

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st January 2015

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Dan Glading, Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Jenny Chandler.

1. Apologies: Mike Humphrey, Gill Ball, Bob Clarke.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 12th November 2014 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Meadgate CCTV – No further information was available.
2. 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 was going to make enquiries about cost, but no information had yet been received. It was noted that indicators are now in place in both sides of Beehive Lane.
3. Drug dealing – it was noted that there had been some arrests and no recent activity had been reported in Meadgate. [*see subsequent information received below under Policing Incidents and Issues.*]
4. PCSO funding – no further information had been received from Trevor Miller on the letter he reported at the last meeting inviting local councils to fund PCSOs.
5. Richard Beck had not yet contacted the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner about the lack of information now available to NAPs.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey had transport problems and was unable to attend. Chris Shaw reported that the issue of water supply to the drop-in centre had now been resolved and the premises were now in use again. It was not known what had happened on the issue of responsibility for payment for water.

Mike had emailed a brief report. At the drop-in centre staff were actively engaging in working with young people at risk of anti-social behaviour. The Bell Centre has been busy with both primary and secondary school age young people. Advertising has gone to schools and half-term operations were being looked at. Money received via the Great Baddow Parish Council chairman following a talk she gave would be going towards an away day.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

1. Members had asked at the last meeting if there had been any speed checks in Church Street and Galleywood Road. Bob Clarke had not received any recent information and was going to enquire. Richard will follow this up with Bob.
2. Andrew Sosin had received a request from a lady in Friars Close for a speed indicator in Church Street. He had also received a complaint from a lady in Millers Croft about pavement parking and a report of an altercation that had occurred when a car was blocking the pavement. There were many examples of such parking locally.
3. Compliance with the 30mph speed limit in Maldon Road was felt to be improving.
4. Jenny Chandler has requested speed checks to be carried out again in Beehive Lane outside the school. One has been done, with a lot of speeding motorists caught, and another one will be carried out. She has also requested checks in the

Clarion Gate estate and Dorset Avenue. Dan Glading would like checks in Longmead Avenue again.

5. Current Community Police Status

No information was available on the current status of community policing and staffing. Street meetings were still taking place, but currently there is only one meeting advertised on the police website (January 27th at Meadgate shops). No local community meeting is advertised; so far the only one for our neighbourhood area had been in South Woodham Ferrers.

6. Policing Incidents and Issues.

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. [*Statistics are now viewable again on the neighbourhood police website page up to November 2014.*] The local priorities page has still not been updated since June 2014.

Jenny Chandler noted that there had been two stabbings in Baddow, but no further information was available.

[Following the meeting, the chairman emailed PC Craig Bernard to say that a report would still be appreciated after the meeting, as he had not sent him a reminder before this meeting and no report had been received. The following note was received in response:

Just to give you an oversight. We still have the problems with drug dealing in the area, but the Meadgate issue has slowed down after making several successful arrests with five in the last month. They are however moving to other parts of Baddow, like for example Beehive Lane.

We have speeding on Beehive Lane and roads off this. But overall Baddow area has vastly improved since Xmas with crime in this area. Shed, garage and house burglaries we are still advising people to be vigilante as people have run out of money from Xmas and are looking to gain off of other people.]

7. Priorities

It was agreed that the words 'particularly Meadgate' would be removed from the drugs priority. Margaretting Road and the crossroads at Watchouse Road/Well Lane would be removed and Longmead Avenue substituted. Current priorities would therefore be:

1. Drugs in the western part of Great Baddow;
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, Longmead Avenue.

8. Any other business

1. Members queried how valuable meetings were without police attendance. It was agreed that they would still be of value if we had a police report before the meeting. In particular, members would appreciate an update on the situation

regarding drug dealing. Members wondered how many NAPs were still operating in Chelmsford apart from us.

2. Jenny Chandler is still pursuing the question of the advertising on a van parking at the entrance to Sandford Mill Lane. She was hopeful some action might be possible, even though no planning enforcement had been deemed possible.

3. It was felt that action might be able to be taken under consent street law about the kebab van operating in Sandford Mill Lane. [*Andrew Sosin enquired about this following the meeting and has been informed that a consent to trade has been granted to a concession at this location.*]

4. Dan Glading had not yet circulated information about the Essex Community Messaging system, but would do so.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 1st April 2015.

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