

COMMUNITY PANEL BEAT MEETING - 11TH-MARCH-2009

OLD STRATFORD MEMORIAL HALL, OLD STRATFORD

Attendees

Eddie Cooper - Deanshanger Parish Council/Neighbourhood Watch
David Aaronson - Deanshanger Parish Council/Neighbourhood Watch
Jaki Ibell - Old Stratford Neighbourhood Watch
Tony Pateman - Old Stratford Parish Council
Tish Gordon-Lee - Wicken Neighbourhood Watch
Lesley Stephenson - Neighbourhood Watch
Craig Coppin - Potterspurty Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
James Judd - Chair, Alderton Parish Council
Kate Walby-Payne - Cosgrove Neighbourhood Watch
Richard Gibbs - Cosgrove Parish Council
Lesley Stephenson - Yardley Gobion Parish Council
Graham Crisp - Yardley Gobion Parish Council

1/ Apologies

Pete Plummer - Old Stratford Parish Council
Maggie Down - Paulerspury Parish Council

Noted

2/ Introduction

James Judd, Chairperson for Alderton Parish Council was introduced.

Graham Crisp will chair the next meeting on the 3-June-2008.

Noted and agreed

3/ Last quarters Priorities - update

a/ Youth Facilities update - Deanshanger

D.A. explained that £8500 has so far been raised to purchase a youth shelter for the older youths in Deanshanger. A sub-committee constituting representatives

from the parish council, sports and social club, the Police and the young people has been set up. A site was proposed - the playing fields off Folly Road. All residents who reside along Folly Road were introduced to the idea via a letter drop.

This was met with strong opposition from the residents, who voiced their concerns regarding the risk of anti-social behavior at the latest parish council meeting.

To address these concerns the sub-committee agreed to look at alternative sites. A meeting has been set up between the Police and the parish council on the 20-3 at 1400.

The committee are also looking at contacting other villages including Greens Norton who have shelters set up to see how they overcome any opposition, along with holding an open meeting for all the residents of Deanshanger to have their say.

The committee is also looking at ideas to attract additional funding in order to move the project forward more quickly.

This project will be ongoing with updates being provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: POLICE TO INVESTIGATE FUNDING THROUGH THE FORCE.

Noted

b/ Speeding update - Old Stratford

T.P. advised the main concerns are the vehicles coming off the A5 and those heading along Passenham Lane. The parish council is currently looking at purchasing speeding devices. There is enough money to buy one but ideally looking for two of them. The manufacturers have been contacted and are willing to come out to demonstrate the devices.

There were also discussions over implementing a pedestrian crossing. The original location was Cedar Close except the project collapsed due to the location being deemed inappropriate.

The other option is having a mobile camera moving around the village and Passenham. A grant is looking to be submitted by May. There is also a meeting with Highways on the 26-3 to discuss further.

Noted.

c/ Police Presence – update

M.W. advised since the last meeting, interaction cards have been distributed by Neighbourhood Watch contacts in order to improve the process of collating information. M.W. also advised that he has been on recuperation duties for 2 months, which has had a detrimental effect on the levels of presence the Police usually provide to each village.

There was also a meeting held on the 6-March to discuss recruiting more Special Constables. Currently there are only 5 on board, which has decreased from 18

since 1995.

Noted.

4/ Latest Interaction Results

Speeding, parking and road safety was bracketed as one. T.P says parking in Old Stratford was a concern with those on the school run decamping cars and not returning for a considerable period of time.

Speeding out of Old Stratford was being raised at various meetings. M.W explained registration numbers are required to deal with the culprits.

Motorcycle nuisance was also raised as a concern, particularly in Yardley Gobion and Old Stratford. M.W. says to report these incidents as Section 59 warnings can be issued with immediate effect.

R.G and K.W-P advised rest of panel that a new road is rumored to being built but nothing confirmed. The School Committee is also discussing the possibility of reducing the speed of the main road down to 20 mph but this isn't enforceable. J.J fed back information that Alderton are in the 2nd of a 6-week community speedwatch operation. **'Slow down, no speeding'** stickers can also be purchased through Nicola Farrington that can be placed on wheelie bins when the rubbish collections are due.

M.W. also advised that Inspector Terry recently attended a Joint Action Group (JAG) speeding meeting. It was agreed that the JAG would organise any future speeding operations.

D.A. mentioned concerns in Deanshanger for a possible planning application for another access off Roberts Close, which could effectively narrow the high street. The parish council has lodged concerns to Highways and are waiting their response.

Youth gathering was also raised. In some instances those causing anti-social behavior are from neighbouring villages. If under-aged drinking is involved, can be confiscated.

The process of completing interaction cards is continually being looked at. The electronic system still isn't as effective as it could be. Door knocking is still the best form of communication. Around 250 were completed this quarter, mainly in Deanshanger and Old Stratford.

The selection process is also to be looked into as really need to target streets with issues. Priorities may also change season-season.

Surgeries are also being discussed with T.P looking at holding one in May in Old Stratford and L.S. mentioned the May fare in Yardley Gobion. M.W. said would be ideal opportunity for the Police to tie in with these to provide crime prevention and care & repair advice.

J.J is also keen to build links with the Police and is supportive of the local PCSO attending the next Alderton parish council AGM.

ACTION: J.J TO PROVIDE THE POLICE WITH THE DATE.

Noted

5/ New Priorities

As follows:

a/ Youth Priorities – Deanshanger

b/ Speeding – Old Stratford, with the JAG support

ACTION: M.W. to arrange 1 speed enforcement operation per month

c/ Police Visibility – M.W. & G.S

Noted and agreed

6/ Crime Figures

Figures remain fairly good. Increases were in Paulerspury, possibly due to drive-offs from the garage. Grafton Regis also saw a rise but may include Alderton's figures. These should be shown as separate villages. Wicken saw no movement.

Noted.

7/ AOB

L.S. advised of doorknockers in Yardley Gobion, especially in 'no cold calling' areas. M.W. said a peddlers license is required, but those concerned could be on a fishing trip. The Police are looking to dissuade this activity where possible but a No cold-Calling sign doesn't necessarily prevent this.

T.G-L also concerned that sus individuals were looking into vehicles parked in Wicken. On investigation, transpired they were reps from SNDC checking tax discs. No noticeable visibility was evident.

ACTION: M.W. TO CHECK WITH SNDC REGARDING THIS OPERTATION.

Noted.

8/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 3rd June 2009, Old Stratford Memorial Hall.

Noted.

