

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th April 2014

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

1. Apologies: Sgt Paul Austin, PC Craig Bernard, Dan Glading, Mike Humphrey.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 19th February 2014 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Consultation about consent streets for street trading was thought to be still ongoing.
2. The pothole at the junction of Maldon Road/The Causeway had been mended, following chasing by County Cllr Jenny Chandler.
3. Galleywood Parish Council has already started putting NAP minutes on their website. Great Baddow Parish Council has not yet launched its revamped website.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey was unable to attend due to annual leave. Chris Shaw reported that she had recently spoken to him and that he was pleased with the good level of numbers attending the drop-in centre and the Bell Centre at present.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

Dan Glading had reported that he was still concerned about speeding in Longfield Road.

The 40mph signs were now in position in Galleywood Road.

5/6. Current Community Police Status / Policing Incidents and Issues.

Concern was expressed that no member of the police was able to attend and that no report had been received.

Members noted the continued low level of PCSO numbers and Andrew Sosin felt that we should ask again if there was any possibility of recruiting more. Richard Beck will follow this up with an email.

Dan Glading had supplied Trading Standards/police advice on doorstep selling, which Richard had circulated to all members. The main advice points will be displayed on the Community Association noticeboards and it was suggested that a copy could also be displayed on Parish Council noticeboards.

Jenny Chandler raised the issue of the significance of chalk marks left on houses. This had been featured recently in the Essex Chronicle. [see <http://www.essexchronicle.co.uk/Just-mystery-chalk-signs-appearing-Chelmsford/story-20855002-detail/story.html>]

Bob Hendrie reported that there were still drugs problems in Meadgate and that Sgt Paul Austin was aware.

Members wanted a report back from the police as to whether they had investigated the problem of dangerous parking at the junction of Baddow Hall Crescent and Leach Close.

7. Priorities

It was agreed that priorities would continue to be:

1. Dwelling burglaries, particularly Meadgate;
2. Speeding, especially in Meadgate/Longmead Avenue, Galleywood Road, Beehive Lane (including the section near Slades Lane), Barnard Road (particularly outside schools), Baddow Road, Margaretting Road and the crossroads at Watchouse Road/Well Lane.

8. Any other business

1. Bob Clarke enquired about the situation regarding monitoring of the CCTV cameras at Meadgate. There was no information about the result of the review by Chelmsford City Council and Andrew Sosin will follow up. Questions were raised about the effectiveness of any CCTV cameras after midnight in areas where lights were switched off. Andrew Sosin is checking whether all the areas in Baddow where the Parish Council had requested no switch off were still lit during the night.

2. Richard Beck raised the issue of the effect of restrictions around the Tour de France route on roads in our area. It was possible there would be a considerable knock-on effect, for example delays on the Baddow bypass.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28th May 2014.

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