

## **Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24th September 2014**

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

**1. Apologies:** PC Craig Bernard, Ken Edwards, David Stevenson, Bob Hendrie.

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 2nd July 2014** were agreed.

### Matters arising.

1. Meadgate CCTV – Spencer Clarke had informed Andrew Sosin that the system was about to be replaced. They would be going out to procurement within a month or two.
2. Speed checks – Andrew Sosin reported that he had seen a speed check in operation a few weeks ago on Maldon Road opposite an entrance to Baddow Hall Crescent.
3. Drug dealing – Bob Hendrie is still passing information on to the police.

### **3. Youth Facility**

In the absence of Mike Humphrey, there was no report. Chris reported that the Parish Council had met to discuss the new application for redevelopment of Marrable House. Mike Humphrey had been unable to attend the meeting, but Craig Gough had attended on behalf of the YMCA. It was not yet known when the application would go before the City Council.

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

1. Maldon Road - members felt that we should ask for an electronic speed check indicator to be installed there.
2. Jenny Chandler reported a complaint about cyclists speeding down Sandford Mill Road and about speeding traffic in Duffield Road. She had also had complaints about noise created by traffic calming installations in Tydemans. These complaints had also been received by Great Baddow Parish Council.
3. Galleywood Road – Great Baddow Parish Council had received a request from a resident for a speed and volume survey to be carried out near number 16 during term time. He also wanted an investigation into the distance that the No Waiting At Any Time lines extended up from the junction with Vicarage Lane, as he felt that a greater parking facility would be beneficial in creating a speed calming effect.
4. Andrew Sosin commented on the recent successful planning appeal for houses at the top of Molrams Lane. The reason given suggests that nearly all appeals would be successful in future.

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

Craig Bernard had emailed the chairman, as he was unable to attend the meeting due to it being university freshers' week. His email reported that as from 1st October it had been decided that police were pulling away from all Neighbourhood Watch, NAP and parish council meetings. The only person who would attend would be the sergeant, but 'obviously he will not be attending all the meetings'. The PCSOs will be setting up street meetings once a week in their respective areas and these will be published on the police website. Local

Community Meetings will now be the main meetings between residents and police and will be held about every 8 weeks, with a minimum of 30 per annum per district. All members of the public will be able to attend these. Craig said that NAP members could still email him with any issues, with major ones flagged to the sergeant.

Members were surprised that the NAP had received no official notification of this change, with a copy of the official notice being supplied by Dan Glading. He had received it as a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator from Brenda Cross.

Richard Beck reported that a subsequent email exchange revealed that Paul Austin was no longer our neighbourhood policing sergeant and had transferred to Maldon. Apparently the sergeant is now Perry Lander, but we had not received any notification of this.

Bob Clarke checked the police website during the meeting and found that street meetings were now listed until the end of the year. It was not known how else the police intended to publicise these, but members felt that parish council websites could also include the information. The list of meetings on the website for Baddow and Galleywood listed only one Local Community Meeting (in December), which was in South Woodham Ferrers, an unlikely location for Baddow and Galleywood residents to attend. It was only scheduled to last for one hour.

Chris commented that the Baddow and Galleywood neighbourhood policing website as of the previous day listed Danielle Rushton-Hickman as the PCSO for Galleywood, and Jennifer Wilshire as the other PCSO. No details of her responsibilities were given and there were no contact details for her. [By the next day contact details had appeared, but no description of her area of responsibility. It is assumed this was intended to be Great Baddow.]

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

PC Craig Bernard had emailed information to the chairman. Burglaries in the Great Baddow and Galleywood area were slowly creeping up, with 17 dwelling burglaries since June (3 in Beehive Lane). Residents are again warned to lock doors and windows and inform friends and neighbours if they go away for holidays. The MO is breaking back window/door and gaining entry to the property from the back.

Police are aware of the continuing drug problem in Meadgate, but dealers are now deploying lookouts specifically looking for police before a deal goes down. One was caught last week and another at the beginning of the month. Any information could still be passed on to Craig or PCSOs.

## **7. Priorities**

It was agreed that current priorities would be as before, i.e.:

1. Drugs in the western part of Great Baddow;
1. Shed/garage burglaries;
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**

Bob Clarke suggested that we see how the new system goes and then let the Police and Crime Commissioner know our feelings.

Members agreed to send an individual email to the new sergeant with the minutes of this meeting and informing him of the date of the next meeting. NAP members felt that it was essential to either have some police presence at the next meeting or a report. Police presence was preferable, as we had now had the last two meetings with no police presence and there was no Local Community Meeting scheduled for the rest of the year in a nearby location.

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

7.30 pm, Wednesday 12th November 2014.

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