

## STAMFORD & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Held at Barn Hill Methodist Church, Stamford on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7 pm

**PRESENT:** Nick Amies – Chair (NA)  
Brian Lewis (BL)  
Peter Burrows – Treasurer (PB)  
Liz Cooke – Minute Taker (LC)  
PCSO Meela O'Neill (MO)  
NHW Members – Paul and Helen Stewart (Welland Mews), Sue Massingham (Caithness Road), Shirley Pullinger (Caithness Road), Caroline Billinger (Berrybut Way), Marian Whiting (Armley Grove and Woodhead Close), Richard Barry (Barn Hill), Richard Barry (Barn Hill), Ann & David Turner (Alexandra Road), Brian Kinealy (Foxdale), Phil Highes (Fane Close), Lyn Howells (Campion Grove), Malcolm Plumb (Exeter Gardens), Paddy Thompson (Shelley Close), Sue Richardson (Cliff Road), New member - Ken Swanson (Forest Garden), Derek Eagle (Forest Garden).

**1. Welcome:** By NA and introduction of steering group members and welcomed PCSO Meela O'Neill back after being injured last year. Had hoped to welcome Inspector Mike Burnett but he was unable to attend.

**2. APOLOGIES:** None

**3. Minutes of last Meeting:** were circulated and agreed.

**4. Matters Arising:** NA had been in email contact with Reg Burrell who had been trying to get bank to close Crime Prevention Panel account to forward balance to us. Unable to contact old Treasurer for his signature. Insp Burnett has offered to assist and go to Bank with indemnity. NA to continue to chase.

Training on Lincs Alert – still to be arranged.

Information day for new Co-ordinators. Lewis Clayton had invitation to go but then cancelled as not enough people going. Postponed to 21<sup>st</sup> October. NA has suggested long serving co-ordinators could have refresher day. Expenses have been agreed by Steering Group at 20p a mile for car. It is hoped 2/3 people would travel in a car.

Suggestion to invest in premium savings bonds - decided not got enough money to do anything. If £2,000 received would put in interest account.

Expansion of NHW – would anyone like to take this on as a project ie on new estates. Suggested should let NA know at next meeting.

Towergate Insurance and sponsoring of window stickers – they have Towergate Insurance on back but they are OK as NHW on front.

**5. Lead Co-ordinator's Report** – NHW Co-ordinators on line will have seen regular newsletters. Public Liability Insurance – unlikely that NHW Co-ord would be taken to court but they are covered by insurance from 1/4/12 to 31/3/13. Co-ord to contact committee or MO if necessary.

Use of new NHW logo has to be licensed. NA has applied and we may use on any literature we push out for the NHW scheme.

Towergate Insurance (TI) – June newsletter sponsored by TI who say can now beat any home insurance premiums. NA did not want to invite them along to meeting but they will be happy to insure anyone.

County Meeting – NA attended on 1st May – general situation seems to be better. Stamford doing quite well in comparison to some areas. Had a briefing from Inspector Baker from Police HQ, Nettleham, re civilianisation of Police forces. Nobody should be penalised initially by this. Using G4S, benefits from it – releases local police to deal with problems.

Police HQ co-ordinator for Lincs Alert gave out some statistics. Appears to be 7500 people who are logged on to Lincs Alert system, 2725 NHS Co-ords, disappointing only 44 other members. Suggested the Co-ords log onto Lincs Alert themselves. A Co-ordinator pointed out that Co-ords receive things that do not relate to Stamford. NA suggested he should filter out anything not sent from Stamford team by going into the system.

NA asked at County meeting about progress with Co-ords guide - he was sent a draft and he suggested it could be sent out in electronic form to people. He sent it back with some comments and he will email it to anyone who would like to see the draft.

Attended last Police Forum meeting at Football Ground. Long discussion about civil parking enforcement. Not discussed again at this meeting. Panel set priorities for NH policing team; only one - problems at Green Lane Community Orchard; all other problems seemed to have gone away including the ones at Scotgate Garage, Bowls Club area in Exeter Gardens. Next meeting will be at Clare Close Community Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm to 7pm, open to all. From 7pm the Panel decide what priorities will be for police.

**6. Treasurer's Report** - Excellent 6 months, only spent £7 for hire of hall last meeting, will cost £7 this time as well. Balance in Bank £867.63. An account has come in from Barclays Bank, Leicester to go in, £127. PB dealing with it. Questions from meeting re expenses for committee members who go to meetings. County pay travel expenses.

**7. Police Briefing** - MO thanked people for coming. She said she is still on restricted duties for time being. There had been theft of purses again but hoping to sort out. Have chains for purses and wallets at police station. Questions about who is doing it. Catalytic converters – high theft at moment from 4x4's and vans. Working with businesses to keep them safe. Contact MO at police station if have business in town. Large amounts of money being taken, theft of ATM machines. If see anything suspicious at garages phone police. Metal theft – some people are legit, need to ask them for licence before reporting, take van numbers. Theft of Land Rovers in last 2 weeks. Do not leave engine running, many vehicles are left insecure. Had various leaflets people could take. Need people to highlight Lincs Alert. Gave details of Panel meeting again. Any issues, see her after meeting.

## **10. Any Other Business**

None from floor. NA also asked for someone to take over from him in January as well as Minute Taker. Asked if anyone would like to take on NHW expansion project.

## **11. Date of next Meeting - AGM**

This was suggested for January 2013 and date decided on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7 pm at Barn Hill, if possible (BL to book) when a new Steering Group would be required

Meeting closed at 7.43pm.