

Minutes of S. Broxtowe Safer Communities Forum 17.01.17 7pm

Attending

PCSO Paula Hopkiss, Beeston PS	PH
PCSO Andy Freeman, Stapleford PS	AF
Sue Sambells, NHW RVR Bramcote & NottsWatch Trustee	SAS
Roger Jones, NHW RVR Bramcote	RBJ
Darren Muggleton, Bramcote	DM
Robin Muir, NHW Stanley Drive, Bramcote	RM
Colin May, NHW Pippins, Stapleford SE	CM
Chris Middleton, NHW Ash Grove, Stapleford SE	CM
Jonathon Marston, NHW, Beeston West	JM
Andrew Smith, NHW, Beeston West	AS
Adrian Hirst, Dovecote Neighbourhood Forum, Beeston	AH
Nick Doughty, NHW Beeston North	ND
Nick Livesey, NextDoor, Stapleford East	NL
Cllr Martin Plackett, Bramcote	MP
Cllr Ray Darby, Stapleford SW	RD
Cllr Chris Rice, Stapleford SE	CR
Cllr Dave Pearson, Stapleford TC	DP
Kirsty McKeown, Off Campus Student Affairs	KM

Apologies

PC Hannah Ward (Kinsley), Stapleford PS
PC Sarah Warren, Stapleford PS
PC Simon Wright, Beeston PS
PCSO Dean Bardill, Chilwell PS
PCSO Craig Gealy, Beeston PS
PCSO Stephanie Archer, Chilwell PS
PCSO Andrew Ward, Chilwell PS
Cllr Jacky Williams, Notts CC
Cllr Stan Heptinstall, Notts CC
Cllr Richard MacRae, Stapleford Community Group
Cllr Jan Goold, Bramcote
Cllr David Grindell, Stapleford TC
Cllr Pam Cardwell, Trowell Parish Council
Laurie Mason, Bramcote Hills NHW
Peter Hillier, Bramcote Conservation Society
Paul Stain, Lime Grove NHW, Stapleford SE
Gary Wilkinson, Lime Grove NHW, Stapleford SE
Peter Bradley, Westerlands NHW, Stapleford SE
Steve Austin, Bramcote Moor NHW
Brian Hughes, NHW Oaklands, Bramcote
Melanie Futer, Off Campus Student Affairs

Stepping down from the Committee

Lyn Harley, Trowell Parish Council
Gerry Phillips, Stapleford N NHW
Bill Brealey, Stapleford N NHW

Welcome and introductions

AF welcomed the members of the Beeston PSM and explained, moving forward, the three South Broxtowe clusters are now meeting together, rather than independently. The venue will change to accommodate all members of the committee.

The first part of the meeting would be to provide the regular police stats, plus update.

The second part of the meeting would be to discuss the direction members wished to take for future meetings following SAS's recommendations. See below for details.

Unfortunately, many of the regular attendees were unable to attend tonight, again because of alternative community meetings – mainly for the Hemlock Happening. MP and RD attended after their earlier commitments.

NH Policing Team Update

- The officers are now based from Beeston, not the Stapleford office. They still visit the office but the telephone extension 800 5761 cannot be redirected. The Beeston extension is 318 9987 (from 101).
- PCSO Chris Archer has left his current role as his application to join the Notts Police Force, as a constable, has been accepted. The Stapleford PSM team wish him well for his future but are concerned, as a replacement for him has not been announced.
- The South Broxtowe Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) now consists of three PCs and six PCSOs. Full details may be viewed via the [Nottinghamshire Police's website/your area.](#)

Crime review & Update

CRIME 16.9.16-17.1.17	BEESTON	CHILWELL	STAPLEFORD	TOTAL
Burglary dwelling	18	30	33	81
Burglary Other	19	29	17	65
Criminal Damage	61	37	67	165
Shop theft	68	30	48	146
Other theft	77	25	35	137
Robbery	2	2	3	7
Auto Crime	38	30	23	91
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	53	85	174	312
Total	336	268	400	1004

Beeston issues - AF advised the tram has had little impact on crime stats. Currently, a major concern is bicycle theft. There have been several arrests, but no shortage of perpetrators. **Advice** – invest in a quality lock consistent with the value of the bicycle. (Recommends a £100 lock for a £1200 - average bike.)

Also several thefts of purses from shopping bags by pick pockets. Police have a small supply of bells to attach to a purse.

Burglary Dwelling— Previously there has been a high proportion of burglaries attributable to insecure properties. Lately, several smash and grab style burglaries.

Advice – Make your property look occupied, particularly on these darker nights. Leave a light on, use timer switches, leave radio 4 playing (conversation). See [police guidance](#).

Burglary Other – Mainly shed break ins for tools and Bikes. **Advice** – use Cremark to mark tools and don't store expensive equipment/bikes in a shed. If unable to store expensive bikes in the house, chain from frame, not just wheels, against other heavy equipment. Plus, see the [guidance](#) on the Police's website.

Criminal Damage – Thirteen crimes recorded in one night by one perpetrator, who has since been arrested.

Auto Crime – Discussion re pros and cons of leaving car insecure. **Advice** – Don't leave sat navs or even loose change on show.

Shop Thefts – Several arrests made.

Drugs RM had emailed ahead of the meeting to report of known drug dealers, living in Stapleford North, not being evicted by Broxtowe Council. RM has tried to persue this but has not received Council support. Committee heard that Housing Associations have been acting more effectively than Broxtowe BC in these cases. Police unable to act. **Action - Councillors to report on this at the next meeting.**

ASB – RM reported from residents that a group of teenagers were abusive and threatening on several occasions. AF advised he was aware. The matter had been dealt with and no reports of further issues in the last two weeks.

BH reported, ahead of the meeting, a big problem with illegal motorcycle use of Moor Lane (Balloon Woods end) over Christmas. AF advised to report when such crime occurring so the off road bike team can take action.

[Shopwatch](#) and [PubWatch](#) - PH and CA had invested much time in setting up and working with these schemes in South Broxtowe. They are running well and achieving good results.

Speeding – SAS advised Bramcote resident, Tony Smith, had organised a petition which Broxtowe MP, Anna Soubry, will present to the House of Commons. With the help of Cllr MP, over 1500 signatures have been collected, requesting the Government is urged to install traffic enforcement measures along the A52 between Bardills and Priory Islands.

Discussion – Whilst speeding measures may not have prevented the speeding car that caused the recent fatality, it could well reduce the many number of near misses, plus deter cars that use this stretch for illegal racing in the early hours. Derby Road between the Sherwin island and Ewe Lamb Lane was advised as a concern. Also Coventry Lane.

Speedwatch – AF gave an update. Brookhill Street has been deemed not appropriate. AF

explained the benefits of the scheme but that a minimum of four trained volunteers would be required at any one time. Any interested parties to contact AF or Cllr SH.

Content for future meetings – Ahead of the meeting, SAS and AF had discussed a new approach for future meetings for “joined up thinking”, now the police had agreed to SAS’s recommendation, from last summer, to amalgamate the South Broxtowe meetings. At CI Richard Stapleford’s (Lead for Citizens in Policing Department) request, the Management Board of Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch (NottsWatch) identified thirteen areas throughout the county, based on strong PSM/NHW association frameworks, for which the police could be actively involved in sharing safety information with the community. Additionally, whilst NottsWatch value the ability for the public to influence police priorities, they believe, with the ever decreasing police resource, too much emphasis was currently placed on setting the three priorities each quarter, particularly by the [surveys](#) of which zero were submitted in Stapleford for the last two quarters. NottsWatch recommended the meetings be named Safer Communities Forum. SAS distributed a [mission statement and set of suggested requirements](#) ahead of the meeting, who agreed it a practical suggestion.

AF advised it would be impractical for all areas within the three clusters to report individual issues. He suggested these be raised at local [Community Action Team \(CAT\) meetings](#) and potential solutions be agreed with the councillors. The emphasis for SCF should be discussing crime trends/major issues for South Broxtowe and working together to reduce crime. Not all wards still have CAT meetings but, perhaps, the Beeston wards could join force, as the Stapleford wards have. SAS advised she provided police stats to the Bramcote CAT (obtained from Stapleford NPT) plus an overview of NHW locally plus updates from NottsWatch. Police stats at [police.uk](#) can be up to eight weeks out of date.

Action all - AF asked attendees:

- to email SAS with suggestions for future meeting agendas.
- To promote crime prevention advice, noted above.

Action PH – (i) Request promotion of NHW via Pubwatch and Shopwatch. Contact SAS for literature, posters etc.

(ii) Send contact details to SAS for Beeston & Chilwell members, not named above.

Action SAS – (i) Set up a dedicated website for SBSCF to bring together relevant information.

(ii) contact Police Comms Team suggesting an update to local pages to encourage public to email broxtowe.southnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk rather than use surveys.

Next meeting – Beeston Town Hall, Thursday 11th May, 2017 at **7.30 until 8.30**
N.B. prompt finish required as the building needs locking up by council staff.