

Subject:

COMMUNITY PANEL BEAT - 3/12

COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING - 3rd DEC, 2008

Attendees

Eddie Cooper - Neighbourhood Watch and Deanshanger Parish Council
Roger Todd - Deanshanger Parish Council
Craig Coppin - Potterspurty Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator
Jacki Ibell - Old Stratford Neighbourhood Watch
Tony Pateman - Old Stratford Parish Council/Neighbourhood Watch
Lesley Stephenson - Yardley Gobion Neighbourhood Watch/Parish Council

Other

PC Mick Wallace - Beat 43 Officer
PCSO Graham Suppiah - Deanshanger

1/ APOLOGIES

David Aaronson - Deanshanger Parish Council
Maggie Down - Paulerspury Parish Council
Tish Gordon-Lee – Wicken Neighbourhood Watch

Noted.

2/ PRIORITIES

The interaction cards returned were around 50% down on the previous quarter, but agreed to look at the top 3 priorities based on the return.

Speeding - certain villages came forward as looking for involvement in the community speedwatch project. Inspector Terry is getting in touch with the Casualty Reduction Team to hold a meeting but this isn't going to take place until the new year. Those community residents already involved in the project had reported problems of abuse directed at them from offending motorists. The force, however, is looking to extinguish speed cameras, so could have an impact on the project.

Section 59 warnings can also be issued for anti-social driving; leading to a possible vehicle seizure should the same person reoffend within a 12-month period.

Concerns were also raised regarding speeding vehicles along the Wicken road in Deanshanger being reported to Neighbourhood watch coordinators. Vehicle registrations were needed to be recorded and reported directly to the Police in order to pursue.

Noted.

Parking - These are ongoing issues being experienced in every village on the beat. Issuing tickets is one option. A joint effort may be the way forward through Parish councils and community magazines and newsletters. Jen Harrison, the former Deanshanger PCSO also ran a project at Deanshanger primary school with the kids involving the parents.

Noted.

Anti-social behaviour - has decreased in last 3 months. In order to tackle potential probs on Halloween, a poster and advice campaign was set up coupled with high visibility presence on the night. Incidents were recorded as very low.

Noted.

3/ LACK OF YOUTH PROVISIONS

Deanshanger Parish council mentioned a couple of the younger village members attended their recent meeting with the proposal of having a youth shelter. The issues raised were the cost, location and funding. The proposal was also put to the youths that they should take ownership of the project by possibly fund-raising. The question of funding was also put to the Police as to whether they had grants available, which they haven't. Possible avenues of funding suggested were Acker, the Lottery, South Northants District Council and National Playground.

The local skateboarders also approached the Parish Council with the proposal of a skateboard ramp. It was left with them to produce a letter, which is still outstanding.

In order to pursue with the shelter a joint action group has been suggested to give the project a better focus.

ACTION: GRAHAM TO CONTACT SHIRLEY GOUGH AT DEANSHANGER P.C. TO SUGGEST THIS OPTION.

Noted and agreed.

The interaction cards was an area of concern as cannot get the required feedback in order to increase the numbers. Along with flyers in the free newspapers and local newsletters, the website link on the various Parish Council websites was suggested, which Roger, Jaki, Tony and Lesley are happy to put on the Deanshanger website.

ACTION: MICK/GRAHAM TO ARRANGE FOR LINK TO BE SENT TO ROGER, JAKI, TONY, LESLEY AND MAGGIE DOWN.

Noted.

Inspector Terry also wants to highlight 3 priorities to bring along to the next meeting in March:

Police will increase overall visibility

Deanshanger will take on the youth shelter project.

Old Stratford will tackle speeding.

Roger Todd will place the link on the Deanshanger website

Tony Pateman and Jaki Ibell will take some cards and get them filled out among Old Stratford residents.

ACTION: GRAHAM TO DROP SOME OFF TO TONY'S AND JACKIE'S HOME ADDRESSES.

Noted

4/ CRIME FIGURES

Figures were produced until end of October 2008. The reason for the figures not tallying up, as mentioned at the previous meeting, is down to the difference being recorded in the 'other' category.

With the exception of Paulerspury, every village has seen a decrease in crime. The reason for the upward turn most likely due to drive-offs at the Shell garage.

Noted and agreed.

5/ AOB

An incident in Yardley a few weeks ago involving a party held by one of the youths. The offender was from outside the village. There is a system in place to deal with offenders of anti-social behaviour including sending letters to parents. Regular offenders can also be referred to an external agency called U-turn.

Over the previous couple of weeks many villages witnessed travelers cold-calling with a view of selling block paving. Has since been stopped.

There have also been a couple of distraction burglaries in Old Stratford. It could be senior citizens being targeted.

The question was also raised regarding purchasing 'No cold-calling signs'. These can only be obtained after so many offences on a particular street.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 9th, 2009

Noted