr Richard MacRae, Stapleford Community Group  
Cllr Ray Darby, Stapleford SW  
Cllr Chris Rice, Stapleford SE  
Cllr Jan Goold, Bramcote  
Peter Hillier, Bramcote Conservation Society  
Peter Bradley, Westerlands NHW, Stapleford SE  
Paul Stain, Lime Grove NHW, Stapleford SE  
Ian Tyler, Derby Rd NHW, Bramcote  
Steve Austin, Bramcote Moor NHW  
Gerry Phillips, Stapleford N NHW  
Bill Brealey, Stapleford N NHW

### **Welcome and introductions**

SAS distributed police contact cards and promotional posters to the team to distribute throughout Stapleford, Bramcote and Trowell. Thank you to County Councillors Jacky Williams and Stan Heptinstall for providing funding for the cards and Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch, for covering the cost of the posters.

### **NH Policing Team Update**

In July, Ali Butterfield will be leaving our Beat Team to join the Highways Dept. It is not anticipated that he will be replaced.

## Crime review & Update

Offence	01/04/2015 – 16/06/2015	01/04/2016 – 16/06/2016	+ or -
Burglary Dwelling	10	15	+ 5
Burglary Other	11	25	+14
Criminal Damage	11	25	+14
Robbery	1	1	0
Auto crime	27	35	+ 8
Theft	59	40	-19
ASB	100	46	- 54

- Anti-Social Behaviour – ASB stats do not include Hoax calls, Animals/Wildlife or Found/Abandoned Vehicles.
- Theft stats also includes drive offs from petrol stations and thefts to local residents. AF has tried to remove Trowell Service Station from these stats but has been unable. For theft, if violence is used, the crime is classed as robbery.
- Included in Theft, above, thefts from Trowell Services between 01.01.16 – 15.03.16 =7 and 05.03.16 – 16.06.16 = 5.

The last meeting agreed to set the next quarter's priorities as:

1. **Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos)**
2. **Vehicle Nuisance Speeding**
3. **Drug misuse / supply**

### Review of Neighborhood Priorities

**Drug supply/misuse** –The beat team along with officers from Beeston and Pro Active team have conducted a number of positive searches and drugs have been found and removed, offenders dealt with. The Police need the support of Broxtowe Housing Officers to commence eviction procedures when tenants are convicted. Police have been working closely with Leicester Housing Assn and two main offenders have been evicted.

**Burglaries / Burglary other** – In the Stapleford and Bramcote area we have suffered with these incidents. There has been an increase in the number of burglaries and Garage/Shed breaks. Allotments on Pasture Lane were broken into during May and account for the majority of incidents.

**Good news** – Again the local beat team and officers from both Beeston and the Pro Active units had made a number of arrests in relation to these offences.

**Illegal Parking/speeding/off road motorbikes/mini motos.** – The beat team regularly attends incidents of this nature and will seize vehicles if required. Police do have an off road team, but these are local officers and are only out and about at certain times.

In regard to speeding, a number of drivers have been warned or issued with tickets on the following locations: Nottingham Road, Ilkeston Road, and Town Street. AF has asked for Church Street and Toton Lane to be put on the list for locations.

The police are no longer resourced to deliver and collect surveys. All NHW Coordinators & councilors to promote the use of [online surveys](#). Using the online survey data results of the Neighbourhood Priority Surveys, which have been completed, are as follows:

Neighbourhood Priorities	No Issues
There are no problems in this area	
<b>Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos)</b>	
<b>Vehicle Nuisance Speeding</b>	
Groups of people hanging around	
Other	
Drug misuse / supply	
<b>Rowdy, Nuisance Behaviour</b>	
Criminal Damage / Vandalism / Graffiti	

The stats reflect zero surveys completed for the last quarter.

**Auto crime & burglary are automatically prioritized as considered national crimes.**

In the absence of public priority surveys, the meeting agreed to set the next quarter's priorities as:

1. **Vehicle Nuisance Speeding (minor roads – Toton Ln & Church St, Stplfd. Town St, Bramcote.**
2. **Drug misuse / supply – leads to many crimes.**
3. **Vehicle Nuisance (off road motorbikes / mini motos) – Likely to become problematic over the summer, as previous years.**

### **Discussion re other police issues in the cluster area**

**Larry's Bar** – AF gave an update and issues were discussed, mainly around planning. JW advised Licensing Officers have confirmed all matters were in order and staff trained. The police van circulating on Friday nights appear to have improved the situation.

**Illegal/Inconsiderate Parking** – Lengthy discussion about problems specifically in the Russley, Valmont, Rufford area of Bramcote raised by JW, following a series of emails between interested parties. Whilst there are various measures available in theory, neither Notts CC nor the Beat Team are sufficiently resourced to implement any of the suggestions discussed. PCSOs do not currently have the power to issue parking tickets and due to the fact there are now only two PC's covering the Stapleford cluster they do not always have the time to spend issuing parking tickets. There are many parking issues across the area, particularly around schools. Suggestions made by AF:

1. Arrange a resident's meeting and invite local businesses to review and agree a plan of action. AF would support. This has proved successful on Wadsworth Rd

and Pasture Rd (see below). **Action SAS will support any RVR resident who wishes to take a lead on this.**

2. Suggest residents place an [appropriate notice](#) under the windscreen of the offending car. **Action SAS to distribute to RVR residents.**
3. Lobby MP to seek legislation change for Traffic Wardens to be able to ticket for obstruction in addition to illegal parking. NB. Recommendations in the Highway Code are not legally enforceable. **Action taken - MP contacted AS (MP) in this respect 18.6.16 and awaits a reply from the Home Secretary via AS.**
4. Raise at [Bramcote CAT](#) meeting for Broxtowe Councillors to discuss.

**Update since meeting from JW re definitive ruling on parking restrictions on West Avenue and elsewhere:** Full-time double yellow lines have not required an upright sign for years. When the prohibition of waiting applies 24 hours a day 365 days a year (as it does at West Avenue) it does not require a vertical sign (see extract below from Chapter 5 of Traffic Signs Manual). The only time double yellow lines would require an upright sign would be if they were seasonal (as you have at seaside resorts sometimes, where parking may be prohibited during the summer months). The limited waiting parking bay and the single yellow line have both got the appropriate signage in place. For a more complete explanation [read here](#).

**RM was unable to attend but sent SAS updates on the following. AF's comments in red:**

- Rat On A Rat Campaign - Still need to get this off the ground and am waiting for a meeting with interested parties to make this happen.
- A used Drugs Syringe was found on Byron Court. We identified the area where drugs are taking place due to the unkempt gardens and alleyway at 2 Byron Court, after walking around with a Broxtowe Borough Council Housing Officer. He promised to send letters to the residents asking them to sort the gardens out. As yet the gardens have not been sorted out and I have asked for an update on this. **AF: This was an easy hide away as overgrown but the council has now dealt with the relevant problems.**
- I also have a major concern with the amount of N2O Canisters I keep finding around Stapleford and Bramcote Park Car Park (off Ilkeston Road). I contacted Broxtowe Borough Council who said there is not a lot they can do. I have spoken to the local press about this and hopefully they are coming to talk to Doctor John Doddy and myself as I am worried people are using these Canisters to get high but are not aware of the great risks they are putting themselves at. **AF aware of these legal highs.**
- There have been reports of youngsters going around the (Montrose Court) Estate knocking on doors of the elderly and offering to do gardening for them. I have asked Broxtowe Borough Council to put a press release out to let people know they actually offer this service and all their staff have Identification Badges.
- Ongoing concerns on Denver Court with a certain person who was recently

moved there. Residents are concerned about youngsters visiting the property and drugs. Again I am trying to encourage residents to contact the Police and the Council. This is proving very difficult as residents feel let down by the apparent lack of anything happening on the Councils behalf.

- Field Farm House/Barn was set alight on Saturday evening and again Sunday afternoon. After speaking to the chair of STRAG and the developers I have now contacted the Council, Police and Fire Brigade for help and support as we need to have these buildings demolished. With the Summer Holidays around the corner and the location becoming a hot spot for anti-social behaviour, including drug use, it's the only sensible way forward. It will only be a matter of time before someone gets hurt down there or worse. **Discussion: Westerman's have been contacted – their responsibility. Barn is protected as bats are residing.**
- Parking on Derby Road outside Speedy Taxis. The Taxi Company are constantly parking their Vehicles on the pavement. The Council say this is a Police Matter as they are driving over the Pavement to park up, often blocking the Pavement. **AF reported this is a massively wide pavement and doesn't perceive this as a particular problem.**
- A meeting that recently took place between PCSO Andy Freeman, Councillor Stan Heptinstall and myself at The Pastures Community Church with regards parking on Pasture Road was a success. I would like to thank both Andy and Stan for joining me and offering help and support. Stan and I shortly after met an Officer from County Highways and put some ideas forward. Hopefully something comes from this to help with the issues on Pasture Road. A follow up meeting will be arranged when we hear from the Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council.

### **Any Other Business**

Given drastic cuts to police resource, it is impractical for police to attend the many community meetings they were previously able to commit to. SAS advised Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch (NottsWatch) have been tasked, by CI Richard Stapleford, Lead on Citizens in Policing, who sits on their Management Board, with a scoping exercise to define approximately 20 areas within Nottingham city and the county of Nottinghamshire. Once these areas have been defined, RS will liaise with District Commanders to brief them on the Service Level Agreement, drawn up between the Notts Police and NottsWatch, and incorporate into a local plan to allow for police attendance at the appointed meetings. There are currently 56 "clusters". SAS suggested, and the meeting supported her, that Beeston, Chilwell and Stapleford clusters form one of these areas. DP proposed, and the meeting agreed, the venue should be flexible around South Broxtowe.

**Date of future meeting - Thursday 15 September 2016 7pm**