

## **Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th November 2014**

**Present:** Richard Beck (Chairman), Bob Clarke, Dan Glading, Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Jenny Chandler, David Stevenson, Danny Gatehouse.

**1. Apologies:** Mike Humphrey, Bob Hendrie.

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 24th September 2014** were agreed.

### Matters arising.

1. Meadgate CCTV – No more information was available on progress of replacement. Andrew Sosin would make further enquiries.
2. Speed checks – more checks had taken place on Maldon Road.
3. Electronic speed check indicator – there were several stages that had to be gone through to acquire one of these, via the Highways Panel. Bob Clarke would make enquiries about cost.
3. Drug dealing – it was noted this was still happening in Meadgate. Attention was drawn to one instance that happened in broad daylight near the Meadgate children's play area.

### **3. Youth Facility**

Mike Humphrey was working and unable to attend. Chris reported that the Bell Centre Youth Club was running successfully with good attendance. Attendance in the lower age group had picked up following Mike making a useful contact at Baddow Hall Junior School.

The drop-in centre in the Vineyards had suffered problems over the last few weeks due to a lack of water supply. The Vineyards management told the YMCA that the supply had been disconnected due to a water leak in an underground pipe, thought to have been caused when exploratory drilling was undertaken in connection with the new planning application. With no water, the premises were unable to be used and staff had been doing outreach work instead, but this was unsatisfactory with colder, darker nights. The problem was taking a long time to be solved and the YMCA had also been presented with a bundle of correspondence from the water company that had been left in the caretaker's office at the Vineyards and never handed over. This contained a demand for nearly £6,000 for water supplies! On investigation it transpired that the amount should have been about £250, and investigations were continuing to check whether the YMCA was responsible for paying this bill.

[An email from Mike to Chris seen after the meeting said that the caretaker had now told him the leak was almost fixed and that water supply should be restored the next day, i.e. 13.11.14.]

### **4. Highways and Traffic Problems**

1. Andrew reported that the City Council enforcement officer had ruled that although the hard standing constructed by the kebab van owners in Sandford Mill Road was a technical breach, no enforcement action would be taken, as it was not sufficiently important.

2. Members wanted to know whether there had been any speed checks in Church Street and Galleywood Road. Bob Clarke had not received any recent information and would enquire.
3. There was a problem with parents parking on double yellow lines directly outside Baddow Hall Schools. Andrew said the problem should be followed up with the South Essex Parking Partnership via Nick Binder, but felt that a no loading/unloading sign would help enforcement. Other members felt that was unnecessary, and all that was needed were some visits from an enforcement officer.
4. David Stevenson was still concerned about speeding in Watchouse Road. Members discussed the possibility of pursuing Community Speedwatch, although a previous attempt to recruit volunteers in Great Baddow a few years ago had been unsuccessful.

## **5. Current Community Police Status**

Street meetings were taking place and two PCSOs had been seen in the Vineyards at an advertised street meeting time. However, members were doubtful that many members of the public were aware of the street meetings due to lack of publicity and would have been unlikely to have approached them. The meetings are advertised on the community police website page and Great Baddow Parish Council website has a link to this, but no publicity had appeared anywhere else that members were aware of. It was agreed that few people were likely to regularly visit the website and see details. It was suggested that parish councillors should try to compensate by reproducing details on village noticeboards.

Trevor Miller had seen a copy of a letter being sent to local councils inviting them to consider funding PCSOs. Surprise was expressed at this, as members thought the part-funding system had previously been discontinued. Trevor would circulate the information via Richard.

## **6. Policing Incidents and Issues.**

Note From Richard, I found this note below, from Craig and assume it came into my inbox on the day of the meeting and escaped my notice.! It gives Craig's report on the police incidents in Baddow and the state of police personnel.

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Richard

There is still myself as beat officer for Great Baddow, Galleywood and Tile Kiln

The PCSOS are PCSO WILLISHER and PCSO RUSHTON-HICKMAN The numbers are being reviewed in April 2015 when an announcement will be made about the future of Neighbourhood Policing.

Drugs is still a massive ongoing problem in the area, between Meadgate Avenue, Beehive Lane, Gerard Gardens through to Waterson Vale. Mainly on cycles and motorbikes, although in the last week we have caught a few of them, however the sentencing at court is not the greatest and then they just carry on. Shed and garage burglaries is on the rise and will remind people living in the area to be more vigilant around home security as especially as we are coming up to Xmas time.

Thanks

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With no police attendance or communication for the last several meetings, little information was available. Members used to receive crime statistics when police attended the meetings; attempts to find any statistics on the local neighbourhood police page now results in a 'page not found' message! The local priorities/actions page had not been updated since June.

Members specifically wanted updates on the situation regarding local drug dealing. Richard Beck agreed to contact the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner about the lack of information now available to our NAP and lack of contact with any police representatives. There was a new sergeant in charge of neighbourhood policing, as Sgt Paul Austin had moved on, but nothing had been heard from him.

[Richard Beck had received an email from PC Craig Bernard on 23.9.14 saying that Perry Land was the new sergeant and that he or another representative would be in touch about the new meeting system – this has not happened.]

## **7. Priorities**

It was agreed that current priorities would be:

1. Drugs in the western part of Great Baddow, particularly Meadgate;
2. Speeding, especially in Galleywood Road, Beehive Lane (including the section near Slades Lane), Barnard Road (particularly outside schools), Baddow Road, Church Street, Maldon Road, Margaretting Road and the crossroads at Watchouse Road/Well Lane.

## **8. Any other business**

1. Danny Gatehouse (Strengthening Communities Manager, Essex Fire Service) told members about the new Parish Safety Volunteers scheme, which he was coordinating in conjunction with the police. This was aimed at building resilience in local communities and operated with volunteers referred by parish councils. They would be trained and then work voluntarily one day a week in pairs on community safety/home security visits to vulnerable people identified through targeted area lists supplied by the fire service and police. Danny wants parish councils to invite him to come and talk about the scheme with a view to taking part in it.

Danny also told members that as well as supplying smoke alarms to vulnerable people, the fire service was now able to provide sprinkler systems in vulnerable homes; these were freestanding units sited appropriately within a dwelling, catering for example for people with little mobility who may start a fire through smoking. A kitchen cleaning service for ovens was also available for vulnerable people.

2. Dan Glading informed members about a new Essex Community Messaging system that circulated warning messages from the police. He will circulate an email about how to join the system and will also provide some publicity material for the Baddow Times.

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

7.30 pm, Wednesday 21st January 2015.  
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