

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 31st January 2018

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Gill Smith, Dan Glading, Norman Taylor, David Stevenson, Anthony McQuiggan, Ben Gibbons, Bob Clarke, David Allan, Lorraine Allan.

1. Apologies: Jenny Chandler.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 1st November 2018 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Policing issues.

(a) Richard had not yet chased the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for a full response to his letter.

(b) Terri Cochrane had emailed after receiving the previous minutes to give reassurance to people about domestic abuse support in the county.

2. Highways.

(a) Gill will ask Jenny Chandler about progress on the crossing request for Church Street.

(b) David Allan reported that police special constables had booked people for dangerous parking in New Road and Barclay Close.

3. Youth Facility

Ben Gibbons reported that all was going well with provision in Great Baddow and Galleywood. The main current issue was inappropriate relationships, for example young people sending inappropriate photographs, and staff were involved in education in this area.

Ben intends to speak to Great Baddow Parish Council about running sessions on separate nights for different age groups. They are going to be opening for longer in Galleywood and splitting sessions by age. Some ad hoc holiday sessions are planned in Galleywood, for example around drugs and relationships, possibly including a session for parents. Schools are finding that there is a lack of time/capabilities to address this type of education. He noted that parish councils were stepping in to provide youth service funding in place of ECC funding that has been withdrawn.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems relating to policing

Chris explained the role of Community Special Constables and reported that Great Baddow Parish Council has agreed to fund two for Great Baddow. There will be a period of recruitment and training before they are able to operate in the parish, unless any existing, fully trained special constables wish to transfer to Baddow. David Allan praised the work of Inspector Fraser Macleod in the area; he is also a special. As special constables had already acted on dangerous parking in New Road (see above), members queried if they would be able to do this at school times. David Stevenson reported that similar parking problems occur in Barnard Road.

5. Policing Incidents and Issues.

Richard reported on the police public engagement focus group meeting he had been invited to attend in November. Group discussions were held on how the police could engage better, but Richard wondered what exactly the purpose of the group was. He had asked if anyone from the group would attend a NAP meeting, but was told this was not possible. Lorraine thought the police were now trying to engage people via social media and Gill promised to ask Spencer Clarke for further information about the group. Anthony noted that there was a Facebook group for police public engagement. *[Subsequent to the meeting, he circulated links about the group available on the internet.]*

David Allan reported that there had been an attempted break-in in Longmead Avenue, which had been interrupted. A lady in Mercia Close had been burgled just after withdrawing a sum of money from the Coop Bank in Chelmsford. GBENA had received letters from the police thanking them for their help, including making a citizen's arrest in Hall Close relating to drugs. They were also helping the person who had lived below Simon Tait in The Chase. The police and Sanctuary Housing were monitoring another drug dealer in The Chase, but dealing there has calmed down considerably. However, drug dealing was also reported to take place in the smaller Vineyards car park. Again, the community police are monitoring the situation and it was stressed that members of the public should only report activity, not try to get involved.

There was no further information about drug dealing in Meadgate. Galleywood was also noted to have drug problems as well, but there was no specific information. It was said that legalising some drugs might be the only way to stop dealing.

David Allan reported that members of GBENA had been installing CCTV for some residents.

Bob Clarke reported information from Adam Pipe that road police were happy to receive information from 'extra eyes', such as dashcam footage. Maldon is to be a trial area for using community protection officers to help enforce speed limits; these officers are specially trained local authority workers. Bob offered to arrange a visit for any interested members to the road policing headquarters in South Woodham and will get some possible dates.

It was queried whether the CCTV in The Vineyards had been updated/upgraded. David Stevenson reported that he had previously been mugged after withdrawing money from a cashpoint in Chelmsford. The police had been very good, but the town centre CCTV did not record good enough quality pictures to pick out the people's features. This drawback with the CCTV is currently being looked into.

7. Priorities

1. It was agreed that the main priority issue for the NAP would continue to be drugs issues in Great Baddow and Galleywood.
2. Encouraging reporting to the police by whatever means.

8. Any other business

Norman Taylor reported on Speedwatch in Galleywood. Finding people speeding has also led to finding people without insurance. There is a deterrent effect when notices are displayed stating that Speedwatch is currently in operation and they are asking permission to have a permanent notice on each of the road entry points into Galleywood stating that it is a Speedwatch area. Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers have already gained permission to do this and Galleywood already has a design for a notice that is acceptable to Essex Police. NAP members agreed that the NAP could be quoted as being in support of this request.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 25 April 2018.

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