

Notes on the NAP Meeting for Great Baddow and Galleywood held in the Bell Centre, Great Baddow at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 19th February 2014.

Present: Sgt. Paul Austin, P.C. Craig Bernard, Chris Shaw,

Bob Clarke, Dan Glading, David Stevenson,

Jenny Chandler, Trevor Miller, Maureen Miller

Apologies: Richard Beck, Andrew Sosin, Mike Humphrey

Minutes of the Meeting of 4/12/13, with the inclusion of Ken Edwards, were agreed.

Matters Arising: Dates suggested for the next Meeting are too early in the schedule. It is suggested that a date in April will be better. Richard Beck to e-mail members with dates.

P.C. Craig Bernard was welcomed as the new Neighbourhood Constable. Paul Austin will be his Supervisor and will try to attend NAP Meetings when possible.

Youth Cafe: Mike Humphrey was not present and a report was not available.. It would seem that there is no movement on the development of Marrable House.

Highways and Traffic Problems relating to Policing : Parking and advertising on the verge at Sandford Mill Lane was discussed and Paul Austin advised that private selling of vehicles on the road side or verge is not illegal. Great Baddow Parish Council had received a letter from a resident who complained about the dangerous parking at the junction of Leach Close and Baddow Hall Cresecent. In response to questions of whether restrictions or junction protection could be placed at this area, Paul Austin advised that the Police could not take action if the parking was not illegal or dangerous. A similar issue was brought up with respect to the rear parking areas of the Barnard Road flats in Galleywood. In response to a question P.C. Bernard advised that, for your own safety, photographs of poorly parked vehicles should not be taken. There had been reports of speeding in Rignals Lane and speed checks are underway.

Jenny reported that she has followed up the complaint of the large pothole in the Causeway with Highways who have advised that the repair will be carried out within the next two weeks.

(Subsequently Dan Glading has made enquiries of the City Council regarding advertising and parking on the verges and has been advised that a report on the matter is going through Cabinet at the moment and will be followed by a Consultation. He will keep us advised.)

Community Policing Issues Paul Austin reported that a 3.5% Precept for Policing was agreed but it has since been advised that a precept over 3% will require a Local Referendum so the figure has been cut back to 2%. On 27th March at 7.30p.m. there will be a 'Police Challenge' at ARU. This will consist of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable and will take the form of a question and answer session from the public (the questions must be submitted in advance).

As noted earlier Craig will be taking over the the Neighbourhood Policing for the area.

Policing Incidents and Issues : Craig reported that there had been 6 Burglaries since the start of the year and in some cases sheds were broken into to obtain tools to carry out the house burglary. Sheds should be kept locked. There were two attempted burglaries in the time scale reported. There were reports of Anti Social Behaviour – a motorbike driving around Isaac Square at night. Residents have been advised to report it on 101. Children have been seen breaking windows in Well Lane. Drug issues have been noted in Meadgate and Barnard Road is under investigation. No speeding reports received since the last meeting.

Priorities It was suggested that the agreed priorities remain as Burglaries and speeding and the roads on which Speeding issues have been reported remain as before:

Meadgate/Longmead Avenue, Galleywood Road, Beehive Lane, Slades Lane, Barnard Road (outside schools), Baddow Road, Margaretting Road, Watchhouse Road/Well Lane crossroads.

AOB Paul Austin reported that Chelmsford City is about to bring out a voluntary scheme to ban the sales of 'super strength' alcohol products. This has been carried out in Ipswich with great success and the police are requesting public support to make the ban work in Chelmsford. There will be an item in the Chronicle this week.

Chris Shaw reported that Great Baddow Parish Council is about to revamp its Website and asked if NAP members would have any objections to putting the NAP Minutes on line. It was wondered if Galleywood Parish Council could also include the Minutes on its Website. Jenny will speak to the Galleywood Clerk.

Paul did not foresee any problems of publishing the Minutes and members of the NAP were happy with the proposal. He also said that the NAP reports for Writtle were already published.

Dates for the next meeting to be arranged by Richard Beck.