

Minutes of Priority Setting Meeting 8 October 2014

Attending

AF PCSO Andy Freeman
PF PC Pete Farrell
RM Richard Macrae, Stapleford Community Group
SAS Sue Sambells, Bramcote RVR NHW
RJ Roger Jones, Bramcote RVR NHW
GP Gerry Phillips, Stapleford N NHW
BB Bill Brealey, Stapleford N NHW
JS Janice Smith, Pippins NHW
JR Julian Rosser, Pippins NHW
PS Paul Stain, Lime Grove NHW
GW Gary Wilkinson, Lime Grove NHW
SA Steve Austin, Bramcote Moor NHW
HG Heather Goring, interested in establishing NHW scheme on Copeland Ave
DG Dave Goring, interested in establishing NHW scheme on Copeland Ave
VVG V.V. Gouldr, Police & Crime Commissioner's office

Apologies/Absences

PCSO Alistair Butterfield
PC Karl Barlow
PCSO Dean Bardill
PCSO Ed Roberts
Cllr Jackie Williams, Broxtowe BC
Cllr Helen Grindell, Stapleford SE
Cllr David Pearson, Stapleford SE
Cllr Ian Tyler, Bramcote
Cllr David Watts, Bramcote
Cllr Stan Heptinstall, Bramcote
Cllr Ray Darby, Stapleford SW
Cllr John McGrath, Stapleford SW
Cllr David Grindell, Broxtowe BC
Peter Hillier, Bramcote Conservation Society
Laurie Mason, Bramcote Hills NHW
David Harrison, Pippins NHW
Gillian Ross, Cemetery Rd NHW
Mark Chadwick, Cemetery Rd NHW
Brian Hughes, Oaklands NHW
Peter Bradley, Westerlands NHW
Colin May, Pippins NHW

NH Policing Team Update

There have been some changes to the Stapleford beat team. PCSO 4987 Ed Roberts has joined the beat team as of 24th September 2014. PCSO 4662 Chris Archer has left the team and is now covering the Toton and Chilwell areas. The team at Stapleford still remain the same: two Beat Managers and four PCSOs.

Crime review & Update

Offence	29/07/2014-08/10/2014	29/07/2013-08/10/2013	+ or -
Burglary Dwelling	10	23	-13
Burglary Other *	11	13	-2
Criminal Damage	26	17	+9
Robbery	2	4	-2
Autocrime	33	24	+9
Theft *	26	46	-20
ASB	118	95	+23

Review of Neighbourhood Priorities

In September 2014 the Stapleford beat team and the Cannabis dismantling team carried out a joint drugs warrant at an address in Bramcote. This was a success and a number of cannabis plants were located inside the property. There are currently no arrests at this time but enquiries are still on going.

In September 2014 the Stapleford beat team and the Pro active team conducted low key patrols in the Stapleford area following numerous amounts of reports of theft from motor vehicles. The results were alarming; 34 vehicles were checked over two nights and discovered unlocked with contents inside. This may explain why reports of theft from motor vehicle are considerably higher. Crime prevention advice has been provided via posting letters and neighbour hood alert messages.

Throughout August and September 2014 numerous speed checks have been conducted by Stapleford beat team and Special constables. 12 vehicles were stopped and advised regarding their speeds. 2 of these vehicles were provided with a ticket and due to the speed recorded by officers are more than likely attending court for prosecution. One male who was causing a nuisance driving a moped in the Stapleford area has been issued with a section 59 notice and has been issued a ticket for driving with no insurance.

Also there was a report of 4 young males breaking into St Helen's Church, local officers arrested 4 males for this offence and they are at this time on bail for burglary other.

A letter for 'parking problems' has been developed and delivered to problem areas in the Stapleford and Bramcote area. Please see attached letter for further information. Please distribute to members of the community should they be experiencing parking problems.

Additional information re review of neighbourhood priorities/concerns

Crime Review

ASB now incorporates neighbour disputes. **AF** reported, since council involvement, issues on Hickings Lane Park have reduced but the problems have relocated to Queen Elizabeth and Archers Field Parks. **ASB** at street level has considerably reduced. The police are working closely with the council regarding known offenders. New laws came into effect on 1 October 2014, giving additional powers to the police and council.

Autocrime has shot up. The plain clothed *Pro active team* were involved in the operation described above. Considering they acted as potential criminals and checked the door handle of every car on various side streets in Stapleford, the police were alarmed that only one person reported a suspicious person! Approximately one third of all vehicles had been left insecure. **PS** had reported a suspicious person on Lime Grove and was encouraged that the police arrived within 15-20 minutes and were able to apprehend the person. **AF** asked all **NHW** coordinators to strongly pass on the message to lock all doors and report any suspicions.

Parking issues close to Andy's Fish Bar in West Ave have been referred to the Stapleford Transport Committee. **Action Dave Pearson** to ask the proprietor to put up a poster requesting consideration with parking on one side of the street only. The introduction of the Traffic Management Act 2004 places a statutory duty on the council to tackle congestion and disruption on the road network. The local authority manages the highway network in a manner that allows for some "on street parking". In areas where parking becomes problematic the authority has the power to introduce restrictions to control the highway use. Also parking around the school run continues to be a big issue for residents living near Albany, Wadsworth Road and other local schools. Letters have been delivered to residents to advise action/advice. See <https://bramcotetoday.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/police-parking-letter-near-schools-2-pages.pdf>

Speeding **NPT** (Neighbourhood Policing Team) successfully bid for the services of the Off Road Police Team to assist with off road motorbike/mini moto issues and **PF** is training the regular and Special Officers in the use of the speeding gun, for speeding cars, for use at a number of locations.

Dog fouling As usual, environmental issues scored relatively highly in the last survey. These fall under the council's remit and not that of the police. **RM** has contacted the council about a couple of known offenders who refuse to clear their dog's mess but as the law stands, evidence is needed. Residents encouraged to report issues, with as much evidence as possible, to the council. There is a "Love Broxtowe" app for smart phones, to enable photographic evidence to be reported, in addition to an on line form. See <http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4321>

Drug Supply/misuse AF advised another large cannabis grow had been detected and dismantled. But he advised that uncorroborated testimony is not usually sufficient to obtain a warrant to search a property. The police WILL NOT divulge a resident's details without permission.

Home security PF asked NHW coordinators to remind residents not to leave their curtains open at night, with the lights on, displaying their expensive TVs, PCs etc. Particularly when the Christmas season is with us. Many residents leave their Christmas tree, lit up with fairy lights and surrounded by gifts, clearly on show to all who pass by. See <http://bramcotetoday.org.uk/policing/crime-prevention-guides/>.

Crime Stoppers v 101 Any information supplied, where the person gives their details, will be treated with substantially more credibility than an anonymous call to 0800 555 111. If requested, their details will only be known to the member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and local Inspector. AF assured the committee he would rather not use such evidence, if it meant breaking confidentiality.

101 v 999 Calls to 999 only if life threatening or damage/theft to property AT THE TIME. All other calls to 101. Police advise:
The police should only be called on 999 when:

- There is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders.
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary, and theft or if an offender is still on scene, or has just left the scene.
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, someone acting suspiciously or someone who is about to commit an offence.

Identification and agreement of three Neighbourhood Priorities

Between Monday 14th July 2014 and Friday 03rd October 2014 a total number of 76 surveys were carried out in the Stapleford and Bramcote areas.

Using the online survey data (this includes all surveys even those not completed online), the results of the Neighbourhood Priority Surveys which have been completed are as follows:

Neighbourhood Priorities	No Issues
There are no problems in this area	28
Vehicle Nuisance (eg Illegal parking / speeding / off road motorbikes / mini motos)	14 Speeding Off road bikes
Burglary (House / Shed etc)	0
Groups of people hanging around	4
Other	3

Drug misuse / supply	13
Theft of / from vehicles	0
Rowdy, Nuisance Behaviour	2
Environmental Issues (eg dog fouling / litter / fly tipping)	6
Drinking (on the street or underage)	4
Criminal Damage / Vandalism / Graffiti	2

The surveys group illegal parking, speeding, off road motorbikes & mini motos together but these are separate policing issues. The committee agreed that the next quarter's priorities are:

1. Drug supply/misuse
2. Speeding
3. Off road motorbikes/mini motos

Action point- SAS to make enquiries re surveys for the vehicle nuisance question to be split into three separate categories - speeding, illegal parking and off road motorbikes/mini motos.

AOB

- **Small grants are available to launch new Neighbourhood Watch schemes and help existing ones expand. See criteria at http://www.nottswatch.com/images/site_images/12796_Small_grant_appn_form_v7a.pdf**
- **Oxjam returns to Beeston on 18 October <http://www.oxjambeestontakeover.org/>**
- **Residents issues - several issues were discussed with the police.**

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 14 January 2015