

## **Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th October 2016**

**Present:** Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Dan Glading, Bob Clarke, Dave Oldershaw, Alex Nelson.

**1. Apologies:** Mike Humphrey, Bob Hendrie, Jenny Chandler, Gill Smith, Stephanie Scott, David Stevenson.

The chairman welcomed Alex and Dave, who had been active over the August Bank Holiday weekend when travellers brought caravans and vehicles into Baddow Hall Park. They had been misinformed by the police that there was no Neighbourhood Watch in Great Baddow and were therefore planning to set one up. They had been contacted by Dan Glading and are now working together with the existing Neighbourhood Watch.

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 3rd August 2016** were agreed.

### Matters arising.

All matters arising from the minutes were covered by the agenda.

*(Note: please see notes at the end, added after the meeting)*

### **3. Youth Facility**

Mike Humphrey was unable to attend, but had emailed a short report. Numbers at the Bell Centre are stable at 15-20 per session and new members are attending each week. Issues such as school exclusion, domestic violence, low self-esteem and limited social skills are key to advice, support and guidance work there. This time of year is pivotal for having a centre for young people to access rather than congregating in the dark in the parish, with potential youth nuisance outcomes.

Mike referred to funding opportunities being sought via the YMCA and Great Baddow Parish Council sources, but it was not clear what type of funding was being sought from the council. The Parish Council already pays staff costs, but it is possible a further grant was being sought. This will be followed up by councillors.

### **4. Highways and Traffic Problems relating to policing**

Richard explained that most highways and traffic issues, especially parking, are not usually police issues, unless they were posing a danger.

Dave and Alex expressed concern about dangerous parking/driving at Baddow Hall schools. Andrew mentioned the difficulty of stopping short-term parking, as the law allowed a certain time for stopping to drop off or pick up if drivers remained with a vehicle, but also mentioned availability of money for school initiatives to improve parking safety. A trial was being carried out at Boswells School and the scheme was then going to be rolled out more widely.

The Parish Council had received an email about speeding in Dorset Avenue near the school and it was agreed to request speed checks.

A resident had raised an issue on Street Life about vehicles driving the wrong way down Bell Street, saying this had caused near misses. She reported that the police had responded that it was not their job to enforce it and that the 101 operator claimed it was a council responsibility. Andrew had been in touch with the lady and the subject was on the agenda of the Parish Council Highways and Amenities committee meeting on October 17th.

## **5. Policing Incidents and Issues.**

Bob Hendrie had reported that the drugs situation in Meadgate was much improved. Andrew mentioned information given at the meeting held by the Police and Crime Commissioner recently at the Marconi Club that drug dealers were spreading out from London to areas of Essex.

Richard had received an email from PC Craig Bernard, a member of the Chelmsford & Maldon Community Policing Team who had previously been our Neighbourhood Constable. He reported that there had been reports of a suspicious male hanging around The Bringeys near the school, a white male with ginger hair. Alex and Dave had not heard about this as parents of pupils at Baddow Hall and will follow this up with the school, as members thought that the police would have asked the school to alert parents. Richard will ask Craig to keep us informed of any further developments.

Craig had also mentioned damage to vehicles in New Road and Crescent Road. Dave provided further information about what had happened. This was on the corner of the two roads and related to personal antagonism. Dave received a visit from a PCSO, but has heard nothing back since.

Craig said that drug dealing and drug activity was still a regular occurrence in Chelmsford and asked for people still to be vigilant and report activity to the police. They are collating information to do operations and warrants around the information received. Alex reported that the police had previously taken a report he made about dealing in Seabrook Road seriously; they had done a patrol and the problem has not recurred.

Alex and Dave have organised a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 27th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall to get more people actively involved in the local Neighbourhood Watch. They have publicised it via leaflets and asked NAP members to attend if possible.

## **6. Current Traveller Situation**

Dave and Alex gave a summary of the events in Baddow Hall Park over the August Bank Holiday weekend and their role in organising a peaceful protest as well as alerting the police, who had responded promptly. There were about 30 travellers who were part of an incursion into the park, which had been preceded by a family who had set up in a tent in the park a few days earlier. A section 61 notice was served for immediate removal by the Monday, as there had been intimidation. However, they felt that the police only acted so promptly because the protestors would not give up and go away.

Andrew reported that he had seen one caravan parked in Sandford Mill Lane earlier on the day of the meeting.

## **7. Priorities**

It was agreed that a priority issue for the NAP would continue to be drugs issues in Great Baddow and Galleywood. Traffic/vehicle issues in New Road/Crescent Road and Dorset Avenue would also be added.

## **8. Any other business**

None.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

7.30 pm, Wednesday 11th January 2017 (to be confirmed after Richard checks that this does not clash with City Council meetings). CS 17.10.16  
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### **Notes added after meeting.**

NAP members, Chris has reminded me that there were items that should have been covered in "matters arising" , consequently I have added the following notes to cover these items.

Item 1. I was going to follow up the non-reply from the police about dealing with obstruction on highways via the new website.

Item 2. I was going to test out the new police online reporting system to take up drug issues.

I have not done either of the above actions, I will follow those up now and report at the next meeting (apologies for that).

Item 3 The last minutes mentioned the community engagement day in the Rec on 17th August. We should have reported on the outcome - despite the extra publicity, it was poorly attended. We felt this was partly due to the way it was described, which was a pity. I also think that as there are several things that are organised on the rec. during the summer it might be an idea to coordinate the publicity and put the information out earlier, just before the summer holidays. I will put it for discussion at the next meeting.

Richard