

OLD WINDSOR
NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP
Meeting at 10.00 am, Tuesday 31st March 2009
At St Peters School, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Cllr Tony Troughton (TT), NSO Steve Parker, PCSO Andy Aldridge, Esther Deacon RBWM (ED), Cllr Tony Peach (TP), Cllr Chris Beaver (CB), Jen Sams representing NW (JS), Sue Cook (SC) and Clare Allison (CA) representing Old Windsor Schools cluster, Cllr Joyce Marsh

Apologies: John Lee, Inspector Steve Dalton, Sgt Andy Amor, Denise Gilhome RBWM

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending his thanks to the Headmaster and staff of St Peters School for their hospitality and warm welcome.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (2nd March 2009)

Reference to the Alcohol ban going before RBWM cabinet in April should read RBWM Council rather than Cabinet.

2. The proposed Police Post

Further communication received from TVP about the alternative methods of financing the proposed Police post. A policy decision by TVP is expected in April.

Action TT

3. Alcohol Ban

The alcohol ban on the recreation ground should be ratified by RBWM Council in April. This is the final policy making hurdle following which the decision will be advertised in the local press then implemented.

Action TT/ED

4. Crime Reporting

Residents will continue to be encouraged to report all incidents and crimes.

Action NW/JS

5. Burglary

The figures for burglary in the village have reduced markedly, confirming that the outbreak earlier in the year was an isolated occurrence and due to the activities of a person or persons now apprehended. Jen Sams asked if the results of successful Police activities in apprehending culprits could be included on Ringmaster.

Action SP

6. Anti Social Driving

Following a discussion about traffic flow and the speed of vehicles at key points in the village NSO Parker advised the meeting that he and other Neighbourhood Policing officers are to be trained in the use of speed guns. He also suggested that traffic surveys should be conducted as a first stage in implementing other speed control measures. A location and source of funding for the traffic survey equipment was agreed.

Action SP

7. Anti Social behaviour

Esther Deacon provided figures for anti social behaviour in the village which indicated 39 incidents in the final 3 months of 2008, an 18% rise over the same quarter in 2007.

Figures for the first quarter of 2009 will be available shortly.

There was intensive Police activity in relation to anti social behaviour in the village earlier this year and not reflected in the figures currently available.

8. AOB

PCSO

The meeting noted that PCSO Andy Aldridge will be leaving the Police following his appointment as Manager in Charge of the RBWM Community Wardens. Although he will be leaving the village he will still retain an active interest in village affairs in his new role. The Chairman said although joining the village at a time when there was much scepticism about the role of PCSOs Andy had quickly won the trust and affection of the villagers. His groundwork has helped establish PCSOs as a valued asset and laid a solid foundation from which his successors will benefit.

Alcohol consumption

The incidence of drinking alcohol in the village was a cause of concern and the Chairman reminded everyone that this had initiated the decision to ask for the recreation ground to be made an alcohol free zone.

Neighbourhood Watch – Meeting regarding illegal drug use

The Chairman advised the meeting of a presentation by Drug Squad officers scheduled for April 14th 2009 at 7.30pm in the Day centre and organised by Neighbourhood Watch.

Distraction burglary

A recent and distressing incident in the village was discussed and local concerns expressed to the Police.

Thefts from cars

Recent incidents in the village were discussed. The Police emphasised that, although they will investigate all incidents reported to them, the ultimate solution remains in the hands of car owners – remove anything of value from your car before leaving it and leave the hatch cover open so it is obvious it is not concealing anything.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 10.00 am in the Parish Meeting Room, Church Road, Old Windsor.